

RTO West CMCG – Task FPD-1
Develop Criteria For Creating and Eliminating Flow Paths

[The text below was developed from the Discussion Paper on this subject.]

Underlying Principle

The underlying principle to be applied in these criteria is one of commercial significance. Facilities that are not currently designated as part of a Flow Path¹ will be considered by the RTO for designation as a Flow Path if the RTO cost to resolve congestion on the facilities exceeds a commercially significant level. Conversely, for a Flow Path that fails to continue to be commercially significant it will be eliminated as a Flow Path.

For both creation and elimination of Flow Paths, the commercially significant cost level would be evaluated over a predetermined period of time (e.g. 12 months) to avoid the creation or elimination of Flow Paths based upon conditions that may exist for only a short period of time.

¹ Flow Paths are facilities for which Scheduling Coordinators must have Transmission Rights in order to schedule use of such facilities with the RTO.