

Subject: Western Transmission Expansion Coalition Concept Paper for a West-Wide Transmission Plan

Hi Sarah, Hi Crystal,

SRP has reviewed and would like to offer the following comments on WPP's Western Transmission Expansion Coalition Concept paper: <https://www.westernpowerpool.org/news/wpp-reveals-concept-for-transmission-planning-grou>

SRP's comments are bulleted below, and are exemplified in our comments in the attached pdf.

- Regarding sections: 2.1 Steering Committee ; 2.2 Regional Engagement Committee ; and 2.3 Technical Task Force: SRP wants to emphasize the need for geographic, regional representation that are equally distributed be included in the development of any Steering Committee, working group, task force, etc in order to avoid one region dominating the analysis and planning effort. If this initiative is to truly be a Western effort, then this entity needs to ensure equal geographic region representation. For example having public power representation from the desert southwest, northwest and the other regions proposed to be included as part of this initiative would allow for diverse stakeholder input at all levels. This would also apply to investor owned utilities and other sectors being proposed.
- Regarding section 2.4 Engagement with States, SRP encourages deference to the ACC for AZ given the Commissioners vast knowledge of western issues and current participation with WIEB.
- Regarding section 2.4 Engagement with States: WPP, please clarify what WIEB's roll in this effort will be.
- This initiative proposed no timeline or meeting frequency. SRP would like more information regarding the timeline for this effort to get kicked off and what the meeting frequency will be given that we are all running low on resources given the many competing regional initiatives.
- In regards to meetings of members of this effort, virtual meeting options should be encouraged, as well as traveling meetings to be hosted in various locations within the footprint of this initiative to avoid only having meetings in Portland, OR where both PNUCC and WPP are located.

Thanks again Sarah and Crystal for leading this effort. There is a lot going on in the region and SRP is looking forward to participating in this regional effort.

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