

**California Transmission Planning Group (CTPG)
Technical Study Team Response to
Comments of Office of the Governor, Nevada State Office of Energy (NSOE) on
CTPG's Draft Phase 4 Study Report and Draft Statewide Transmission Plan**

Comment:

The Nevada State Office of Energy ("NSOE")...NSOE believes that the CTPG should work to convert general transmission corridor recommendations into specific transmission projects that are intended to interconnect Northern California to Northwestern Nevada. Among these specific transmission projects are:

1. Lassen Municipal Utility District:
http://www.westconnect.com/filestorage/renewable_230kV_transmission_sspg_i.ppt#256,1
2. Great Basin Energy Development, LLC:
http://www.westconnect.com/filestorage/wc_great_basin_pres_wecc_sspg_101310.pdf

CTPG Technical Study Team Response:

As discussed in the Draft Phase 4 Study Report, the CTPG identified three "high potential" transmission corridors, including a corridor connecting Northern California to Northwest Nevada. The CTPG suggested that this high potential transmission corridor be the subject of further analysis in 2011. The transmission projects proposed by the Lassen Municipal Utility District and by Great Basin Energy Development will be among the alternatives considered when the proposed analysis for the Northwest Nevada corridor is conducted.

Note that the upgrades proposed by the Lassen Municipal Utility District have previously been addressed by the CTPG in the CTPG Technical Study Team's (i) August 3, 2010, response to comments by Third Planet Windpower, Foresight Wind Energy and Invenergy Wind Development, and (ii) November 11, 2010, response to Invenergy LLC. These responses are posted on the CTPG website at www.ctpg.us.

Also, Great Basin Energy Development's proposed transmission project has previously been addressed by the CTPG. Specifically, this project was one of the stakeholder suggested projects studied during the CTPG Phase 3 study effort (see Section 8.4.3 of CTPG's final Phase 3 Study Report; the report is posted on the CTPG website). In addition, the CTPG has responded to comments received from Great Basin Energy Development on October 7, 2010, June 22, 2010, and March 26, 2010. These responses are also posted on the CTPG website.