

The Western Interconnection Synchrophasor Program (WISP)

Smart Grid Investment Grant

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Program overview recap

- WISP is an interconnection-wide synchrophasor system expected to enable smart grid functionality.
- WISP will deploy:
 - Upgraded or replacement Phasor Measurement Units (PMUs)
 - New PMUs
 - Phasor Data Concentrators (PDCs)
 - Historical data archival systems at WECC RCOs
 - Wide Area Network architecture to connect entities



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Program overview recap (cont.)

Real-time and off-line applications for:

- Situational awareness for operators and reliability coordinators
- Event and system performance analysis for operations and planning engineers
- Model validation and improvement
- NASPInet demonstration



What is unique about this project

- It is interconnection-wide in scope
- It is the largest of the Smart Grid Investment Grant projects in the Electric Transmission Category (10 total)
- It has both public and private partner entities
- It will deploy visualization of power system oscillations (a particular vulnerability in the West) and will provide decision support for mitigation
- It will demonstrate NASPInet
- It will deploy two regional control schemes

Partner entities

- Cost Share Partners in WISP grant
 - Bonneville Power Administration
 - California ISO/California Energy Commission
 - Idaho Power Corporation
 - NV Energy
 - Pacific Gas & Electric
 - PacifiCorp
 - Salt River Project
 - Southern California Edison

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Phasor Measurement Units (PMU) in the Western Interconnection



WISP Timeline







Redundant Data

- Each WECC RCO will receive two streams of identical synchrophasor data
- From Entity Control Center A data will stream to WECC RCO Vancouver PDC-A and to WECC RCO Loveland PDC-B
- From Entity Control Center B data will stream to WECC RCO Vancouver PDC-B and to WECC RCO Loveland PDC-A
 - Entities with a single control center will have two PDCs and Edge Routers in the same control center



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Phasor Gateway & NASPInet

- Inter Project Data Exchange
- Name / Directory services
- Security services
 - Must be able to selective block access to individual data sources
- Data services
- Integration
- Scope of the NASPInet demonstration needs to be defined



Registry (PMU / PDC / ???)

- Promote and Collaboration
- Existing Technologies
- How does it interact with Wide Area BES Model (CIM)
- Measurement Equipment Centric vs. Signal Centric
- What is the interaction with the Phasor Gateway
- Common Registry data exchange format
- Other Meta Data
 - Multiple PDC parents
 - How measurements relate to the BES e.g. Path calculations
 - What else needs to be captured here

