



"Serving Western Legislatures"

RESOLUTION NO. 2000 – 2

Supporting the Formation of the Western Interconnection Organization

WHEREAS, after two years of work by the western power industry and western states and provinces a proposal has been developed to create a Western Interconnection Organization through a consolidation of existing organizations; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Western Interconnection Organization would:

- Promote efficient electric markets in the Western Interconnection,
- Ensure the reliability of the Western Interconnection in an increasingly competitive electricity market,
- Provide an effective, open decision-making process for the management of the western power grid,
- Eliminate overlap or duplication of effort among existing grid management organizations, and
- Provide for a clear determination of authority and responsibility; and

WHEREAS, without the Western Interconnection Organization there is an increasing possibility that electric power decisions critical to the economy of the West and the health of our people will be made in Washington, D.C. instead of by the people and companies in the West who are directly affected by such decisions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of State Governments-*WEST*:

- Endorses the formation of the Western Interconnection Organization;
- Supports an orderly transition of the existing regional transmission associations and the Western Systems Coordinating Council into the new organization in 2001; and
- Urges the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and the Department of Justice to expeditiously grant necessary approvals for the creation of the Western Interconnection Organization.

*Adopted By the CSG-WEST Executive Committee on November 18, 2000
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