

## **Comments of the Committee on Regional Electric Power Cooperation on Western Transmission Expansion Coalition's Draft Study Plan**

The Committee on Regional Electric Power Cooperation ("CREPC") appreciates the efforts taken by the Western Transmission Expansion Coalition ("WestTEC") to include state and provincial input during the scoping phase of this new, voluntary study. CREPC is a joint committee of the Western Interstate Energy Board and the Western Conference of Public Service Commissioners. CREPC has membership from each of 11 states and 2 Canadian provinces that form the Western Interconnection.

CREPC recognizes the importance of collaboration on transmission issues in the West, and has formed the CREPC Transmission Collaborative (CREPC TC) for its members to take a deeper dive into transmission issues. The CREPC TC's main two areas of focus this year are to facilitate state and provincial input to WestTEC and to work with Energy Strategies on the "State Exploration of Western Transmission Cost Allocation Frameworks."

WestTEC has included liaisons for the CREPC TC on its Steering and WATT committees. These liaisons have been keeping the CREPC TC informed of what is happening as the effort develops, and both Sarah Edmonds with Western Power Pool and Keegan Moyer from Energy Strategies have met with the CREPC TC to review the Draft Study Plan and answer questions from the states and provinces. While the CREPC TC still has a few concerns about the Study Plan, such as how accurate data will be collected from smaller co-ops who are not participating in WestTEC and may not have publicly available data, it has no alternative suggestions to offer at this time and views the Draft Study Plan and timeline as being appropriate and reasonable. CREPC looks forward to further engagement with WestTEC through the CREPC TC as the transmission plan develops, including providing input to WestTEC as it develops the planning, extreme event, and base case scenarios. Individual state agencies may also submit their own comments to WestTEC throughout the process.

As stated in earlier comments, CREPC is supportive of efforts to conduct a West-wide transmission plan. CREPC's member states and provinces appreciate WestTEC's outreach to the CREPC TC, and will continue to engage with WPP and WestTEC.

Respectfully submitted on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of July 2024,

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