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Transmission Planning Stakeholder Meeting

Western Area Power Administration Desert Southwest Region

Western's DSW Regional Office

615 S. 43rd Avenue, Phoenix, AZ, 85009

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10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. MST

A list of attendees is found on the WALC OASIS.

Mike Olson, transmission planning manager of Western Desert Southwest Region opened the meeting with introductions, covered the purpose of the meeting, provided background and an overview of the agenda.

The following questions were raised with the subsequent responses:

- **Q:** (In the context of discussing data submittal requirements for Western customers) What if Point-to-Point transmission service customers don't know their ten year load projections? If their projections are lower than their purchased capacity can they get a refund? If not, what is the purpose of Western requesting their projections?
A: If the customer does not know their projections we ask for a best estimate. Once a contract for firm transmission service has been executed Western can not grant a refund of unused capacity. The information on loads and transmission use will help us develop operational studies.
- **Q:** (In the context of technical studies) How is the MOD-029 standard impacting Western DSW?
A: Western is currently looking at how MOD-029 could potentially impact existing path ratings and will continue to participate in current regional coordinated efforts.
- **Q:** (In the context of discussing our ten year plan) Is Western's south of Phoenix system going to be worked in with the Palo Verde to ED5 (PV-ED5) Project?

A: The common elements of the Ten Year Plan that the PV-ED5 project proposes to utilize have been accelerated in the current ten year plan.

- **Q:** (In discussion the Palo Verde to ED-5 project) Is the Pinal West to Test Track/Santa Rosa section of the proposed SEV project going to be a single circuit structure?

A: Chuck Russell of SRP indicated that the right of way from Pinal West to Test Track/Santa Rosa was permitted only to be single circuit 500kV. Western is proposing to potentially utilize a double circuit 230kV circuit with the 500kV circuit as part of the Southeast Valley (SEV) project from Western's Test Track substation to Thornton Road.

- **Q:** (Referring to our ten year plan map that shows replacements on Parker-Bagdad line) Since Western's ownership does not cover the full line, is Western going to rebuild the whole line or just its portion?

A: The assumption is that the rebuild will only apply to the facilities that Western owns.

- **Q:** In the SMRT project, has Western worked out whether they are a participant and/or owner? How will the potential 500 kV line as part of that project affect the ownership of the existing facilities?

A: Those issues have not yet been determined. The work performed so far just address technical issues and not contractual.

- **Q:** Where is the Transmission Service Request queue?

A: You can find all the transmission service requests under the secure section of our oasis. The website address is provided in a slide as part of this presentation.

- **Suggestion:** Western should take part in the Eldorado Valley study group and include Bureau of Reclamation, Southern Nevada Water Resources, and other Nevada water groups in those studies.

A: Western is participating in the EVSG.

- **Q:** What is Western's experience in working with TEPPC coordinating economic studies? Does TEPPC choose to study many of them?

A: Western has not received any economic studies so we have not been involved in that process. Other members of the audience said that there were several requests being analyzed by TEPPC but all went directly to TEPPC rather than through individual utilities.

- **Q:** Since the Western ten year plan is always changing, what is the process for them to determine what should be included year to year. How can affected customers provide input into the process?

A: In December the maintenance group holds an annual meeting with customers.