

## **IDEA GROUPS FOR OPTION PACKAGES:**

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1. Option 1 – “Coordination-Based” – adapting/improving from current structures
  - Could be a combination of existing and new entities and contracts
  - Continue to operate basically from the contract path approach (at least initially)
2. Option 2 – “Independent Administrator”
  - Single umbrella entity
  - Has some decision-making authority
  - Not a system operator
3. Option 3 – “Stage 2 Reloaded”

### **RRG Participant Requests Concerning Option Development :**

- Basic ground rule – “Best Model” contributions:  
All participants are encouraged to make suggestions for improving a given solution or package of solutions. Such contributions to improve the quality of a given package do not necessarily indicate support for or agreement to that package, but rather a desire to assist decision making by building each package as the “best model” for a given approach.
- E-mail subject lines should indicate “Option 1” “Option 2” or “Option 3” to help people keep things sorted.
- Questions for Solutions: (a) How does each alternative solution address concerns? (b) Is there linkage to other problems? (c) How would the solution be implemented? (d) Is an organized entity needed? (e) Is an independent entity needed?
- Questions for Packages: (a) Which problems are addressed by the package? (b) Which problems are not addressed (or deferred) by the package? (c) What is the order and timing of steps to be taken? (d) What organizational structure is required? (e) What regulatory filing/approvals are required?
- Would like not to lose the concepts of possible continuums of approaches and exploring possible phasing options.
- Each option package should include discussion of phasing or staging in some detail.

- Each option package should also include explanations of how stakeholder input would work.
- Option packages should attempt to be comprehensive in describing how the various regional transmission problems and opportunities the RRG has identified would be addressed, but also try to be succinct (“somewhere between an outline and a treatise”).
- After the initial packages are developed, some participants would like to explore the possibility of “hybrid” approaches (some functions done under one structure and others under another) and of mixing and matching components from different packages.