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RE: SWAT Studies to Support Ten Year Plan Submittals
Docket Number E-00000D-05-0040

Dear Sir/Madam:

The Southwest Area Transmission (SWAT) regional planning group was broadened from the Central Arizona Transmission System (CATS) study area to include two states (Arizona and New Mexico) and parts of four other states (Southern California, West Texas, Southern Nevada, and Southern Colorado) during the calendar year 2004. This expansion was done to promote regional planning across the entire Southwest area of the Western Electricity Coordinating Council. All of the Transmission Providers within this region, along with many other stakeholders, are participating in SWAT. SWAT operates in a public forum and is open to any entity or persons interested in the development and future of the electric transmission system. SWAT encourages collaborative efforts and joint participation to address issues. A key goal of SWAT is to maximize use and benefits of the regional transmission system.

As members of SWAT, the Arizona Transmission Providers have participated in various SWAT Technical Work Group Subcommittees and the Oversight Committee. The Technical Work Groups have been involved in study efforts investigating renewable energy resources such as wind energy, new coal fired generation, and transmission studies to meet load growth and enhance the utilization of the existing transmission system. Due to the nature of performing joint study work, Arizona Transmission Providers are dependent on the technical studies performed under the direction of SWAT for development of their Ten Year Plans. The projects shown by the Transmission Providers in their Ten Year Plan submittals reflect study work covered by SWAT during the past year. The study work for 2004 is complete and a draft SWAT report is being developed at this time. However, a report is not available to meet the January 31, 2005 deadline for the Ten Year Plan submittals.

A final report of SWAT 2004 activities will be filed upon completion. The SWAT report will describe the study efforts and results completed under the direction of SWAT. The present schedule for completing the final report is the first half of March 2005.

Sincerely,

Robert E. Kondziolka
SWAT Chairman

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