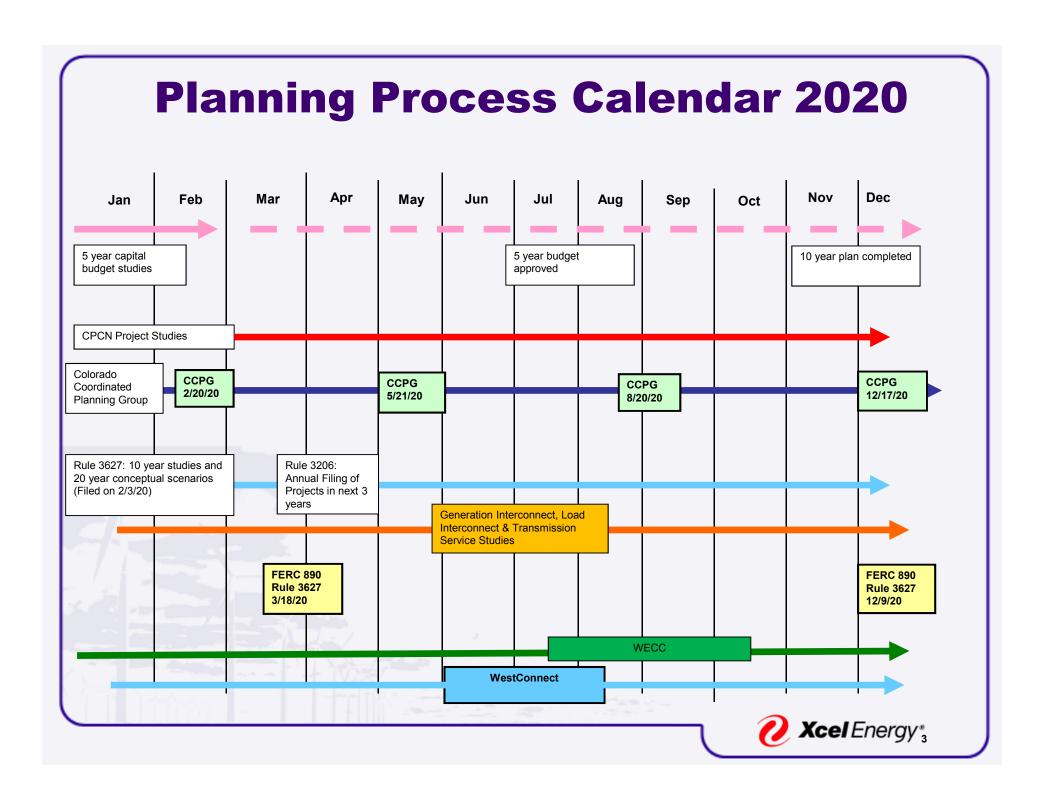


Transmission Planning Process Xcel Energy*2



Reporting

Rule 3627 (10 year plan and 20 year conceptual scenarios) & Senate Bill 100	CPUC	February 2020
WECC Study Program Survey	WECC	February 2020
FERC 715	WECC/FERC	March 2020
Annual Progress Report	WECC	March 2020
Rule 3206	CPUC	April 2020
WestConnect Regional Plan	WestConnect	1 st Quarter 2022



Reporting - Postings

- Tariff Studies
 - http://www.rmao.com/public/wtpp/PSCO Studies.html
- FERC 890 Information
 - http://www.oasis.oati.com/psco/index.html under "FERC 890 Postings"
- > SB07-100
 - ▶ http://www.transmission.xcelenergy.com/Projects/Colorado
 - http://regplanning.westconnect.com/ccpg_senate_bill_wg.htm
- CCPG, WestConnect
 - http://www.westconnect.com/
- Rule 3627 (10-Year Plan)
 - http://www.transmission.xcelenergy.com/Planning/Planning-for-Public-Service-Company-of-Colorado/Colorado-Public-Utilities-Commission-Rule-3627
 - http://regplanning.westconnect.com/ccpg_rule_3627.htm
- > Transmission Planning Documents
 - http://www.rmao.com/public/wtpp/PSCO Transmission Planning Docs.html



FERC Order 890 Links (PSCo)

- > Contacts:
 - http://www.oasis.oati.com/PSCO/PSCOdocs/PSCo_Contacts-14.pdf
- > Hyperlink List:
 - http://www.oasis.oati.com/PSCO/PSCOdocs/PSCo_Attachment_R_Hyperlinks_List11-9-12.pdf
- Meeting Notices and Materials
 - http://www.oasis.oati.com/psco/index.html under "FERC 890 Postings" -> "Stakeholder Meetings"
- Open Access Transmission Tariff
 - http://www.transmission.xcelenergy.com/Resources/Open-Access-Same-Time-Information-System-&-Open-Access-Transmission-Tariff



2020 Transmission Planning Studies and Assessments



Transmission Planning Drivers

- **≻Load Service / Reliability**
 - Near-Term (1-5 years)
 - TPL Studies (5 year capital budget)
 - Longer-Term (5-10 years)
 - WestConnect, CCPG, Public Policy
- > Resource Accommodation
 - PSCo Resource Plans
 - Generator Interconnection Requests
- **≻Public Policy**
 - > 2017 Colorado Energy Plan (CEP)
 - Senate Bill 07-100 (SB-100)
 - Senate Bill 19-236
- >Other
 - Tariff Studies
 - > Transmission Service

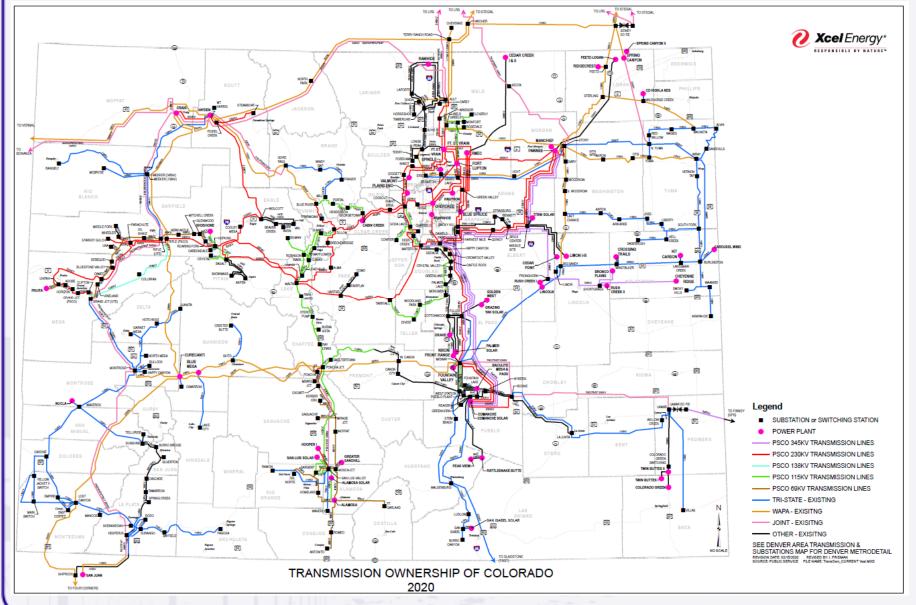


Planning Study Process

- Prepare Study Models
 - WECC Case Compilation
 - Recent Load Forecasts
 - Coordination With Other Transmission Owners
- Studies
 - Steady State, Transient Stability, Short Circuit
- Methodology
 - NERC Standards (TPL, MOD, FAC)
 - > PSCo Criteria
 - Variable Energy Resource (VER) Guidelines
- Recommendations for System Upgrades



Transmission Ownership Colorado – 2020





Public Service Company of Colorado Transmission Projects Status





Generation Additions/Reductions

Name	Interconnection	Own/PPA	Net MW	Туре	ISD
Titan Solar	Missile Site 230kV	NextEra	50	Solar	2018
Rush Creek	Missile Site 345kV	Own	600	Wind	2018
Cheyenne Ridge	Shortgrass 345kV	Own	500	Wind	2020
Bronco Plains	Shortgrass 345 kV	PPA	300	Wind	2020
CEP 3 (W090)		PPA	169	Wind	2020
Comanche 1	Comanche 230 kV	Own	-335	Coal	2022
CEP 4 (X427)		Replaced	110/50	Solar + Storage	2023
CEP 5 (X647)		IPP	200/100	Solar + Storage	2022
CEP 6 (X645)		IPP	250/125	Solar + Storage	2022
CEP 7 (S085)	<u> </u>	IPP	72	Solar	2022
CEP 8 (S430)		Replaced	75	Solar	2023
35		PPA	113	Solar	2022
56	A Land	PPA	100/50	Solar + Storage	2022
Comanche 2	Comanche 230 kV	Own	-325	Coal	2025



PSCo Electric Resource Plan Colorado Energy Plan

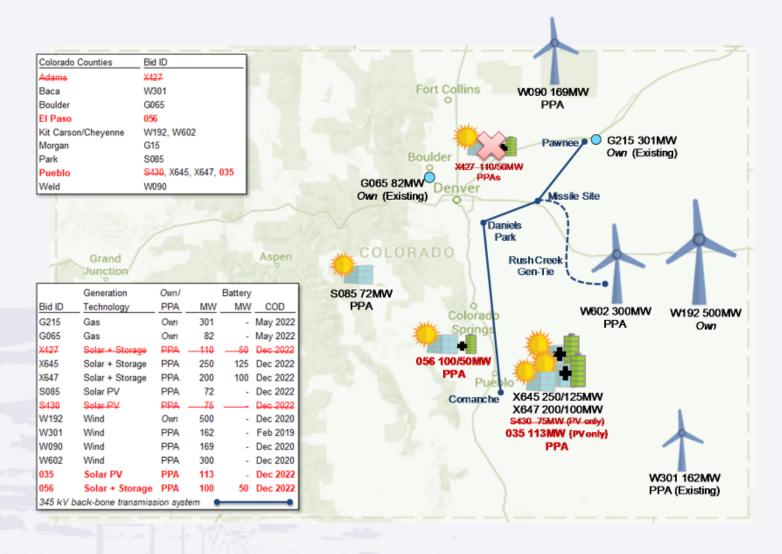


2016/17 Resource Plan

- PSCo Colorado Energy Plan (CEP)
 - ▶ Filed August 2017
- > 120 Day Report Filed June 2018
- > PUC Decision- Sep 2018
 - > Approved:
 - > Retire Comanche 1 (335 MW) by end of 2022
 - > Retire Comanche 2 (325 MW) by end of 2025
 - Add 970 MW Wind Gen by 2020
 - ▶ (800 MW on Gen-tie)
 - > Add over 700 MW Solar Gen by 2022
 - **▶** (+275 MW Storage)



Colorado Energy Plan Portfolio (CEPP) Map





CEPP Resources

Bid ID	Technology	MW	Ownership	In-Service	Acquisition Status
X645	Solar w/ Storage	250/125	IPP	2022	PPA executed.
X647	Solar w/ Storage	200/100	IPP	2022	PPA executed.
X427	Solar w/ Storage	110/50	IPP	2022	Seeking Replacement
\$430	Solar	75	IPP	2022	Seeking Replacement
S085	Solar	72	IPP	2022	PPA executed.
W192	Wind	500	Own	2020	Settlement / CPCN approved April 25, 2019.
W602	Wind	300	IPP	2020	PPA executed.
W090	Wind	169	IPP	2020	PPA executed.
W301	Wind (repower)	162	IPP	2020	PPA executed.
G215	Gas (existing)	301	Own	2022	CPCN filed July 23, 2019.
G065	Gas (existing)	82	Own	2022	CPCN filed July 23, 2019.
56	Solar w/ Storage	100/50	IPP	2022	
35	Solar	113	IPP	2022	



CEPP Network Upgrades

- ➤ Voltage
 - > Equipment Needed for Reliable Voltage Performance
 - **▶** Proposed Voltage Control Equipment:

▶ Shortgrass: 60 MVAR Reactors

Missile Site: 360 MVAR Capacitors
Harvest Mile: 240 MVAR Capacitors
Daniels Park: 120 MVAR Capacitors

▶ Pronghorn: +/-150 MVAR STATCOM

▶ EVRAZ: -/+ 95 MVAR STATCOM; & 85 MVAR Caps

Automated Volt/VAR Set-point Optimizer (AVSO)

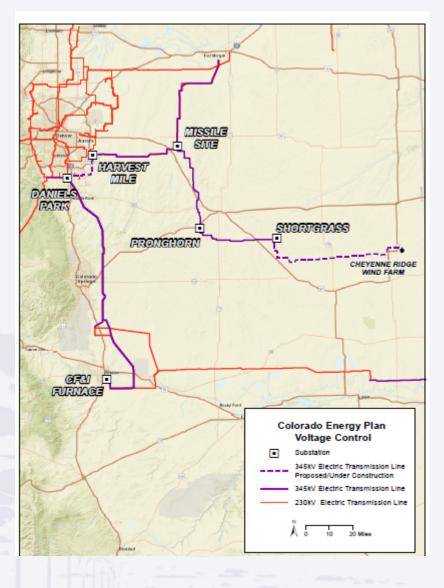
>CPCN filed - December 20, 2019

> Transmission

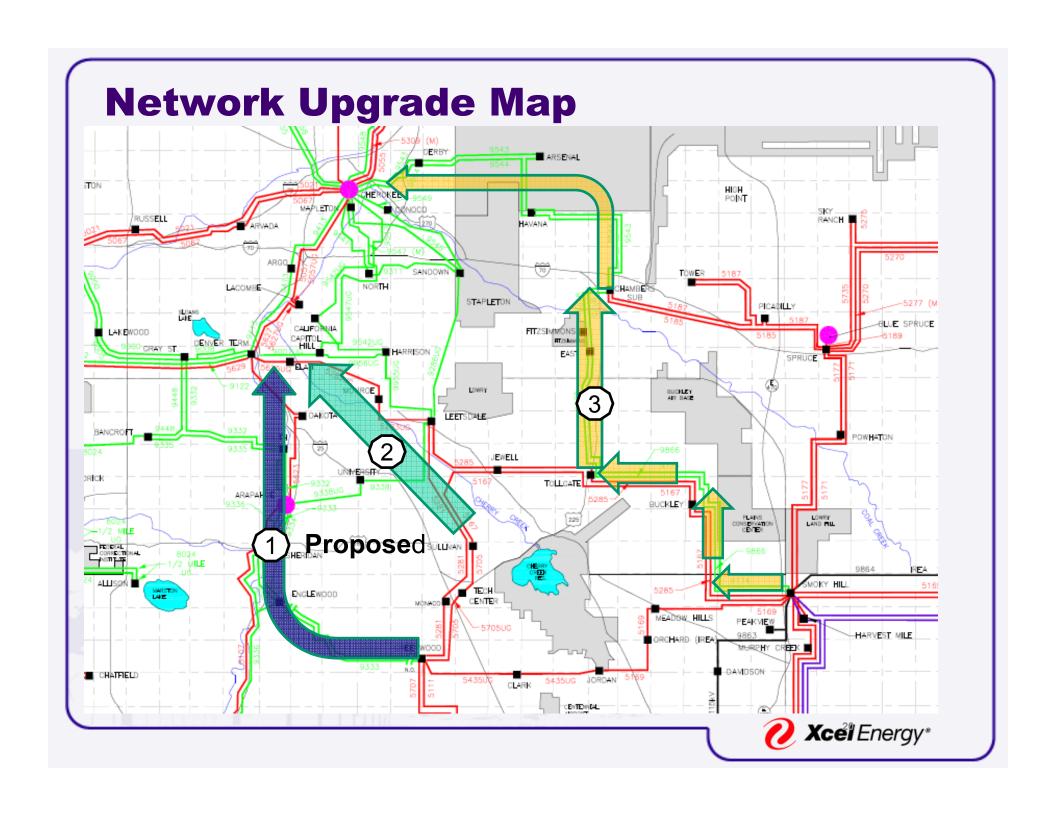
- >345 kV Backbone Allows Flexibility for CEPP Generation
- >Limitations in the Denver Metro Transmission System
- **▶**Proposed Upgrade:
 - New Greenwood Arapahoe Denver Terminal 230 kV Line
- >CPCN Filed February 21, 2020



Voltage Control Facilities Map







CEPP Regulatory Activity

- > Shortgrass Switching Station CPCN
 - **> Granted: Feb 14, 2019**
- >Cheyenne Ridge CPCN
 - ➤ Granted: April 2019
- ➤ Focused RFP for Solar / Solar + Storage
 - > Released July 2019 / 200 MW of Solar / Solar+Storage
 - **≻Bid Selection March 2020**
- **≻Voltage Control CPCN**
 - >Filing: December 20, 2019
- >Network Upgrades CPCN
 - >Filing: February 21, 2020
- >Interconnection CPCN
 - >Filing: Q1 2020



2019 Electric Resource Plan

- > Due to be filed March 30, 2021
- >Stakeholder workshop will be help prior to filing
- >Must include Clean Energy Plan
- > Resource Acquisition Period through 2030



FERC Generation Interconnection Process

Generation Interconnection Process

FERC Orders 2003, 2006, and PSCo's Approved LGIP

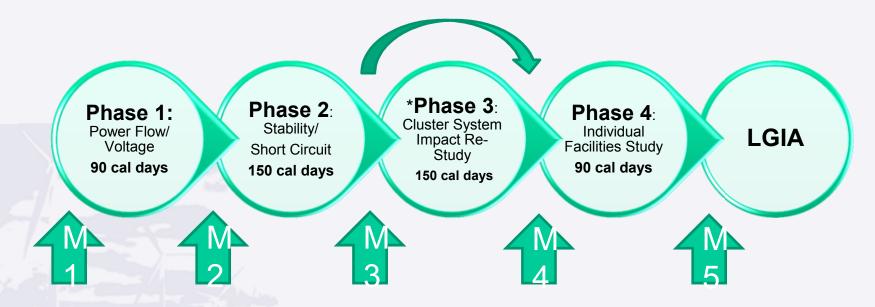
- Order 2003 and Revised LGIP for Large Generators
 - Greater than 20MW and SGIP requesting NRIS
 - Large Generator Interconnection Procedures (LGIP)
 - Large Generator Interconnection Agent (LGIA)
 - > Applies to all generation technologies
- Order 2006 for Small Generators
 - Less than or equal to 20MW
 - Small Generator Interconnection Procedures (SGIP)
 - Small Generator Interconnection Agreement (SGIA)
 - Applies to all generation technologies



Overview: First-Ready, First-Served

Goal: Timely interconnection of ready projects

- 1. Informational Interconnection Process
- 2. First-ready, first-served Definitive Interconnection System Impact Study Process (DISIS) with increasing milestones required to stay in the queue



* Phase 3 is skipped if restudies are not required



Generator Queue Status - Pre Queue Reform

	Winter 2018	Spring 2019	Winter 2019
Solar	7524MW	7932MW	8542MW
Wind	13795MW	12995MW	12725MW
Solar + Battery	860MW	660MW	1110MW
Battery	0	200MW	325MW
Gas	11MW	11MW	11MW
Total	22190MW	21798MW	22713MW

Totals updated 11/21/2019



Revised LGIP Clusters (in MWs)

	Transitional	Resource Solicitation	2020 Spring DISIS
Solar	240	128	
Wind			
Solar + Battery	450		Window
Battery		125	Feb 1 - Mar 16 11 Requests
Gas			Received
Total	690	253	

Totals updated March 17



Reliability Projects



Substations

- > 2019
 - > Harvest Mile (In Service)
 - ➤ Bluestone Valley Phase 1 (In Service)
 - > Wolcott (2x20 MVAR Reactors)(in service)
- > 2020
 - > NREL Interconnection
 - ➤ Shortgrass 345 kV Switching Station
- **> 2021**
 - **Cloverly 115kV Expansion** → Cloverly 115kV Expansion
- **> 2022**
 - ➤ Graham Creek 115kV
 - > Husky 230/115kV
 - ➤ Mirasol (formerly Badger Hills)
 - > Other CEPP Interconnections
- **> 2023**
- > TBD
 - > Reliability:
 - ▶ Bluestone Valley Phase 2

Distribution

- ➤ Moon Gulch (In Service)
- > Thornton (In Service)
- > Avery (2021 was 2019)
- Barker (Bank 1: 2021, Bank 2: 2022, Bank 3 TBD)
- **>** High Point (2022)
- > Titan (2022)
- **> Dove Valley (2023)**
- **>** Stock Show (2026)
- > Conceptual, ISD TBD
 - **▶** Box Elder Replacement
 - New Castle
 - Wilson
 - ▶ Solterra
 - Superior
 - Sandy Creek



Transmission

Planned

- >2019
 - ▶ Pawnee–Daniels Park 345kV (In Service)
- >2020
 - ➤ Shortgrass Cheyenne Ridge 345kV
 - > CEP Voltage Control Facilities
- >2021
- **>2022**
 - **CSU Flow Mitigation Monument–Flying Horse 115kV**
 - ➤ Ault–Husky 230kV
 - > Husky-Graham Creek-Cloverly 115kV (built 230kV operated at 115kV)
 - ➤ Gilman–Avon 115kV
 - >Climax Robinson Rack Gilman 115kV
 - ➤ Greenwood Denver Terminal 230kV

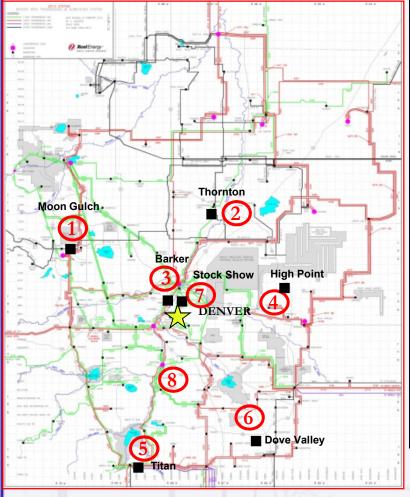
Conceptual, ISD TBD

- Gen-Tie Networking
- > Glenwood-Rifle Upgrade
- > Parachute-Cameo 230kV
- > Lamar-Front Range
- > San Luis Valley-Poncha 230kV #2**
- > Poncha-Front Range 230kV
- Weld-Rosedale 230kV
- > Rosedale-Box Elder-Ennis 230/115kV
- Cloverly-Rosedale 230kV
- > Hayden Foidel Creek 230kV Project
- > Erie 230kV Interconnection

** TSGT lists SLV as 2025



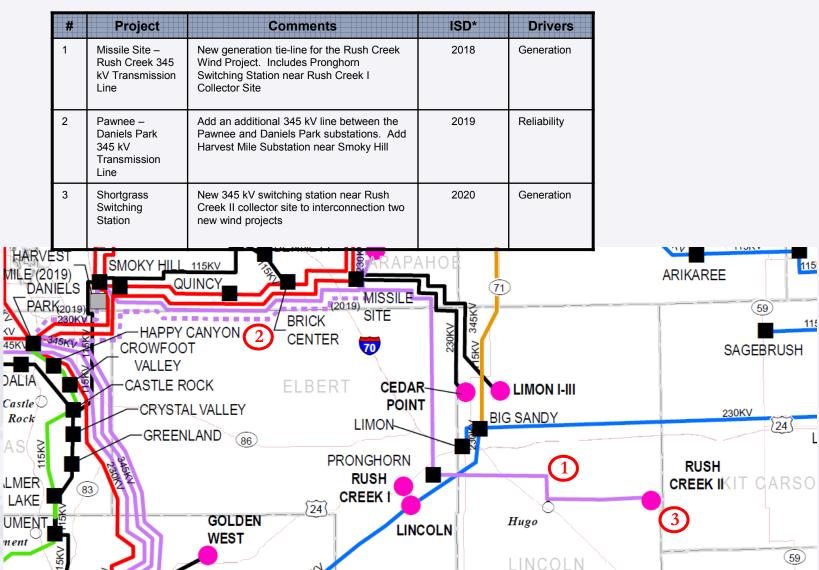
Denver/Boulder



1	#	Project	Comments	ISD*	Drivers
	1	Moon Gulch Substation	New substation in Denver Area to serve distribution load growth in west Arvada.	2018	Distribution
	2	Thornton Substation	New substation in Thornton to serve distribution loads. Replaces the Brantner Substation project.	2019	Distribution
	3	Barker Substation	New substation in Denver Area to serve distribution load growth in Historic Ballpark Area	2021	Distribution
	4	High Point Substation	New substation in Denver Area to serve distribution load growth in Green Valley Ranch Area	2022	Distribution
	5	Titan Substation	New substation in Denver Area to serve distribution load growth in Sterling Ranch Area	2022	Distribution
	6	Dove Valley Substation	New substation in Denver Area to serve distribution load growth in South Metro Area	2023	Distribution
	7	Stock Show Substation	New substation in Denver Area to serve distribution load growth for the National Western Stock Show renovation	2026	Distribution
	8	Greenwood – Denver Terminal	Construction of 15 miles of new transmission line between existing Greenwood and Denver Terminal substations. The line is needed to accommodate CEP Projects.	2022	Generation Resources



East Plains Area



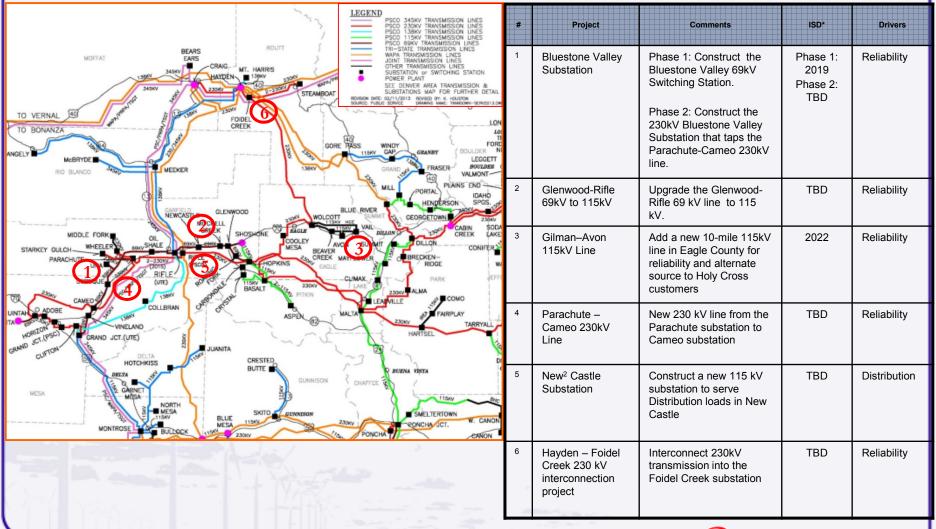


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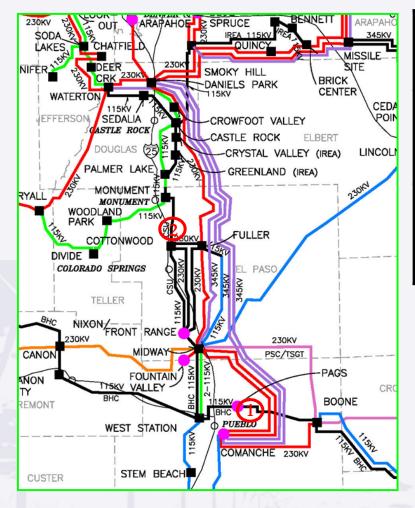
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Western Slope / Mountain Area





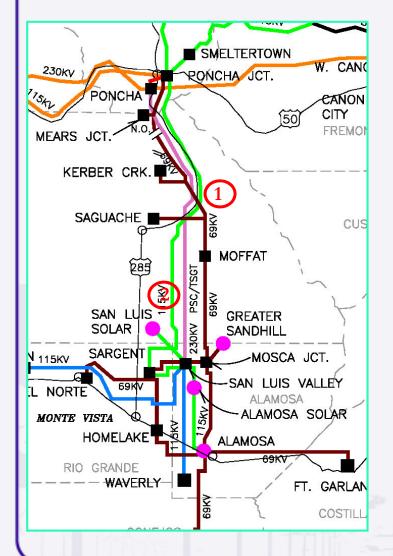
South Denver/CO Springs Area



#	Project	Comments	ISD*	Drivers
1	Mirasol Substation	Tap one Comanche – Midway 230kV line	2022	Resource Accommodation
2	Monument – Flying Horse 115kV Series reactor	Series reactor on the Monument – Flying horse 115kV line	2022	Reliability



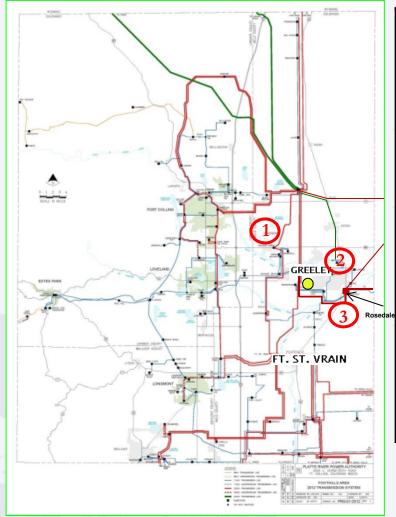
San Luis Valley Area



#	Project	Comments	ISD*	Drivers
1	Upgrade 69kV line: L6905	Phase 1-3: Rebuilt L6905 from Mosca to Villa Grove. Phase 4: Villa Grove - Poncha	2017-18 2021	Reliability
2	Refurbishment L9811	Replacing deteriorate structures, poles, and crossarms on L9811 from SLV to Poncha.	2021	Reliability



Foothills/Greeley Area



#	Project	Comments	ISD*	Drivers
1	Avery Substation	New distribution substation to serve loads in the area	2021	Distribution
2	Ault – Cloverly 230/115kV Subs: Husky, Graham Ck.	New line from Ault Substation to Cloverly Substation. Create new substations near PSCo Ault and Eaton to move 44kV loads to higher voltage.	2022	Reliability Load Growth Resource
3	Southern Greeley Project	New line from Weld Substation to Rosedale Substation. Build a new 230kV substation (Beebe Draw) to replace the existing 44kV La Salle Substation.	TBD	Reliability Load Growth

South of Greeley Area Plan

≻Objectives (Similar to NGAP)

- > Replace the southern part of the 44kV sub-transmission system
- ➤ Improve Reliability
- ➤ Increase Load Serving Capability
- ➤ Increase Resource Accommodation
- ➤ Align with Other Transmission Plans
 - NGAP, SWEP

>Status:

- ≻Kick-off in Q2 2017
- ➤ Study is Ongoing (Assessing Transmission Alternatives)
- ➤ Plan: New 230 kV and 115 kV Transmission from Weld Rosedale Box Elder
 - Ennis
- ➤ Drafting Study Report and Gathering Cost Estimates







Senate Bill 100 Project List

Item	Project	Zone	In Service Date*	Project Status
Planned	<u> </u>			
1.	Missile Site 230kV Switching Station	2	Nov 2010	In Service No CPCN Required
2.	Midway - Waterton 345kV Transmission Project	3,4,5	Jun 2011	In Service CPCN: July 2009
3.	Missile Site 345kV Switching Station	2	October 2012	In service CPCN: June 2010
4.	Pawnee-Smoky Hill 345kV Transmission Project	1	June 2013	In Service CPCN: Feb 2009
5.	Pawnee-Daniels Park 345kV Transmission Project	1	December 2019	In Service CPCN: April 2015
6.	Northern Colorado Area Plan	1	2022	Local Permitting Ongoing CPCN: March 2018
Concep	tual		l	
7.	Lamar-Front Range 345kV Transmission Project	2, 3	TBD	Studies Complete. No plans for full build-out at this time
8.	Lamar-Vilas 230kV Transmission Project	3	TBD	See Lamar – Front Range
9.	South of Greeley Area Plan	1	TBD	Reviewing study report with, CCPG – NECO Subcommittee
10.	San Luis Valley	4	TBD	Studies Complete Tri-State Lists "Phase 1" 2025 ISD

^{*}All project in-service dates subject to change



Pawnee – Daniels Park Project

≻Purpose

- >SB100
- ➤ PSCo Base Resource Needs
- ➤ Reliability

> Project Components

- ➤ Pawnee Missile Site Daniels Park 345 kV (125 miles)
- ➤ Smoky Hill Daniels Park 345 kV line (21 miles)
- ➤ Entire Project within existing PSCo corridors
- > About 90 miles of 125 total already constructed
- ➤ New Harvest Mile Substation
- ➤ Cost Estimate ~ \$169.4 Million

≻Plan

- >CPCN Filed 3/28/14
- ➤ CPCN Approved March 2015
- ➤ ISD 2019 (approved by PUC)
- ▶ Placed in-service December 26, 2019



Senate Bill 19-236

>Clean Energy Plan (CEP) Requirements

- PSCo must include CEP as part of first Electric Resource Plan after January 1, 2020
- CEP seeks to reduce carbon dioxide emissions associated with electric sales by 80 percent from 2005 levels by 2030
- Further, a CEP seeks to achieve providing retail customers with energy generated from 100% clean energy resources by 2050
- CEP activities include retirements of existing generation facilities, changes in system operations or other necessary actions to achieve reduction targets
- CEP must ensure rate stability for customers
- CEP presents significant drivers for Transmission Planning
 - New interconnection facilities for clean energy resources
 - Decommissioning, or redevelopment, of existing transmission facilities serving fossil fuel generation

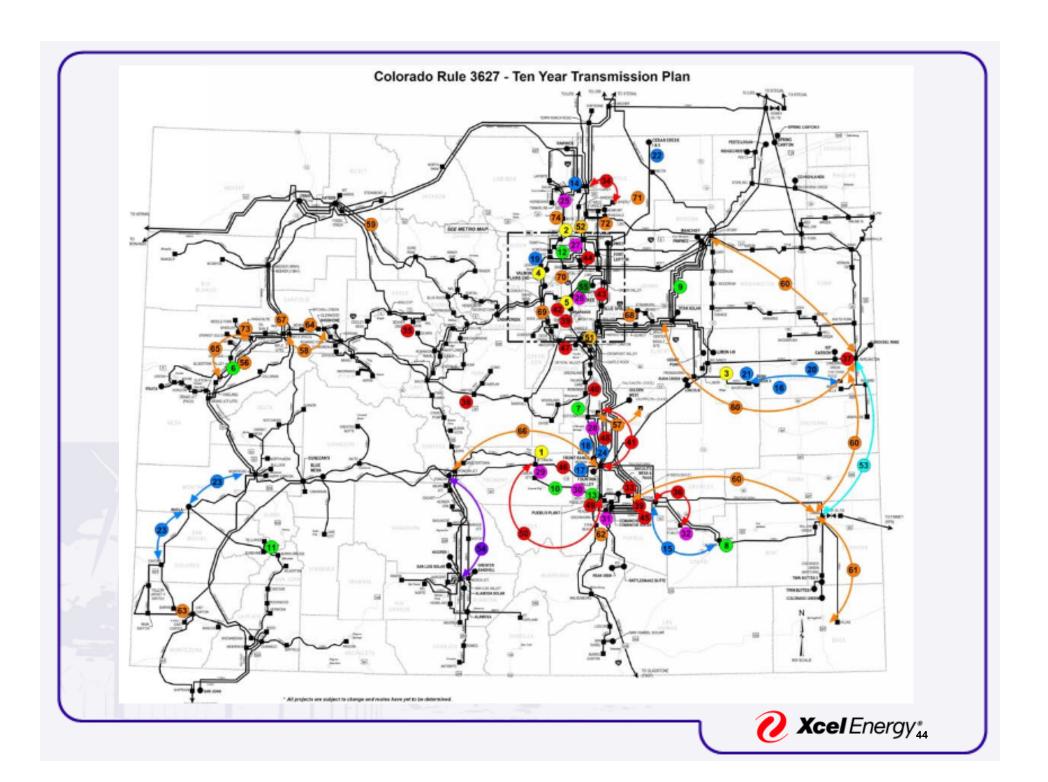


PSCo Regulatory Activities

CPUC Rule 3627

- > Requires Regulated Utilities to File Transmission Report
 - ➤ 10-Year Plan, 20-Year Scenario; 2-year cycle
 - ➤ Black Hills, Tri-State, Public Service
 - ➤ Use CCPG as Forum
 - ➤ Proactive Stakeholder Participation
- **▶ Last Report Filed February 3, 2020**





PSCo PUC Rule 3627 Information

- On the Xcel Energy website at:
 - http://www.transmission.xcelenergy.com/Planning/Planning-for-Public-Service-Company-of-Colorado/Colorado-Public-Utilities-Commission-Rule-3627
- WestConnect website for all regional projects:
 - http://regplanning.westconnect.com/ccpg.htm



Regional & Subregional Updates (CCPG, WestConnect, WECC)



Colorado Coordinated Planning Group 2019 Organization Chart

Oversight Committee Chair: Roy Gearhart (WAPA) Vice Chair: Chris Pink (TSGT)

Subcommittees Work Groups Task Forces CCPG Liaisons Specific Geographic Portion Entire Footprint Portion or Entire Footprint multi-year multi-year 1-2 year duration (includes potential joint projects) Foothills 3627 Compliance Colorado Energy Plan **Colorado Regulatory** Chair: Jeremy Brownrigg (PRPA) (includes Long Range & SB 100) Chair: Mike Rein (Xcel) Chris Neil (OCC) Co-chair: Mike Rein (Xcel) Adam Gribb (CPUC) Co-chair: Chris Pink (TSGT) DEEP Conceptual Planning (20-year) Lamar-Front Range II WECC Chair: Jeff Hanson (CSU) Co-chair: Adam Gribb (CPUC) Chair: Ryan Hubbard (TSGT) RAC: Mike Rein (Xcel) Co-chair: TBD WY/SD Common Use **Base Case Coordination Updates** WestConnect Chair: Wes Wingen (BHC) Chair: Sirisha Tanneeru (Xcel) PMC Chair: Roy Gearhart (WAPA) PS Chair: Mike Rein (Xcel) **Western Slope TPL Studies** Rocky Mountain Operating Study Group Chair: Chris Pink (TSGT) Chair: Jim Hirning (WAPA) Frank Li (WAPA) **Northeast Colorado Voltage Coordination Mountain West Transmission Group** Chair: James Nguyen (Xcel) Chair: Bill Andersen (Xcel) Joe Taylor (Xcel) Chris Pink (TSGT) San Luis Valley **Short Circuit Data Base** Chair: James Nguyen (Xcel) Chair: Don Loftis (CSU) **Southeast Wyoming Energy Storage** Chair: Brian Stringer (WAPA) **Chair: Gilbert Flores** Xcel Energy*₄₈

CCPG EVENTS

- >CCPG Meetings
 - ▶ May 21, 2020 at TSGT
 - ▶ August 20, 2020 at TSGT
 - December 17, 2020 at TSGT

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PMC Organization and Activities

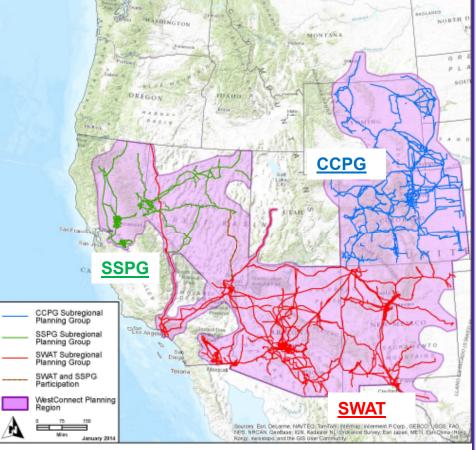
- > FERC Order 1000 Compliance
- ➤ Manage Regional Transmission Planning Process
- Monthly in-person meetings
- Currently Comprised of 26 Members



WestConnect Planning Region

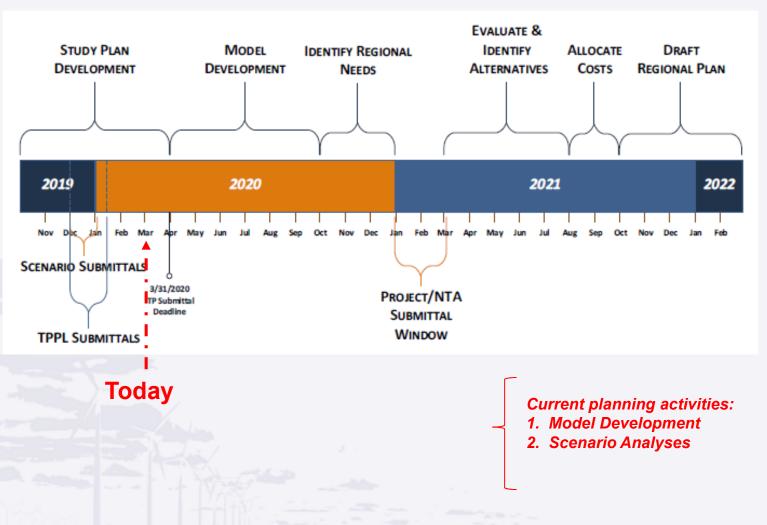
WestConnect Subregional Planning Groups







2020-2022 Process Update





Stakeholder Opportunity for Comment



Comment Form

CCPG Comment Form

(For Stakeholder Comments, Requests for Clarification, Reliability Studies, Alternative Evaluation, and other General Feedback)

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Narrative Description:	
Study Horizon Date:	
Geographic Footprint Impacted:	
Load and Resource Modeling:	
Transmission Modeling	
Suggested Participants: (TP's, LSE's, Work Groups)	
Policy Issues to be Addressed: (SB100, RES, FERC, NERC, etc)	
Other Factors to be Considered:	

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All study requests received from stakeholders will be reviewed and evaluated to determine the appropriate process for addressing.

This planning process does not replace the System Impact Study process. Specific requests for transmission service or generation interconnection will continue to be studied pursuant to existing OATT processes.



Stakeholder Questions & Comments



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Standing Agenda for 890/3627 Meetings

- 1. Introduction
- 2. PSCo Planning Process & Reporting
- 3. Studies & Plans
 - A. Reliability
 - **B.** Interconnection
 - C. Public Policy
- 4. Current Study Plan
- 5. Regional Updates
 - A. CCPG
 - B. WestConnect
 - C. WECC
- 6. Study Requests
 - A. Large Generation Interconnection Requests
 - **B.** Transmission Service Requests
 - C. Non-Queue Requests
- 7. Customer and Stakeholder Input
 - A. Customer updates to loads, resources, and demand responses.
 - B. Other comments or input
- 8. Stakeholder Questions / Comments
- 9. Next Meeting
- 10. Adjourn





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