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## **Resolution 09-01**

### **CSG-WEST Collaboration with Western Governors' Association Western Interconnection Planning and Analysis Initiative**

**BACKGROUND:** The CSG-WEST Executive Committee through resolution 99-2 passed in 1999 recognized the importance of low-cost, reliable electricity supplies for a healthy western economy and that changes in the electric power industry require a new approach to ensuring the reliability of the western transmission system.

**WHEREAS,** the Executive Committee of CSG-WEST recognizes the significant role traditional and renewable resources such as oil, natural gas, coal, nuclear, hydropower, wind, solar, geothermal, and biomass have played and will continue to play in achieving future energy demand; and

**WHEREAS,** CSG-WEST understands the importance of the development of the West's renewable energy resources for ensuring sustainable energy resources and less reliance on foreign sources of energy; and

**WHEREAS,** In April 2008, the Western Governors initiated the Western Renewable Energy Zones Project to identify the richest and most developable renewable resource areas in the Western Interconnection, and to expedite development of transmission lines from those areas to load centers;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that CSG-WEST supports the Western Governors Association's Western Renewable Energy Zones Phase 1 Report and looks forward to the continuation and completion of the project. CSG-WEST also agrees to collaborate as stakeholders with the Western Governors Association on the WREZ project over the next five years through yearly stakeholder meetings with WGA staff.

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