

To: State-Provincial Steering Committee

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Subject: **SPSC input into WECC's 10-Year Transmission Plan**

In Mid-September, the Transmission Expansion Planning Policy Committee (TEPPC) and the Scenario Planning Steering Group (SPSG) formed the 10-Year Plan Task Force to draft a white paper that would describe the elements of and process for developing the 10-Year Plan. We are both on the Task Force.

On October 29, the task force will release its draft white paper. As soon as it is released, we will send you the draft. The draft white paper will be the focus of the TEPPC-SPSG meeting on November 9 in Phoenix.

On November 2, the Task Force will host a webinar that will provide a briefing and answer questions regarding the white paper. We urge you to take part in the webinar. We will get you information about the webinar as soon as it is available.

On November 4, SPSC will hold its own webinar to get reactions from you to the white paper. At the November 9 TEPPC/SPSG meeting, we will convey that the SPSC will provide its own input into the 10-Year Plan.

Following the joint TEPPC-SPSG meeting, we will hold another webinar around November 18, to begin discussion of our input into the development of the 10-Year Plan. Staff will prepare a discussion paper in advance of that webinar that addresses the key issues in the 10-Year Plan. While the SPSC-TEPPC white paper can serve as a resource in this discussion, we want to ensure that SPSC is not limited by it as the only framework for developing our independent perspective and advice to WECC.

The SPSC-TEPPC Task Force intends to issue a final white paper by the end of November. The WECC Board will discuss the white paper at its meeting on December 9-10. The WECC board will not take formal action on the white paper. At that meeting, we will state that SPSC will provide formal input into the 10-Year Plan.

We intend to discuss the 10-Year Plan at length at our January 11-12 meeting in San Diego, in hopes that the outcome will be approval of formal SPSC input on the 10-Year Plan to WECC.

We will you send you information about the upcoming SPSC webinars. The tables below show the target dates for SPSC/TEPPC and SPSC activities related to input into the 10-Year Plan.

## **10-Year Plan Task Force Timeline for Developing its White Paper**

- Oct. 8 – First draft of white paper provided to Task Force
- Week of Oct. 11 – Task Force call to discuss first draft
- Oct 21 – Second draft of white paper
- Oct. 25 – Task Force meeting in San Francisco to discuss second draft
- Oct. 29 – White paper distributed to TEPPC & SPSG
- Nov. 2 – Outreach webinar on the white paper
- Nov. 9 – Joint TEPPC/SPSG meeting to discuss white paper
- Week of Nov. 15 – Revisions to the white paper based on meeting discussion
- Nov. 23 – Release white paper to Task Force.
- Nov. 29 – Release of white paper to WECC Board
- Dec. 8 and 9 – WECC Board discussion

## **SPSC-Target Dates for Developing Input to the 10-Year Plan**

- Oct. 29 – Distribute Draft white paper to SPSC
- Nov. 2- SPSC members participate in WECC webinar on white paper
- Nov. 4- SPSC webinar to discuss white paper, offer input for Nov. 8-10 SPSG/TEPP
- Nov. 9 – Joint TEPPC-SPSG meeting where SPSC representative clarifies intent to develop independent input
- Nov. 18- SPSC webinar to discuss input into 10-Year Plan
- Dec. 9&10- SPSC clarifies to WECC Board intent to provide independent input
- Jan. 11&12-SPSC meeting to include formal consideration of input to 10-Year Plan
- March 2011 – SPSC offers input on 10-Year Plan to WECC Board