

WECC

WECC Update

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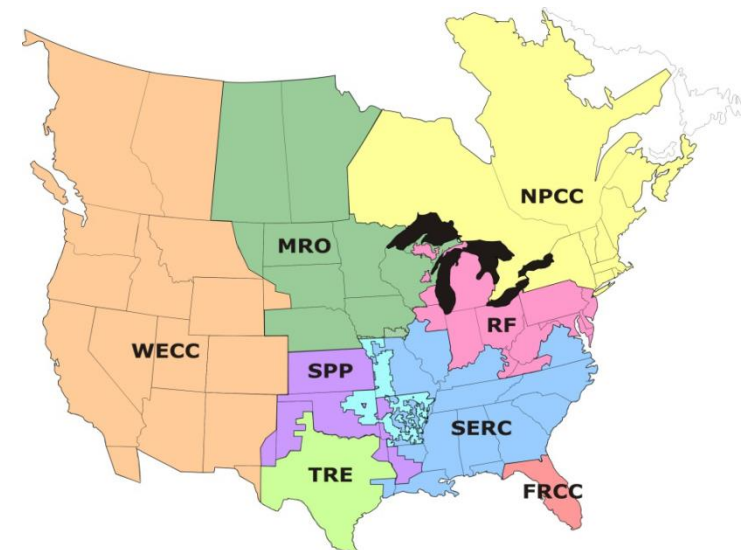
Overview

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WECC Functions

- **What we do:**
 - Compliance Monitoring and Enforcement
 - Standards Development
 - **Reliability Planning and Performance Analysis**

WECC's mission is to promote and foster a reliable and efficient bulk electric system



System Adequacy Planning (SAP)

- Transmission Expansion Planning department merge with WECC Loads and Resources
- Objectives
 - Oversee and maintain public planning databases and models
 - Facilitate and coordinate Interconnection-wide planning processes
 - Prepare Interconnection-wide Transmission Reports
 - Produce reliability assessments for WECCs fleet of resources

Analysis in SAP

What Reliability Challenges Might WECC Face?

Near Term

Long Term

Resource
Adequacy

Stability

Cascading
Outages

Congestion

Transmission
Expansion

Flexibility

2015 Transmission Report

- Analytical program for 2014-2015 designed to identify potential risks to reliability as well as opportunities for reliability improvement.
- The 2015 report describes and identifies overarching themes and recommendations based on multiple study results.
- [2015 Transmission Report](#)

Study Results and Recommendations

Case	Expected Impacts relative to Common Case				
	Heaviest Path Utilization	Total Variable Production Cost	CO ₂ Emissions	Dump Energy ¹	Proportion of Renewable Energy
PC2 Low Loads	↓	↓	↓	↓	↑
PC3 High Loads	↑	↑	↑	↑	↓
PC4 High Hydro	↑	↓	↓	Unknown	Unknown
PC5 Low Hydro	↓	↑	↑	Unknown	↓
PC6 High NG price	↑	↑	↑	↑	Unknown
PC7 Low NG price	↓	↓	↓	↓	Unknown
PC 10 High CO ₂ \$	↓	↑	↓	↓	Unknown
PC 11 Low CO ₂ \$	↓	↑	↓	Unknown	Unknown

Number of Hours At or Exceeding Metrics

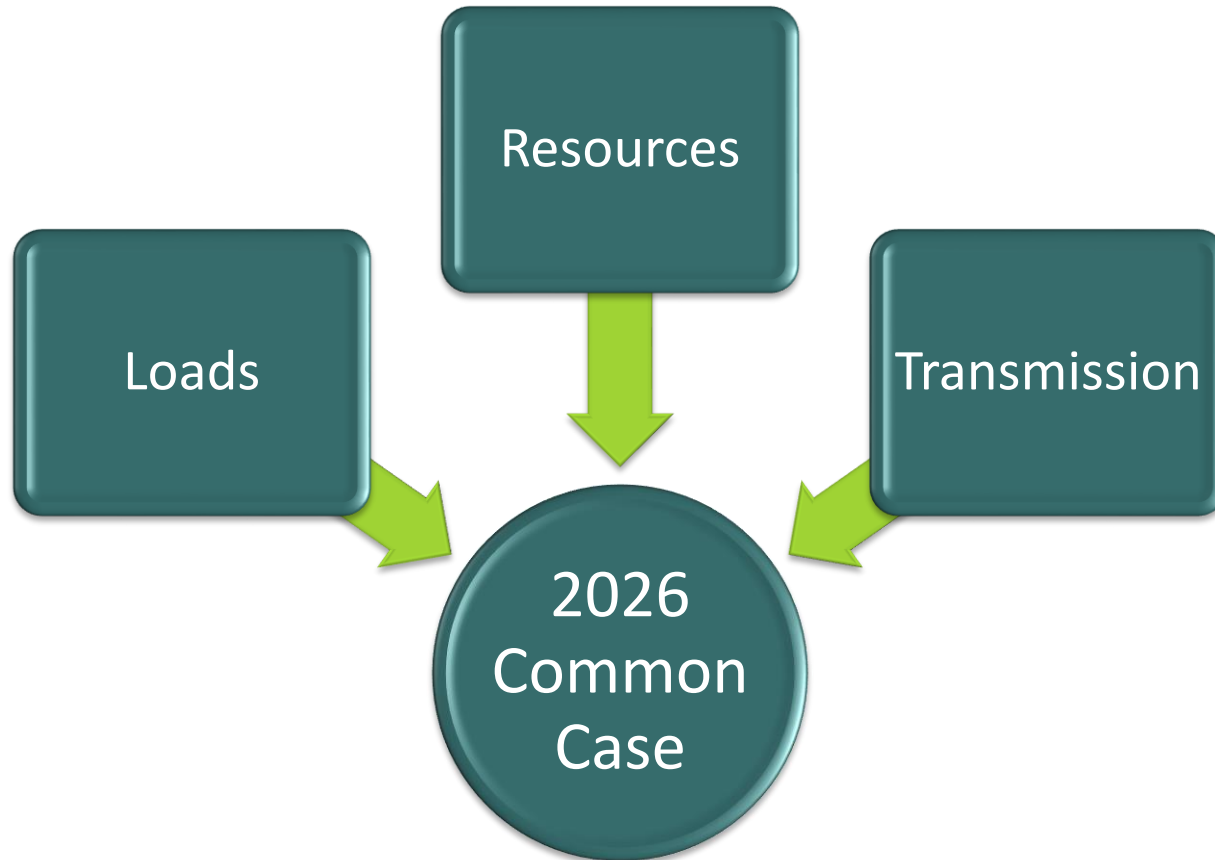
Path and Metrics ¹	PC1 – Common Case	PC2 – High Load	PC5 – Low Hydro	PC20 – Coal Retirement	PC22—High Renewables
P01 Alberta-British Columbia					1072
75%	66	1183	1064	368	684
(E-to-W) 90%	22	773	670	184	480
99%	6	564	502	102	
P18 Montana-Idaho					
75%	527	456	193	563	1778
(E-to-W) 90%	231	171	73	206	794
99%	131	74	23	89	424
P26 Northern-Southern CA					
75%	854	1707	306	923	1744
(N-to-S) 90%	353	742	114	332	842
99%	195	457	58	177	501
P31 TOT 2A					
75%	11	26	5	712	1320
(N-to-S) 90%	0	15	1	296	838
99%	0	13	1	155	583
P45 SDG&E-CFE					
75%	321	297	258	707	1780
(N-to-S) 90%	204	185	121	477	1506
99%	144	134	84	381	1349
P48 Northern NM					
75%	1246	1985	947	184	237
(NW-to-SE) 90%	164	357	71	4	20
99%	7	24	1	0	0
P52 Silver Pk-Control					
75%	2984	4126	4121	3010	2932
(W-to-E) 90%	1948	2828	2764	2038	2055
99%	0	0	0	0	0
P60 Inyo-Control					
75%	6103	6003	6789	3359	3248
(E-to-W) 90%	4019	3754	4798	2181	1501
99%	2725	40	3342	1624	803
P83 Montana Alberta					
Tie 75%	1058	3681	739	1794	4245
(N-to-S) 90%	361	2531	277	934	3285
99%	156	1945	142	572	2722

Study Results and Recommendations

- Recommendations
 - Uncertainties in Planning
 - Expected Future Grid
 - Need for Greater Collaboration and Improved Base Case Review
 - Continue Investigation of Variable Resource Integration

2026 Common Case

2026 TEPPC Common Case – Major Assumptions



2026 Common Case Transmission Assumptions

2026 Common Case Transmission Assumptions (CCTA)

The purpose of the CCTA is to provide a basic set of facilities that TEPPC can use as a starting point for their own studies. The CCTA is a list of facilities that are expected to be in-service by 2026.

- (1) Boardman – Hemingway (B2H) [500 kV]
- (2) Delaney – Colorado River (Ten West Link)
- (3) Delaney – Palo Verde [500 kV]
- (4) Delaney – Sun Valley [500 kV]
- (5) Energy Gateway: Wallula – McNary [230 kV]
- (6) Energy Gateway South: Aeolus – Mona [500 kV]
- (7) Energy Gateway West: Bridger – Populus [500 kV]
- (8) Energy Gateway West: Windstar – Jim Bridger [230-500 kV]
- (9) Energy Gateway West: Midpoint – Hemingway [500 kV]
- (10) Energy Gateway West: Populus – Midpoint [500 kV]
- (11) Energy Gateway West: Populus – Cedar Hill – Hemingway [500 kV]
- (12) Harry Allen – Eldorado (Centennial II) [500kV]
- (13) I-15 Corridor Reinforcement Project (Castle Rock – Troutdale)
- (14) Morgan – Sun Valley [500 kV]
- (15) Pawnee – Daniels Park
- (16) West of McNary Reinforcement Project Group 2 (Big Eddy – Knight)

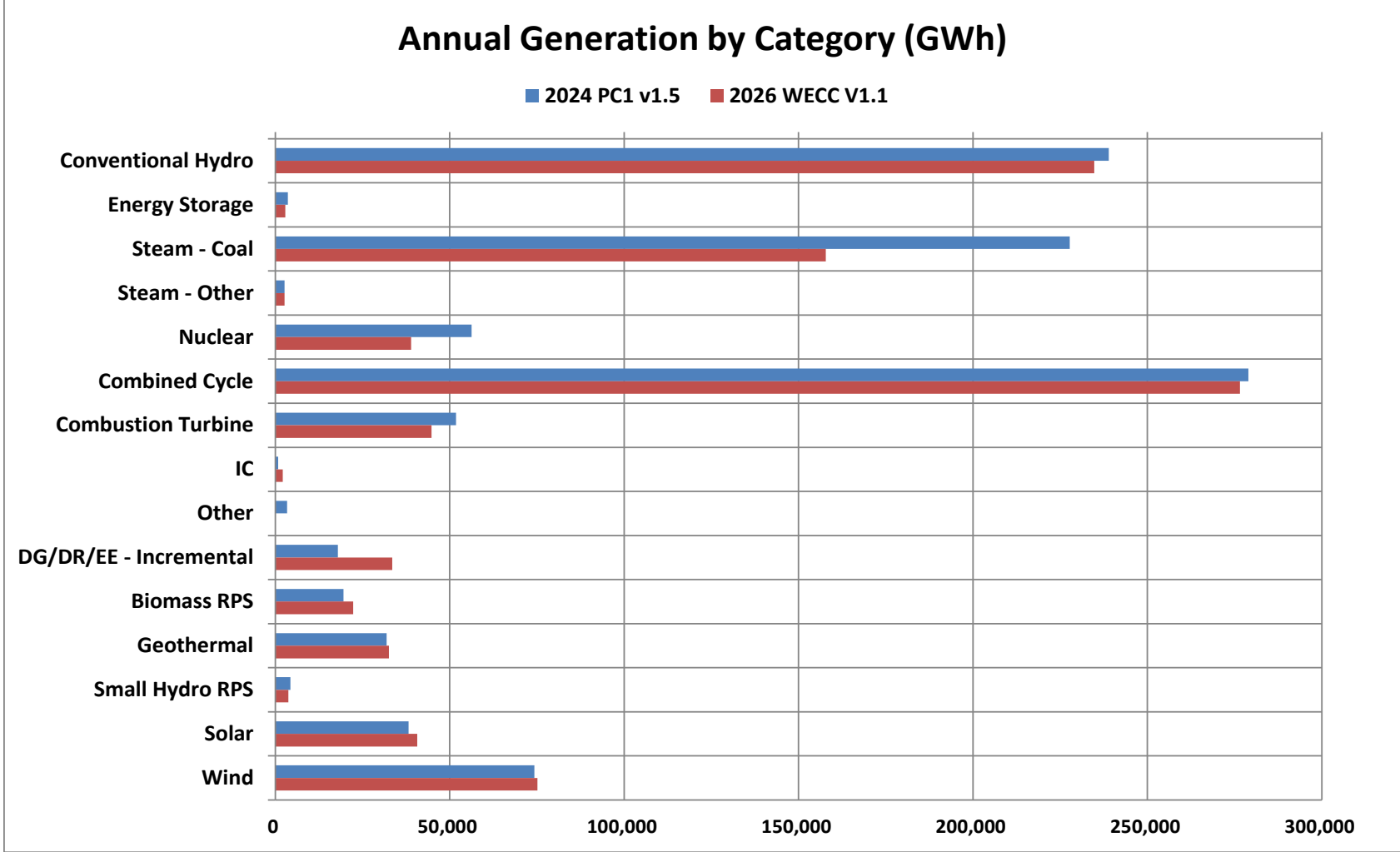
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Regional Planning Coordination Group (RPCG)

CAISO – California Independent System	SIERRA – Sierra Subregional Planning Group
CTPG – California Transmission Planning Group	SWAT – Southwestern Area Transmission
CG – Columbia Grid	AESO – Alberta Electric System Operator
CCPG – Colorado Coordinated Planning Group	BCCPG – BC Coordinated Planning Group
NTTG – Northern Tier Transmission Group	

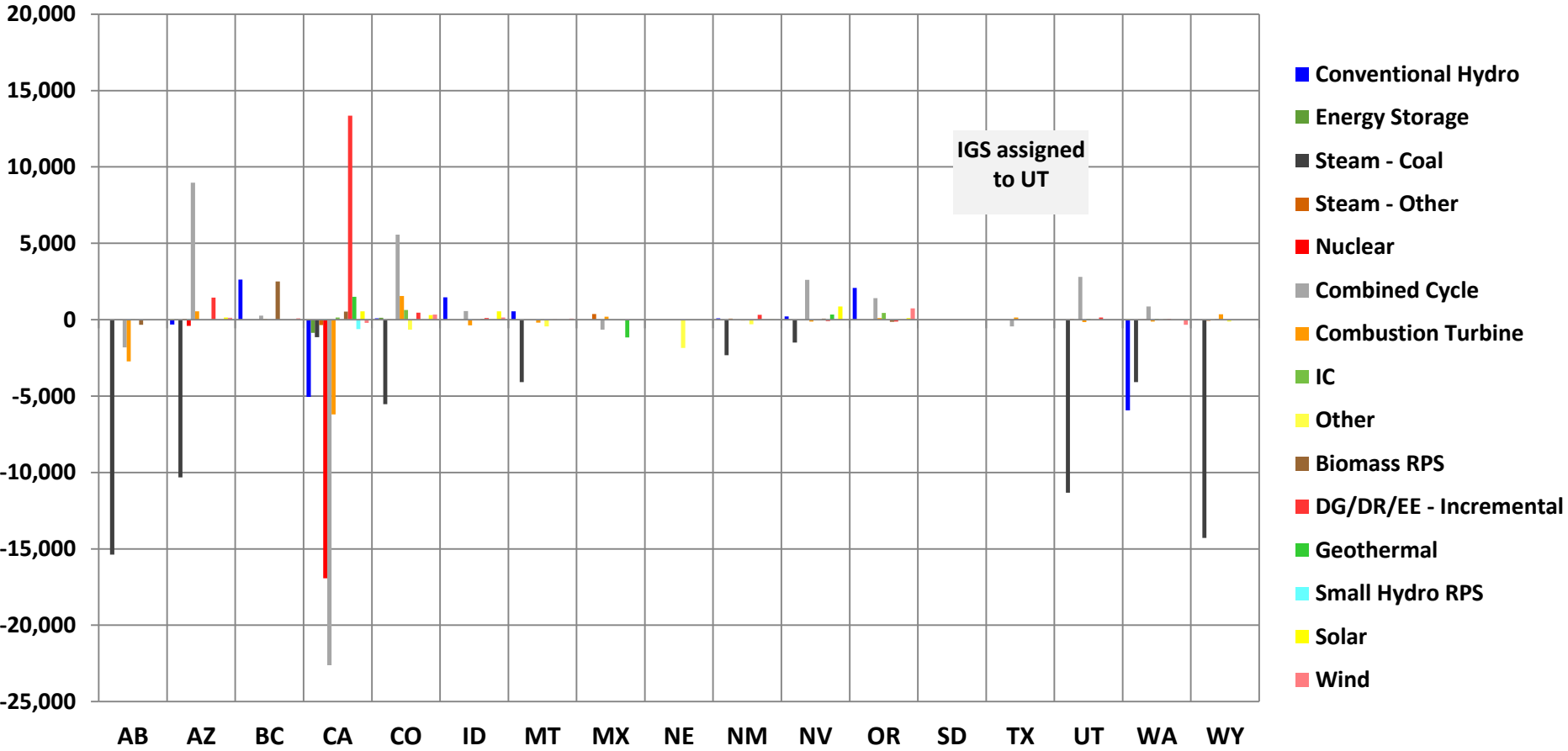


2026 Common Case Results



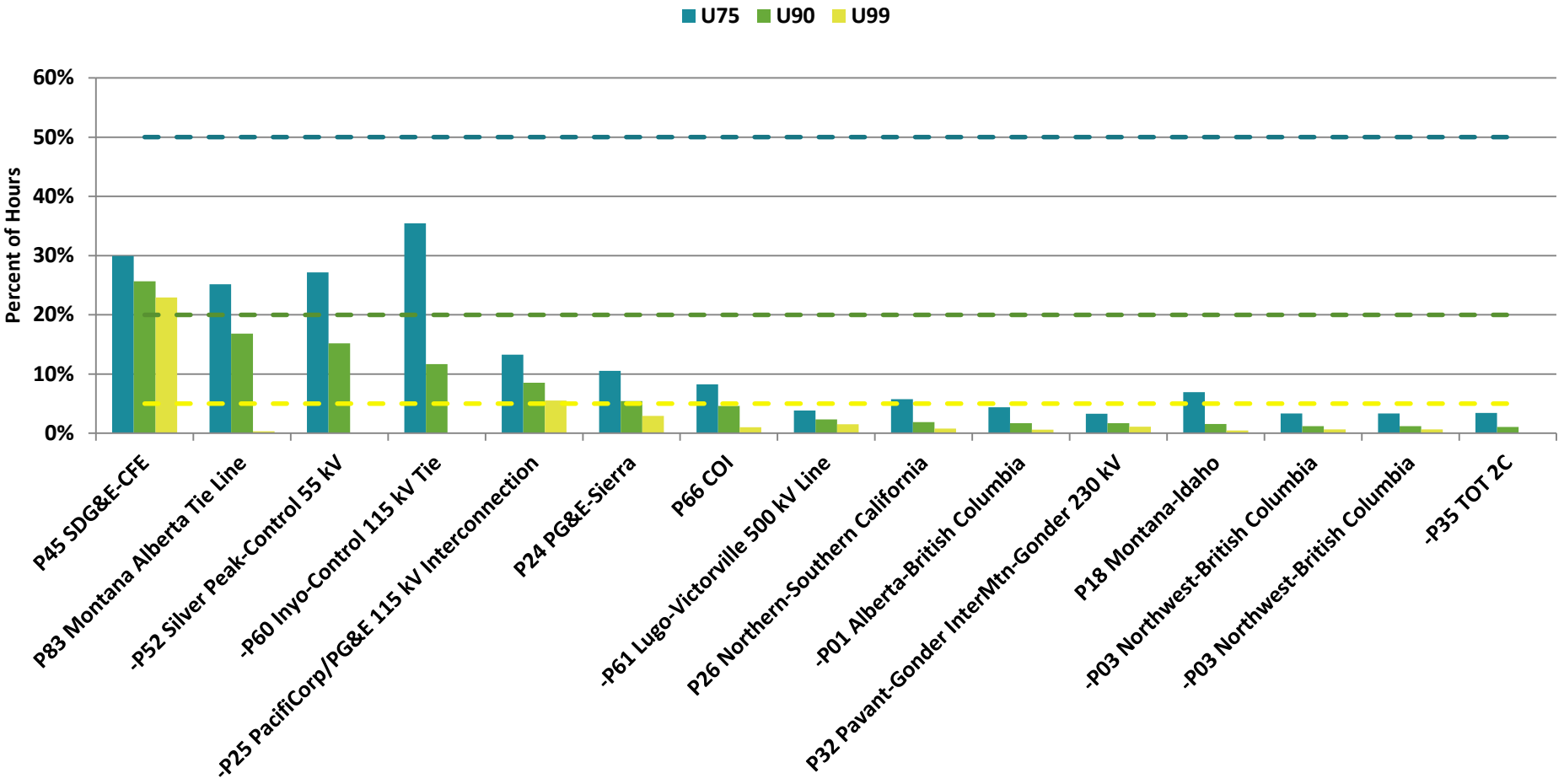
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Annual Gen Change (GWh) 2024 PC1 v1.5 vs 2026 WECC V1.1



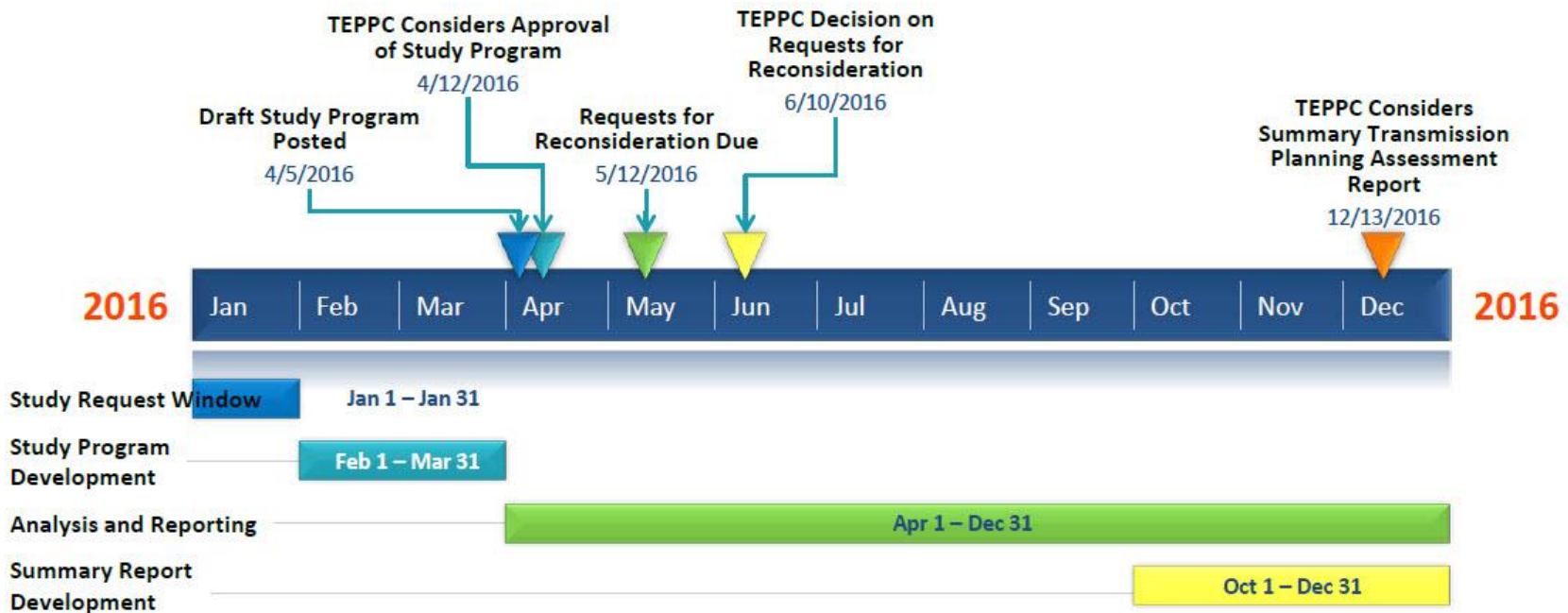
2026 Common Case Results

Most Heavily Utilized Paths - WECC_V1.1 Common Case



Continuing Work and Next Steps

- Continued work and stakeholder review of 2026 Common Case
- 2016 Study Program



Questions

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