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Participating Organizations

- Public Power Initiative of the West (PPIW)
- WestConnect
- Additional Western utilities that have joined due to outreach efforts

PPIW – Public Power Initiative of the West

- Voluntary coalition of large public power agencies working to:
 - Provide benefits to customers
 - Enhance transmission access
 - Ensure reliability
 - Support competitive, bilateral, wholesale markets
 - Work within existing regulatory structure
 - Preserve individual business models



What is **westtrans.net** ?

A Web-Based Regional Transmission Market

- A common internet site for posting and reserving transmission in a large portion of the West operated by an independent third party
- A cost effective means to enhance transmission access built upon Order 888/889 principles
- A way to modernize transmission OASIS reservations involving multiple transmission providers
- Available to all market participants
- Scheduled operation in first quarter 2004



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Participating Utilities

To Date

- Arizona Public Service Company
- El Paso Electric Company
- Imperial Irrigation District
- Los Angeles Department of Water and Power
- Nevada Power Company
- Portland General Electric Company
- Public Service Company of New Mexico
- Puget Sound Energy
- Sacramento Municipal Utility District
- Salt River Project Agricultural Improvement and Power District
- Sierra Pacific Power Company
- Southwest Transmission Cooperative
- Transmission Agency of Northern California
- Tri-State Generation & Transmission Association
- Tucson Electric Power Company
- Western Area Power Administration

Benefits of westtrans.net

A Web-Based Regional Transmission Market

- Builds upon existing open access transmission tariffs and existing bilateral energy markets
- Supports reliability by making transmission more easily available to deliver generation to loads
- Creates market efficiency through enhanced utilization of the regional transmission grid
- Provides workable tools to support a viable secondary market for transmission
- Provides a platform for additional market improvements through voluntary cooperation

PPIW – Future Plans

Assess strategies to provide further benefits to customers, including:

- Pursue enhancements to wesTTrans.net
- Enhance regional price transparency for bilateral wholesale markets by, for example, implementing new market indices
- Standardize electricity interchange scheduling to minimize seams issues
- Design bilateral market methods to increase efficient use of the transmission grid
- Support coordination of transmission planning, expansion, interconnection and operations

