



Definitions Used in WAPA Switching Programs

AW= Authorization to Work The Authorization to Work **shall** provide information to the Operations Supervisor of all work performed on equipment affecting the power system that does not require a Clearance, Hot Line Order, or General Switching.

C = Clearance A Clearance provides protection against energization from sources of Primary System Energy. The Clearance Procedure is intended to achieve this protection with as little delay and inconvenience as possible. However, safe work practices **shall** always take precedence over job productivity. **A clearance primarily protects personnel and may incidentally provide protection for equipment.**

H = Hot Line Order A Hot Line Order (HLO) allows qualified workers to work on or near energized lines or equipment. Equipment under a Hot Line Order **shall** always be considered energized or "hot" in accordance with the Power System Safety Manual. A Hot Line Order does not provide protection to personnel working on or near an energized circuit. **(line will remain in service)**

SC = Special Conditions The Special Condition procedure provides **TEMPORARY** instructions for special operating conditions or equipment limitations on the power system or auxiliary power system equipment.

G = General Switching General Switching is used to sectionalize lines or rearrange system equipment for testing and/or changes in operating conditions. Such operations are not normally associated with Clearances, Hot Line Orders, or Special Conditions. General Switching does not provide protection.

IC = Inter-connected System Action To provide for the protection of personnel at points of interconnection between Western and non-Western facilities.

Primary System Energy= Electrical energy above 600 volts.