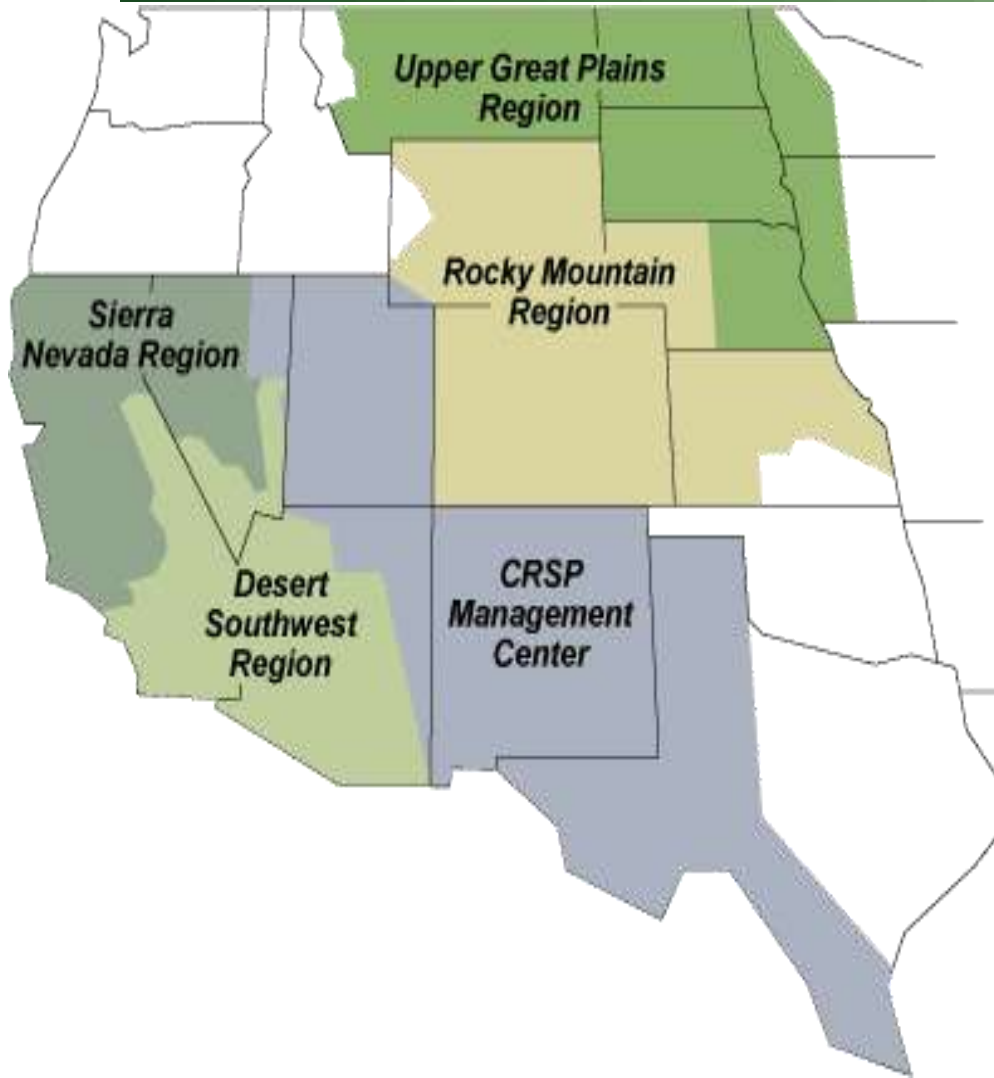

IRP Principles Public Meeting

July 21, 2011
Lakewood, CO

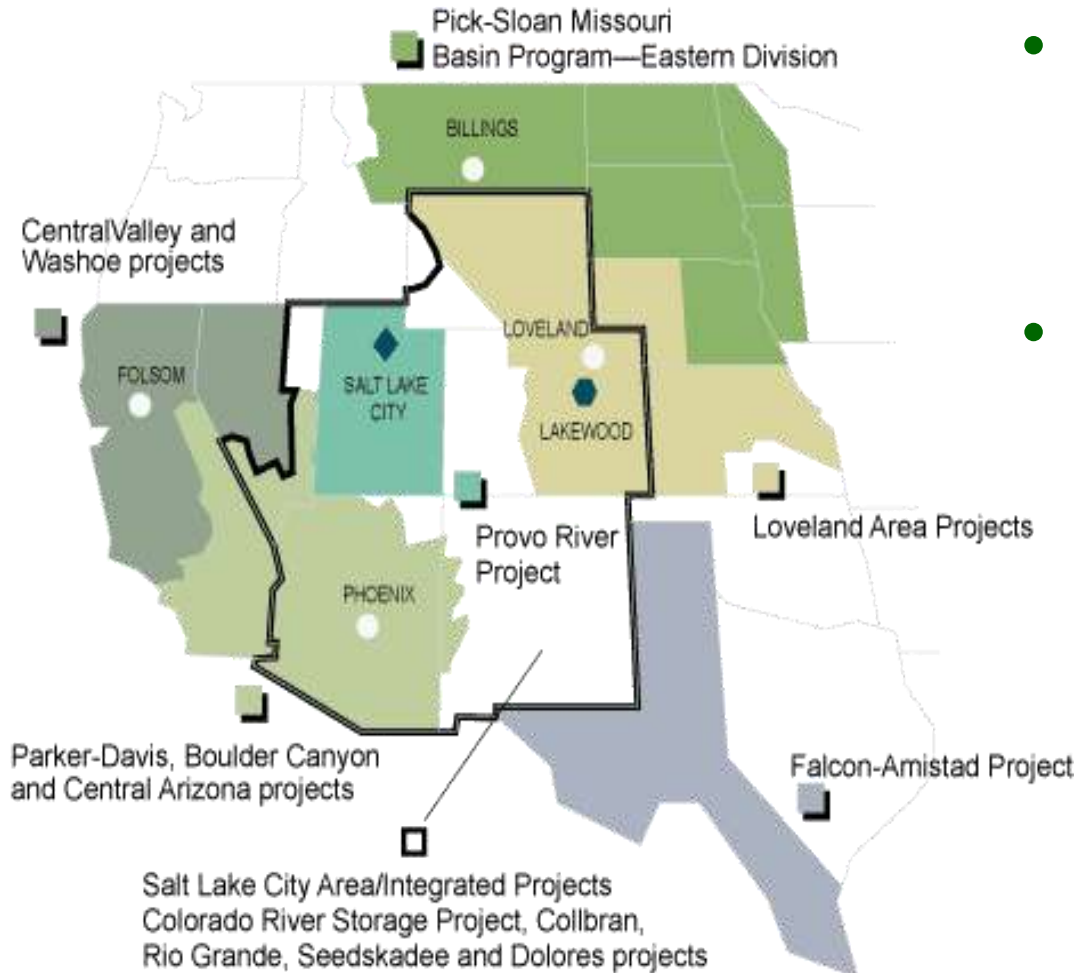


Western's Service Territory



- Operates and maintains our transmission system from 4 regional offices
- Markets power from 4 regions and a management center
- Sells the output from 56 hydropower plants, plus US' share of Navajo Generating Station
- 10,489 MW of installed generating capacity

Western's Projects



- Power marketed on a project-specific basis
- Marketing plans developed through public processes to determine who is allocated power and under what terms and conditions

IRP Principles Background

- Proposed IRP Principles in Dec 1994
- Adopted Final Principles of IRP in June 1995
- Final Principles of IRP outline how project-specific resource acquisition and transmission planning principles would be developed
- To date, Western has not acquired long-term resources under the Final Principles of IRP
- Transmission planning has changed significantly since Final Principles of IRP were developed

New IRP Proposal

- Update original Final Principles of IRP to meet today's needs
- June 29, 2011 FRN (76 FR 38146)

*Revision to the Final Principles of
Integrated Resource Planning for Use
in Resource Acquisition and
Transmission Planning*

Proposal Elements

Comments sought:

A. Proposal to eliminate the transmission planning principles

B. Proposal for Western-wide evaluation criteria and procedures for future resource acquisitions vs. current principles call for developing project-by-project criteria

Transmission Planning

- Stakeholders involved in regional, subregional planning efforts
- OATT requirements
- Existing IRP Transmission Planning Principles requirement now redundant, unnecessary

Western's Transmission Planning Forums

- WestConnect
- Southwest Area Subregional Planning Transmission Group
- Colorado Long-Range Transmission Planning Group
- California Transmission Planning Group
- Sierra Subregional Planning Group
- Mid-Continent Area Power Pool



Transmission Info and Resources

- General Requirements for Interconnection
<http://www.wapa.gov/transmission/pdf/gri.pdf>

- Open Access Transmission Tariff
<http://www.oatioasis.com/WAPA/WAPAdocs/WAPA-Tariff-Docs.htm>

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Resource Acquisitions

- Proposal to further define evaluation criteria and procedures
- Specific to resource acquisitions for purchases > 5 years

Resource Acquisitions

IRP Principles *won't* apply to:

- Purchases < 5 years
- Lease of Power Privilege under Reclamation Law (Town Sites and Power Development Act of 1906 (43 U.S.C. § 522) and Reclamation Project Act of 1939 (43 U.S.C. § 485h(c))).

Proposed IRP Procedures

- Western office identifies need, amount for long-term resource acquisition
- Project-specific customers consulted on planned acquisition
- Widespread solicitation for proposals that address evaluation criteria
- Screen proposals against evaluation criteria

Resource Acquisition Evaluation Criteria

- Cost
- Dependability
- Dispatchability
- Diversity
- Environmental impact
- Indian preference
- Renewable energy
- Risk
- Transmission availability/losses

Comments

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Questions and Comments