

Background Information and Links to CREPC Recommendations to Western Governors

December 2002: Western Governors directed that the concept of a regional electric decision-making mechanism be explored for the Western Interconnection.

June 2004: CREPC's report to the Governors found that there is not a need for an interstate compact at this time, but there is an urgent need to enhance the capability of states to address regional power issues. (The report can be found at <http://www.westgov.org/wga/initiatives/energy/enhanced-electricity.pdf>.) The Governors accepted the recommendations and directed that a plan be developed on how to finance this enhanced capability be developed.

December 2004: A report was delivered to the Governors on how to pay for an enhanced state regional electricity function. (The report can be found at <http://www.westgov.org/wieb/electric/mse/11-16EREFfnl.pdf>. The Governors agreed to consider the recommendation in a resolution at their March 1 breakfast meeting. The Governors also directed staff to report on the status of industry organizations in the Western Interconnection to address regional reliability and commercial issues. The report on the status of industry organizations can be found at <http://www.westgov.org/wieb/electric/mse/eref-report.pdf>.