

Summary of Questions and Responses on the WestConnect Enrolled Transmission Owner’s Proposed Compliance Process Under FERC Order No. 1920

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This document provides responses to oral comments and feedback provided during the October 14, 2025, Joint Sixth Relevant State Entity Forum and Second Stakeholder Meeting, regarding the WestConnect Enrolled Transmission Owners (“ETOs”) draft Order No. 1920 compliance process.

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<i>Process</i>		
1.	Shorten the proposed compliance timeline from five years to four years and align the cycle timing with Northern Grid, CAISO, and the WECC 20-year base case.	The WestConnect ETOs have carefully considered utilizing a four-year compliance timeline as part of their interregional coordination efforts with CAISO and Northern Grid. The ETOs have concluded that completing the process within four years would jeopardize the integrity and accuracy of the results; and FERC Order No. 1920 permits the WestConnect ETOs to conduct the study every five years. Additionally, the WestConnect ETOs anticipate using the most recent WECC 20-year base case and updating it as necessary to ensure that it remains current and accurate, which should aid consistency across regions.
<i>Benefits</i>		
2.	Include a catch-all benefit that provides “any other benefits that can be quantifiable.”	After considering the addition of this benefit, the WestConnect ETOs determined that the seven benefits already included in the draft tariff language, as set forth in FERC Order No. 1920, encompass a broad array of impacts. ¹ Relying on pre-defined benefits will result in more predictable and methodologically consistent results and ensure fairness to all project proponents.
3.	Increase flexibility in the benefits by decreasing the level of detail provided.	The WestConnect ETOs anticipate maintaining the current level of detail in the quantification of each benefit. Preserving this level of specificity will ensure clean, predictable, and methodologically consistent results.

¹ Order No. 1920 at 1469.

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4.	Provide the role of scenarios in benefits quantification and project evaluation.	Forthcoming tariff language will clarify the role of scenarios in benefits quantification and project evaluation.
Scenarios		
5.	Conduct the scenarios in parallel.	The WestConnect ETOs are continuing to evaluate this comment.
Project Solicitation and Evaluation		
6.	Increase the project solicitation period to six months.	The WestConnect ETOs are considering increasing the project solicitation period from 60-days to no more than 120 days. The WestConnect ETOs do not anticipate expanding the project solicitation period to longer than 120 days due to cascading effects of completing the compliance process on time and accurately.
7.	Decrease the \$100,000 project proposal deposit.	The WestConnect ETOs considered reducing the \$100,000 project proposal deposit but concluded that, given increased study costs and the existing true-up mechanism that refunds any unused funds, it is appropriate to maintain the \$100,000 deposit.
Relevant State Entity Forums and Stakeholder Outreach Meetings		
8.	Will WestConnect host more Relevant State Entity Forums or Stakeholder Outreach Meetings?	The WestConnect ETOs anticipate hosting at least one more virtual Joint Relevant State Entity Forum and Stakeholder Meeting. This joint meeting will occur in Q1 of 2026, once full, draft tariff language is available. More specifics on the remaining stakeholder process will be provided early in 2026.