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comment = Per our March 9, 2009 conference call attached are the 'takeaways' that Joseph Pokalsky and I arrived at. Please let me know if you want a Word version of the following. I look forward to talking with you on our next call March 16, 2009.

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Takeaways from 3-3-09 SIRPP Meeting

1. All SIRPP and affected TPs should participate in a planning study through the study coordination team.
2. The study should be an integrated study across all TPs, not separate studies with scopes determined by a specifically determined contract path.
3. The participating TPs acknowledge that utilizing multiple contract transmission paths can provide the least cost solution for a requested bulk power transfer. After determining where improvements need to be made (as in 2, above), then the contract paths can be determined.
4. The TPs need to evaluate the potential to include planned future backbone transmission upgrades in the study analysis and results.
5. All participating TPs need to use one consistent study methodology with determined parameters. Parameters might be, for example, only flagging equipment as a problem when its loading is more than 100%.
6. The participating TPs should search for strategic solutions that will lower the overall cost of the transmission upgrades by;
 - a. Coordinating upgrades
 - b. Identifying upgrades that do, or can, benefit multiple scenarios
7. Stakeholders should be able to adjust the focus of the more detailed studies if they identify potential strategic solutions from the preliminary study results.
8. The TPs should provide the stakeholders with cost sensitivities for various sized bulk transfers so that they can economically scale a project. Otherwise, studying just large transfers (3000 MW) leads to an expensive, dramatic improvement plan that overwhelms any one customer's ability to finance it.
9. The study process needs to treat economic customers on a comparable basis with reliability customers and be able to identify equitable cost sharing opportunities between economic and reliability customers.

Thanks!