



PLANNING AND EXPANSION CONTENT GROUP

Stage 2



Consensus Recommendation



- Have RTO West, with its unique view and knowledge of the system, be proactive with respect to:
 - Identifying and anticipating problems related to congestion;
 - Developing potential solutions to those problems (including specific proposals); and
 - Facilitating/Encouraging market sponsors to step forward and implement the solutions



- Context
 - RTO West will have an open planning process that:
 - Involves all interested parties; and
 - Considers non-transmission solutions
 - This process will not prevent individual project sponsors from taking the lead in developing and constructing new facilities



Components of Stage 1 Decisions Impacted by Recommendation



- *Stage 1:* Determine capability of all paths on an on-going and five-year projected basis
- *Consensus Recommendation:* Same, with possibility of planning horizon being modified (some have suggested it should be 10 years to correspond with time needed to add transmission facility)



- *Stage 1:* Identify paths that are experiencing congestion
- *Consensus Recommendation:* Identify paths that are currently experiencing congestion and will likely experience congestion during the planning horizon



- *Stage 1: Identify opportunities for improvements (in a general way, not through detailed studies)*
- *Consensus Recommendation: Develop specific recommendations*



- *Stage 1:* Provide information to the market, including communicating opportunities for improvement and offering to facilitate discussion of whether opportunities should be acted upon
- *Consensus Recommendation:* Provide information to the market, including specific proposals, facilitate and encourage project sponsors to come forward (open season for subscription)



Issues to be Addressed at Next Meeting

- Should RTO have authority to compel “fixes” to relieve congestion? (For example, what if proposed project is only 80% subscribed?)
 - If so, to what extent
- What is the nature and impact of the RTO’s “plan”?
 - Recommendation?
 - Approval Authority?
 - Authority to Modify as Condition of Approval?