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To: Stakeholder Advisory Committee
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Subject: Eastern Interconnection Planning Collaborative (EIPC) Initiative

Information Item

EIPC Project

At the October SAC meeting the IESO informed the group of the EIPC proposal and the IESO's inclusion in this work as a NERC planning authority. We are now happy to report that on December 18, 2009 the U.S. Department of Energy announced the award of US \$ 16 Million from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act stimulus funds to the EIPC to support the transmission planning process. The press release on this award, as well as additional details on the EIPC organization can be found at <http://eipconline.com/>. The newly announced US federal funds will be used to support this work.

As we indicated in our earlier correspondence on this matter it is anticipated that the work in the EIPC initiative will be ramping up in the near future, and is expected to last the better part of four years. The IESO will be working closely with the OPA and Ontario transmitters within this program and will publish relevant findings through its normal reliability based reporting venues such as the Ontario Reliability Outlook reports.