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# Access Initiative Overview

July 7, 2004



# Activities to Date

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- 2001-2002 – Internal Access
- 2003 – Preliminary external access studies; information presented in 2003 10-Year Assessment report and various meetings
- March 31 – 2003 10-Year Assessment Update report released
  - Access section
- April 7 & 21 – Initial Customer/Stakeholder Access meetings



# 2004 Access Initiative

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- Intensive focus on external access
- Iterative and participative process
  - Planning studies
  - Customer and stakeholder discussions
  - Issues and implications
    - Chronic limiters
    - Regional market development
    - Regional planning and pricing models
    - Coordination with regulatory initiatives
- Develop “Access Value Case”



# 2004 Access Initiative

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- Strive for “consensus” by end of 2004
  - ATC system transfer capability target
  - “Best” direction for major 345 kV line to adjacent system
  - “Best” set of projects necessary to achieve access target and resolve key limiters
- Integrate external access driver with other need drivers into 10 year capital plan
- Commence focused regional planning activities as appropriate



# Next Steps

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- May-August – Phase 2 Access studies and customer/stakeholder discussions
- June 2, July 7, August 3, and September 1 – Customer/Stakeholder meetings
- August – “Consensus” target and associated projects
- September-November – Refinements, project plan integration and further study/discussion



# Next Steps

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- September 27 – 2004 10-Year Assessment report target release date
- October – 2004 Planning Zone Meetings
- December 9 – Present consensus status, Access targets, and associated plans to ATC Board
- December – Plan for 2005 Access activities