CREPC Transmission Collaborative and 1920 Ad Hoc Committee Meeting Summary

Tuesday, October 13, 2026
10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Mountain

Meeting materials:

- Slides
- Agenda

Next steps & action items:

- Notes from today's meeting to be shared in approximately 1 week – *complete through this document*
- As TC participants think more about the governance question of how states and provinces should be engaged in WestTEC 2.0, participants are encouraged to reach out to the TC Support Team and/or WestTEC directly to share their thoughts and views. Email kgriffith@gridworks.org, rarnold@westernenergyboard.org, or Sarah Edmonds directly at Sarah.Edmonds@westernpowerpool.org for more discussion.
- WestTEC and the TC Support Team will continue to engage with follow up conversations regarding how to implement state and provincial engagement strategies in a WestTEC 2.0 and bring next steps to the TC for discussion by approximately the December meeting.
- The TC is returning to a monthly schedule. The November meeting will be virtual and likely feature a discussion of the draft WestTEC 20-year study results. It may also include a follow-up discussion of state engagement in NorthernGrid and WestConnect transmission planning (as recently discussed in September's TC call).

What should be the role of state/provincial regulators and energy offices in WestTEC 2.0?

- Whether or how WestTEC engages in FERC-required regional planning is TBD, thus discussions of state and provincial engagement in WestTEC 2.0 for now should center on the assumption that WestTEC remains separate as it has been thus far. We can address the FERC planning issue as more concrete developments arise—WestTEC has a study group exploring this question and will bring updates to states and provinces.

- Based on pre-meeting survey results, WestTEC offered a suggestion for states/provinces to maintain an advisory scope in WestTEC planning without a formal voting structure in WestTEC; WestTEC to provide more documentation of discussions and decisions (collect viewpoints expressed). Policy makers offered the following feedback:
    - Documenting how states and provinces provide feedback and how the feedback was used in the study will be important for policymakers
    - Documenting study work flow and providing a feedback loop from WestTEC to share why something was not included will be important for policymakers
    - The study won't benefit from voting for the sake of it, and policymakers don't want to engage in uninformed voting processes providing decisional sway; but WestTEC could hold open the opportunity for policymakers to provide decisional sway through voting processes if/when policymakers have a major issue to raise. This could provide a "checks and balances opportunity" for policymakers to ensure their views are accounted for.
- Policymakers offered that areas for more state/provincial influence over the study could include:
    - Scenario development (Decisional influence? Can states/provinces request different scenarios be run?)
    - Bus bar mapping exercise putting generation resource nodes in physical areas
    - Bus bar mapping at the load side
- Policymaker discussion initially settled on the idea that policymakers would continue to play a more advisory role, however their input should provide significant influence, particularly in cases of major objections, significant policy maker consensus, and in certain areas where states and provinces should have more influence over the study.

What infrastructure is needed to support this role for states and provinces?

- Travel time, full day meetings, administrative support, etc. (also see pre-meeting survey results below)
- Are all state/provincial entities who should be engaged by WestTEC here or engaged with CREPC TC? If not, what support and engagement do those entities require?
- What funding mechanisms would support such a continued TC/liaison role for states?

What would make WestTEC more useful to provinces and states?

- Individual one-on-one conversations with state actors helps to build confidence in the product WestTEC will publish

(less about state travel and in-person time, and more about one-on-one time with states/provinces)
    - There's an existing gap of how to understand WestTEC's implications to individual states
- Policymakers have too much information to process at times; WestTEC organizers and Support Team could help to highlight/sift through important decision points.

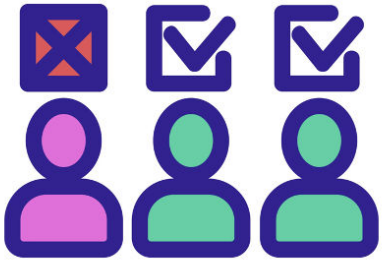
Other points/questions raised during meeting about WestTEC 20-study and 2.0 issues:

- Q: WestTEC 20-year highlights: Regarding the study's counterfactual analysis (slide 19) is $27.5B a cumulative savings?
    - A: This number will change. It's largely presented to demonstrate the conversation WestTEC proposes to have and at this level of magnitude. The counterfactual will present what we may have to do instead of building out the identified WestTEC portfolio.
- WestTEC stands ready, willing, and able to be a FERC compliance mechanism, if that's what policymakers and FERC filers want. Discussions are on-going and resulting action may take time.
- Appreciate focus on Tribal engagement in WestTEC 2.0

Pre-meeting survey results (also provided in meeting slide deck)

Slido survey results

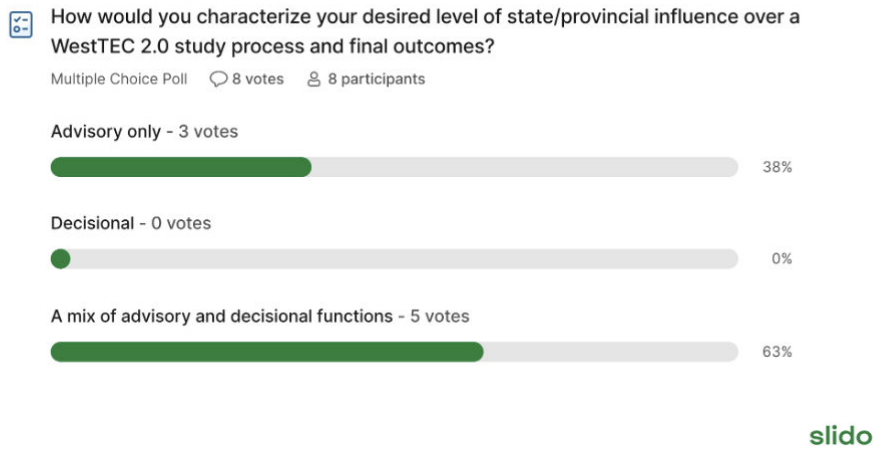
- **Survey purpose:**
  - Identify areas of preliminary alignment, disagreement, and issues requiring further development for a potential WestTEC 2.0 process.
  - Inform discussion, not make final decisions.
- Respondents represented **7 states** and **provinces**, including a **mix of principal actors and staff**.



Slido survey results: level of influence

Points raised:

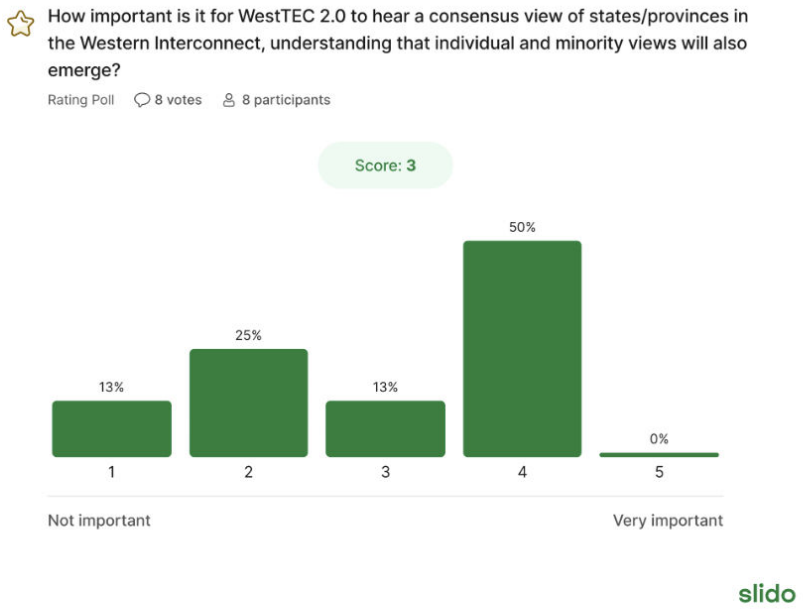
- WestTEC efforts do not seem to consider provincial roles or perspectives
- Where states can agree, there should be room for input to sway decisions
- States may want more decisional input regarding factors/issues state policies are most likely to impact (ex. assumptions on scale and topography of in-state load forecasts or certain in-state supply-side resources)
- Study should remain credible, conducted by experts, and timely
- Concerned about the implications and outcomes of state regulators directing as opposed to guiding the process, particularly In the absence of clear authority



Slido survey results: understanding consensus

Points raised:

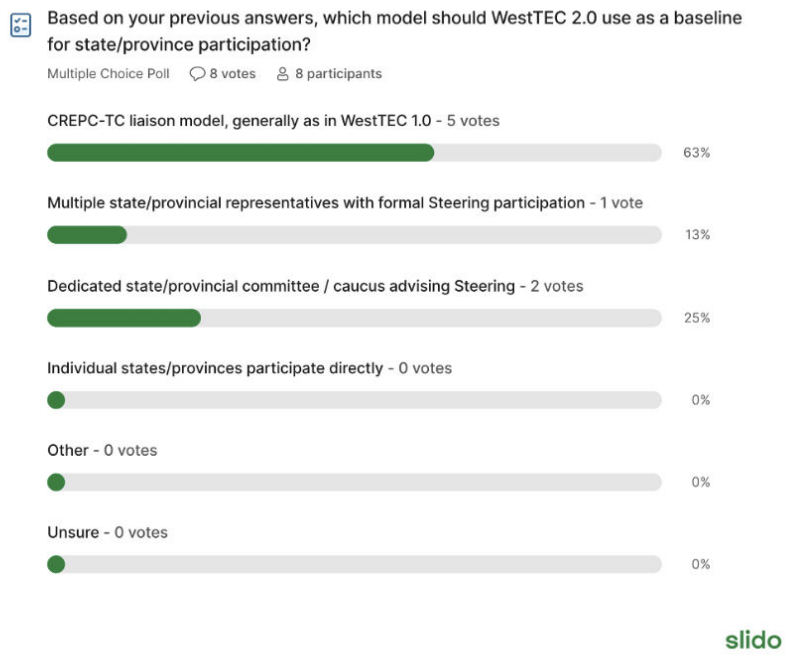
- When states/provinces do not reach consensus:
  - *50% of respondents indicated WestTEC should defer to states/provinces on how to characterize input.*
  - *25% of respondents suggested WestTEC should present both majority and minority positions*
  - Proposal: WestTEC should articulate common ground first and then state/province-specific input/feedback
- Characterizing non-consensus input would benefit from a case-by-case approach—different permutations of minority and majority views may justify different approaches
- States/provinces should be able to characterize their points of agreement and disagreement
- Asking relevant states/provinces to articulate feedback for transmittal prevents nebulous responses that aren't very actionable.



Slido survey results: models of engagement

Points raised:

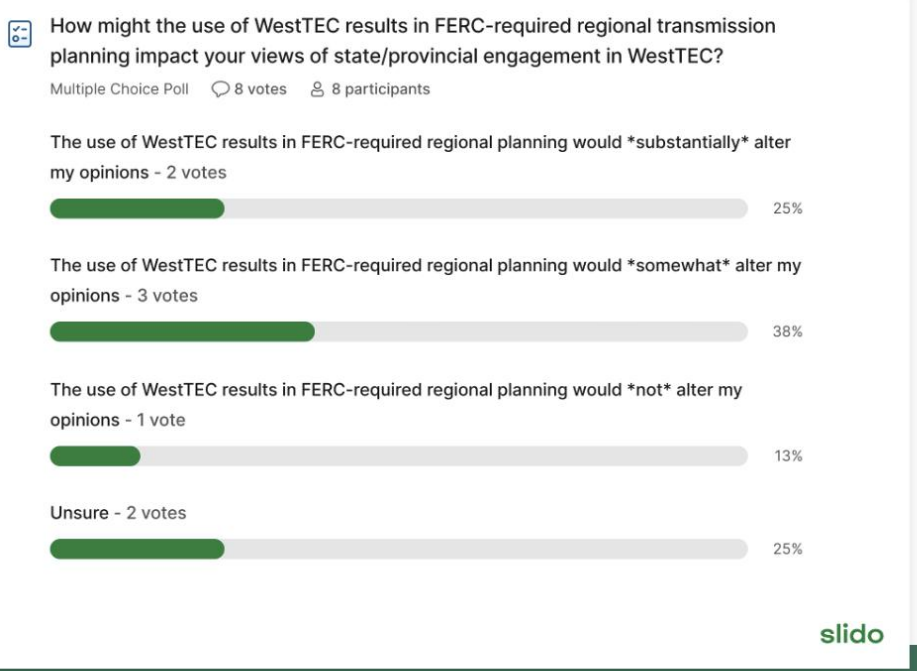
- The CREPC-TC liaison model worked well.
  - However: Did CREPC-TC model provide states with enough opportunity to reflect state views and priorities in the work?
- Interest in further discussion of what a dedicated state committee / caucus advising Steering might look like
  - Could a subgroup of state/provincial actors attend WestTEC meetings and actively monitor?



Slido survey results: FERC regional planning

Points raised:

- The specifics of how WestTEC results might be used to influence a FERC-required regional plan may impact policymaker preferences for how states/provinces are engaged and participate in a WestTEC 2.0 study:
  - How would WestTEC results fit into or be used by planning region processes (NorthernGrid, WestConnect, CAISO)?
  - Would WestTEC results be merely advisory?
  - Would some certain elements of a WestTEC study be formally adopted/included in a planning region transmission analysis?
  - Would the planning regions be caretakers for studies they did not create?



Top survey responses regarding needed support for state/provincial engagement in WestTEC 2.0 include:

- Dedicated WestTEC/state/province liaison - 6 votes
- Funding for state/provincial participation and travel - 4 votes
- Regular state/province-only briefings - 4 votes
- Centralized summaries of decisions requiring state/provincial input - 4 votes
- Coordination support for determining and developing multi-state/province positions - 4 votes

