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Dear Interested Parties:

The Western Electricity Coordinating Council — in close coordination with the Western Governors' Association, the Western Conference of Public Service Commissioners, Western Canadian provinces, and leading non-governmental organizations — is developing 10-year and 20-year transmission plans for the Western Interconnection. In conjunction with this effort, the Western Governors' Association is taking the lead to advance the Western Renewable Energy Zones initiative launched in 2008.

The success of these projects hinges on the involvement by Western industry and regulatory leaders.

To that end, WECC is hosting a **Resource Planners Forum on June 21-22 in San Diego** for resource planners at Western utilities, utility commissions, and state/provincial energy offices. The aims of the forum include:

- Identify what transmission planning scenarios would be most useful to utility resource planners.
- Provide input on the elements of a 2020 base case scenario for a regional transmission plan.
- Review assumptions for alternative transmission planning scenarios, such as:
 - high levels of energy efficiency, demand response, and distributed generation
 - game-changing breakthroughs in generation, delivery, or demand-side technologies
 - future carbon regulations that could significantly affect resource choices and existing operations
- Identify ways to cooperate on procuring renewable resources from preferred Western Renewable Energy Zones.

The Resource Planners Forum will be held at Hilton San Diego Mission Valley. Attached are the logistics for the meeting. You can [click here to register](#) for the meeting. For more information, you may contact:

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The first forum, held in February 2009, brought together a hundred industry and government thought-leaders in the West — utility CEOs, resource and transmission planners, and state and provincial regulators — to share information and discuss high-priority resource planning issues. Regional discussion and collaboration on these issues is increasingly important as a more robust transmission planning process for the West begins.

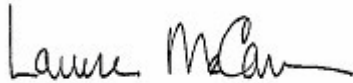
Our economy and our quality of life depend on the electricity resource and transmission choices we make in the coming years. We hope your company or agency will join us in San Diego.

Sincerely,

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Pam O. Inmann, Executive Director

Western Governors' Association

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Louise McCarren, CEO
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John Savage, Chairman: State-Provincial Steering Committee
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