# Committee on Regional Electric Power Cooperation Transmission Collaborative

**November 13, 2026**

# Today's Objectives

- Hear updates from WestTEC study authors regarding the portfolio of transmission upgrades needed by 2045, as identified in the 20-year Horizon Study.
- Understand drivers and assumptions that inform the portfolio of upgrades, including total cost and benefits.
- Discuss state and provincial reactions to the 20-year Horizon Study.
- Hear updates regarding ongoing work to support enhanced state engagement in NorthernGrid and WestConnect.

# Agenda

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| 10:30 a.m. / 11:30 a.m. | **Welcome, introductions, agenda review** |
| 10:40 a.m. / 11:40 a.m. | **Presentation of draft WestTEC 20-year report findings,** Energy Strategies |
| 11:30 a.m. / 12:30 p.m. | **Q&A, discussion, and breakout rooms** |
| 12:10 p.m. / 1:10 p.m. | **Updates on enhancing state engagement in FERC-required regional transmission planning** |
| 12:25 p.m. / 1:25 p.m. | **Closing and action items** |

# Reminder of Working Assumptions

- This effort does not presume to supersede state, federal, or local jurisdictional decision-making processes; rather, it is intended to create a collaborative space for states and provinces to learn and discuss opportunities together.
- **Conversations will be technical and advanced; Participants are encouraged to ask questions, engage in discussions, and provide feedback.**
- **To maximize candor, the CREPC TC will not be open to participants beyond CREPC member organizations; participants agree not to attribute the perspectives exchanged outside of CREPC TC discussions. The TC will create forums for others to engage.**
- CREPC TC is not meant to be a decision-making body. Decisions are deferred to CREPC on whole.
- Some CREPC TC efforts may be better accomplished by a subset of working group participants.

# WestTEC presentation of draft 20-year study results

**Keegan Moyer, Energy Strategies**
**John Muhs, Energy Strategies**

# Discussion

- What questions do you have for WestTEC authors?
- Do you have questions about any of the underlying load or generation forecast assumptions? Other assumptions?



# Breakout Rooms

**Instructions:**

- Step 1: Assign your group a:
  - Note-taker and reporter
  - Time-keeper

- Step 2: The group will have about 20 minutes to consider and discuss the information presented today **in the context of corridors identified for your states and provinces.**

- Step 3/final report out: As a full group, our note-takers and reporters will share results and insights, with other participants chiming in as needed:
  - What are 2-3 takeaways of your above discussion you'd share with this group?



# Report out

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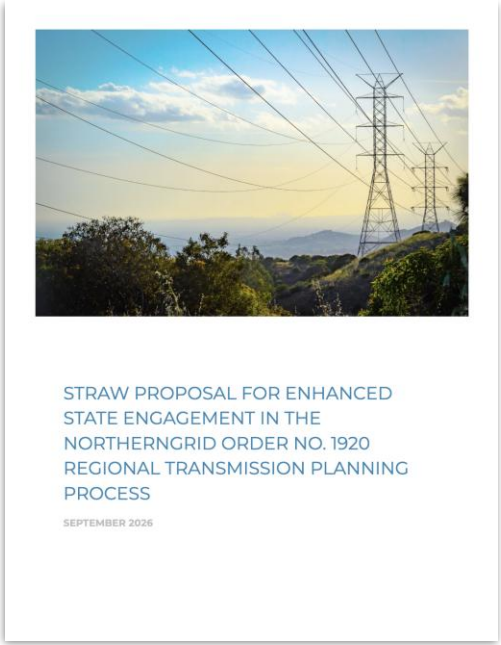
# Updates on enhancing state engagement in FERC-required regional transmission planning

**Rich Glick, Gridworks**

# Updates related to NorthernGrid & WestConnect

- In September, the CREPC TC reviewed a straw proposal for Enhanced State Engagement in the Order No 1920 Regional Transmission Planning Process
    - After incorporating state feedback, the proposal has been shared with NorthernGrid for feedback.
    - The Support Team will continue to work with states and NorthernGrid to provide additional details about the resources that will be necessary to support their participation in regional planning processes. We anticipate next steps in ~December/January
- In September, the CREPC TC discussed sending a letter directly to WestConnect Enrolled Transmission Owners to encourage better engagement with states in regional transmission planning. Letter pending feedback via email.



# Next Steps & Action Items

- Notes from today will be provided in ~1 week
- WestConnect RSEs will receive draft comments via email for review and approval.
- Next meeting will be on ~December 18 and likely feature discussion of WestTEC 2.0 as well as continued discussion of state engagement in FERC required regional transmission planning processes.

