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Planning Coordination Committee
Technical Studies Subcommittee

Subject: **Phase 1 Comprehensive Progress Report – TransWest Express Project**

Dear PCC/TSS Members,

TransWest Express LLC (TWE) is pleased to submit the Comprehensive Progress Report for the TransWest Express Project (Project). By this letter, we are requesting that PCC review this report to ensure that we have complied with the appropriate sections of the WECC Project Rating Review Process. We are also asking that the project be accepted into Phase 2 of the Project Rating Review Process and are soliciting participation by interested parties in a Phase 2 Project Review Group.

Comments on the Comprehensive Progress Report should be provided to Bill Pascoe, consultant for the Project, by December 4, 2009. Mr. Pascoe's contact information is:

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To facilitate the review of the Comprehensive Progress Report, TransWest Express LLC will hold a meeting and webinar on October 19, 2009 in Denver, Colorado to present the information included in the report and answer questions. We will be providing additional information on this meeting to people on the Project's WECC contact list and on our project website at www.transwestexpress.net.

Parties wishing to participate in the Phase 2 Project Review Group should so indicate by contacting Mr. Pascoe by December 4, 2009.

The TransWest Express Transmission Project.

The TransWest Express Project is a 600 kV HVDC bi-pole transmission line and associated substation facilities that will be connected to the existing WECC transmission grid in south central Wyoming and in south eastern Nevada. The primary purpose of the Project is to deliver high quality Wyoming wind resources to markets in the Desert Southwest. The expected on-line date is December 2014.

Comprehensive Progress Report Requirements

All of the Comprehensive Project Report requirements listed in Appendix A of the Procedures for Regional Planning Project Review and Rating Transmission Facilities, except for the project milestone schedule provided below, are addressed in the attached report, *TransWest Express Transmission Project, Phase 1 Comprehensive Progress Report*.

The attached report supports a Planned Rating of 3000 MW delivered to the Project's southern terminal in Nevada. A northbound rating is not being pursued at this time.

Project Milestone Schedule

December 2009	Initiate Phase 2 Rating Process
Early 2010 January through February	Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Public Scoping Meetings
December 2011	Complete Final EIS
First quarter 2012	Start Construction
Last Quarter 2014	Complete Construction

Requirements for Phase 2 Status

As indicated above, TransWest Express LLC is requesting Phase 2 status for the Project. Three requirements must be met to move into Phase 2.

Regional Planning Report. The Project entered the Regional Planning Project Review Process on September 20, 2007. The Regional Planning Project Review Report was issued on May 30, 2008 and accepted by PCC on June 3, 2008.

Comprehensive Progress Report. This letter and the attached study report address all of the Comprehensive Progress Report requirements in Appendix A of the Procedures for Regional Planning Project Review and Rating Transmission Facilities. We stand ready to address any comments on this report as expeditiously as possible.

Base Case Representation. Project technical data for inclusion in future WECC base cases will be provided to WECC technical staff by December 4, 2009.

Therefore, we request that the Project be accepted into Phase 2 of the Rating Review Process with a Planned Rating of 3000 MW as soon as: 1) comments on the Comprehensive Progress Report have been received and addressed, and 2) the full base case representation has been provided to WECC staff.

Sincerely,

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ATTACHMENTS

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