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Economic Planning Studies –
Proposed ColumbiaGrid Policy¹

A. Coordination of Economic Planning Studies

1. If ColumbiaGrid has been forwarded a request that requires production-cost modeling, ColumbiaGrid may forward the request to WECC. ColumbiaGrid will consider such request and whether it should be forwarded to WECC as part of ColumbiaGrid's regular regional planning cycle. The timing of such consideration will be synchronized with TEPPC's timeline. The TEPPC process and criteria for prioritization of economic studies are set forth in section 5 of the TEPPC Planning Protocol located on the ColumbiaGrid Website at <http://columbiagrid.org>. ColumbiaGrid is a member of TEPPC and will participate in TEPPC processes.
2. ColumbiaGrid will treat requests for economic studies, not referred to WECC, as Capacity Increase Projects. Such requests will be processed pursuant to the provisions that govern Capacity Increase Projects of this Attachment K and the PEFA. If a Study Team is formed to perform the economic study associated with the Capacity Increase Project, the Transmission Provider (or other Planning Party for requests that the Transmission Provider determines not to be high priority) that forwarded the economic study request will be deemed the Capacity Increase Project sponsoring party and maintain responsibility for completion of the study.

¹ This language was prepared by ColumbiaGrid. It has not yet been agreed to by the individual Transmission Providers who have Attachment K filing responsibilities. It is a work in progress and subject to change. If adopted by ColumbiaGrid as a policy and then relied on by a Transmission Provider, in whole or in part, it may be referenced in its transmittal letter rather than its Attachment K.