



## Transmission Planning

- Although the Work Group has not yet Reached Consensus, Trending Towards:
  - RTO Planning Focused on Main Grid (and Facilities Affecting its Operation)
  - Market-Driven Expansion Mechanism



- The RTO Will Need to Double-Check Local Planning Efforts to Make Sure That There are no Negative Impacts on Main Grid and to Respond to Other Seams Issues -- This Might be the Extent to Which the RTO is Involved in Local Planning (RTO Pricing Model Could Affect This)
- Who is Responsible For and Who Performs Planning Functions May be Different, Work Group is Exploring What Entities can do What Functions (RTO-Light v. RTO-Heavy)



## June 26th Meeting

- Discussion of What Facilities Should be Included in RTO for Planning Purposes
  - Those Facilities that can Impact the RTO's Operations
  - List Could Change Over Time
  - Scope of Authority of RTO for Planning Purposes Might Vary Depending Upon What Facilities are Included in RTO, Both for Pricing and for Planning



## Open Issues Regarding Market-Driven Mechanism

- Does RTO have veto authority over proposed expansions?
- Is there a backstop to the market-driven mechanism in case it does not work? Might this be different for expansion to relieve congestion v. expansion for load service?
- Is the RTO responsible for establishing/advocating need for facility or is project sponsor responsible?



## Issue Regarding RTO's Obligation to Maintain System

- Not asking for RRG decision today, but want RRG to start thinking about RTO's obligation to maintain system
- Is RTO responsible to maintain the transfer capability of its system at a level that satisfies existing rights (as those rights are defined at the formation of the RTO)?



- In other words, if something happens to the system:
  - Does RTO take action to restore transfer capability of its system?
  - or
  - Does RTO lower ratings to a reliable level (and adjust existing rights) and leave it to market to decide whether corrective action should be taken?

## Planning Responsibilities of ITC

- Not clear whether ITC would be treated differently than other TOs for purposes of planning
- Might depend upon whether RTO planning structure is “light or heavy”



- If at some point ITC companies conclude ITC should be treated differently
  - ITC Companies Should come to Work Group with Specific Proposal
  - Work Group will Discuss Whether this is Acceptable to Other Parties