

Transmission Job Titles and Descriptions

FERC Order 717 Requirement [18 CFR Section 358.6 (f)(1)]: A transmission provider must post on its Internet website the job titles and job descriptions of its transmission function employees.

Electrical Engineer – Conducts power systems studies and analysis to assure technical and economic feasibility, systems capabilities, and benefits. Publish and defend study reports of a professional nature on the results of the analysis.

Industry Restructuring and Transmission Planning Manager - Manager is responsible for transmission studies, and operational system analysis. Manager is also responsible for transmission planning and operating studies associated with the transmission and generation of electric power on the interconnected systems and represents the organization in regional transmission group activities, reliability council committees, regulatory agency activities and in other meetings that impact Western's transmission system capabilities. Processes OASIS requests for longer term transmission reservation, and assists others, when required, in processing other OASIS requests.

Operations Manager - In collaboration with Western operations managers develops and implements operating policies and procedures pertaining to operation of Western's power facilities in response to customer need and the changing utility market and market forces. Supervises and directs dispatching of the power system. Responsible for coordinated planning, development, implementation and acceptance of all Water release orders affecting power operations. Directs operation of system voltage control and regulation. Works closely with customer groups, interconnected utilities, and operating officials in the preparation of maintenance schedules for system generating and transmission facilities and for certain water-handling facilities affecting operation of the power system.

As a member of the Western Area Power Administration Power Systems Operations Council, provides leadership for the development and implementation of Western-wide transmission reliability policy and to coordinate development and implementation of regional power system operations policy, guidelines, procedures, and related activities in accordance with the Western Area Power Administration Transmission Policy, Power Market Delegation Order, and other applicable requirements.

Operations Support Specialist (Tariff Administrator) – Creates Business Practices for WALC based upon FERC Orders. Administers transmission contracts. Maintains WALC's transmission and interconnection queue. The incumbent also processes (approves/denies) OASIS transmission request. Responsible for all OASIS postings, including SOC postings.

Public Utilities Specialist (Pre-Scheduling) – Ensures that daily pre-scheduling activities are properly coordinated to ensure the real-time staff has an operating plan that are timely, accurate, and flexible. Ensures that daily posting and scheduling of transmission business is accomplished. Assists in implementing sections of the FERC Rule 889 that pertain to OASIS, transmission availability, and standard of conduct issues.

Power System Dispatcher (IPP Specialist) – Provides technical guidance in the scheduling of power and energy sold, purchased, or interchanged with the WALC Balancing Authority.

Power System Dispatcher (Technical Support) – Provides technical guidance in the scheduling of power and energy sold, purchased, or interchanged with the WALC Balancing Authority.

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Power System Dispatcher (Scheduling Desk) - Operates OASIS on a real-time basis. Responds to OASIS requests for transmission service in accordance with established timing requirements and procedures. Ensures appropriate ancillary services exist to support requests. Dispatcher Updates available transmission capacity (ATC), as necessary. Dispatcher also administers (approves/denies/curtails) energy tag requests per Western's business practices and the business practices of those entities for which Western is agent.