

Transmission Improvements Group

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Decision-Making/Structure

TIG Principles

- Incremental Steps
- Not expand FERC Jurisdiction
- Rely on existing institutions to extent practicable and possible

Preferred Approach

(Currently Under Development)

- Leave decision-making authority intact (those with responsibility will coordinate and consult with the region but do not delegate decision-making authority to another entity)
 - Coordinated groups develop expert recommendations regarding specific improvements or actions
- Incorporate recommendations of Charter Groups regarding implementation
- Develop multilateral agreements that do not create new legal entity, but provide a forum for coordinating transmission activities
 - Similar to NWPP/MAPP Agreements
 - Coordinating Committee of Senior Level Representatives
 - Membership still open issue
 - Technical Committees Address Specific Areas
 - For example, Common Northwest OASIS Committee
 - Members: Transmission Providers
 - Provision made for Transmission Customer Input
 - Technical Committees Interface with Implementing Entity
 - Outside Entities
 - For example, OASIS vendor
 - Permanent Staff (similar arrangement to NWPP)
 - For example, flow-based ATC calculation might be performed by permanent staff

Policy Questions

- What is role of Coordinating Committee – active participant or court of appeal?
- Should there be consequences if entity with decision-making authority does not follow expert recommendation?
- Should TERC be comprised of stakeholders or independents?