

Regional Engagement Committee Meeting

December 11th, 2025

Agenda

- » Welcome and Agenda
- » REC Leadership for 2026
- » Communications Subcommittee Debrief
- » Tribal Engagement Updates
- » 10-Year Report: Update from ES
- » Next Steps
- » Public comment

REC Co-Chair Approval

- » Robb Davis is stepping down as REC co-chair and recommends Sibyl Geiselman at PGP (Public Generating Pool).
- » Sybil is interested, but PGP is not currently a WestTEC member.
- » Want to get RECs thoughts and opinions.
- » If Steering has no qualms about allowing PGP to become a member, we can approve her as the new REC co-chair.

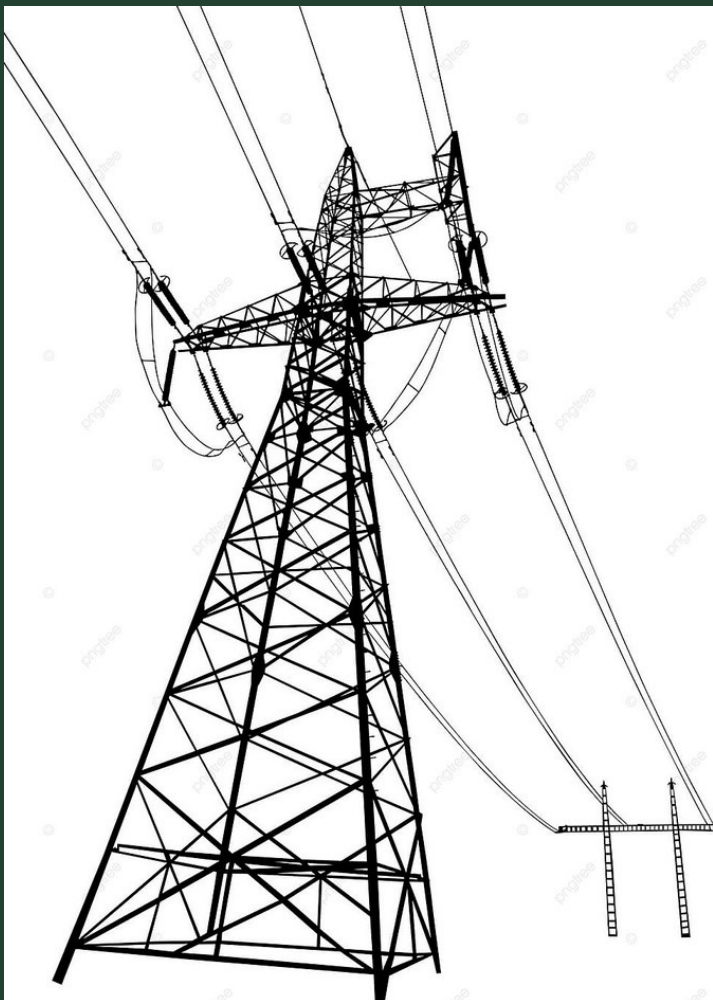


Communications Subcommittee Notes

- » WestTEC Communications Subcommittee was formed in November.
 - » Includes reps from all committees and people who have worked on previous communications for WestTEC before.
- » Working on:
 - » Communication products and materials to accompany the report release
 - » Amplification strategies
 - » Messaging tailored to specific audience types (utilities, state regulators, etc.)
- » Risk Considerations
 - » Due to REC being public, early coverage of 10-yr results may occur
 - » Members are encouraged to brief internal leadership proactively to avoid surprises



Tribal Engagement Updates



WestTEC Tribal Transmission Updates

- In October, the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians (ATNI) hosted their Midyear Annual Convention at the Suquamish Tribal homelands, during the ATNI Energy Committee there was a resolution supporting an ad hoc Energy Regulatory Taskforce which was passed at this gathering.
- At the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) 82nd Annual Convention, November 17th – 21st at Seattle, Washington, which was also the largest NCAI gathering with over 3,000 attendees, there was an ATNI resolution titled “Studying and advancing Tribal needs for electric grid modernization”, that was passed onto a National platform as an NCAI resolution.
- Also, in November FTL Consulting was honored to share the stage with WestTEC leaderships Sarah Edmonds, at the AI Clean Energy Summit in Portland, Oregon we both spoke on a panel on AI and grid modernization integration. It was a well-attended, network-building event with extremely robust discussions on the Pacific Northwest, AI integration, and the Clean Energy intersection.
- The Western Tribal Transmission Workgroup (WTTW) has had Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) join discussions last week at our weekly information sessions, and this week on Friday December 12th we will be hosting Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) staff attending our meeting and gaining an overview of FERC, its processes, and their current Tribal outreach initiatives.
- FTL Consulting will be joining an interview for the WestTEC 10-year study, and a perspective of engaging with WestTEC throughout this Transmission planning process.
- FTL Consulting is continuing engagement with California Independent System Operator (CAISO) on their Tribal engagement process which has been a great opportunity to work with Danielle Mills, Jeffery Billington, and their amazing CAISO staff.

Energy Strategies Updates

https://www.westernpowerpool.org/private-media/documents/WestTEC_Study_Plan_Draft_V4.pdf



Next Steps

- » Next All-Committee meeting will be January 21st, 2026
 - » RSVP will be sent to all the committee's next week
- » Next Public Webinar will take place February 4th, 2026
 - » This will be the same day the 10-yr report is released
- » Steering will vote to approve the 10-Yr Report on Tuesday 12/16
- » Any feedback or questions, please email GDS:
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Public Comment