

**Western Area Power Administration
Sierra Nevada Region**

Methodology to Assess Available Transmission Capability

WASN will compute the transmission transfer capability available on a point-to-point basis from the Delivering Party to the Receiving Party using Good Utility Practice and the engineering and operating principles, standards, guidelines and criteria of WASN, the applicable Regional Reliability Council, any entity of which WASN is a member and is approved by the Commission to promulgate or apply regional or national reliability planning standards (such as a Regional Transmission Group, RTG), or any similar organization that may exist in the future of which WASN a member.

Principal items used to determine maximum transmission transfer capability available shall include reliability, transmission element loading, system contingency performance, voltage levels, and stability. In determining Available Transmission Capability, WASN will reserve sufficient transmission capability to meet its current and forecasted power service obligations, current and forecasted Network Customer loads, and existing transmission service obligations.