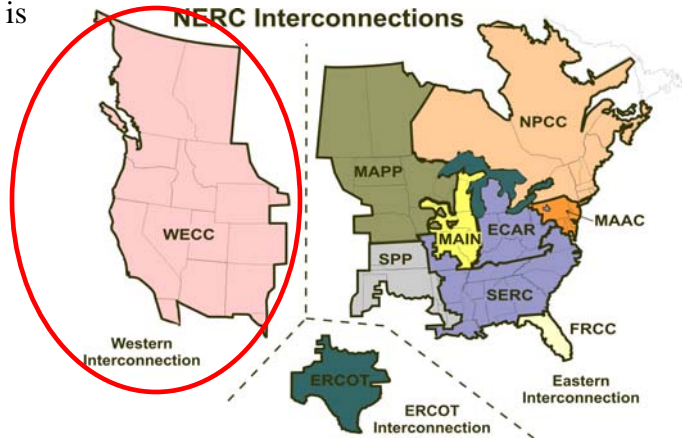


Fuel Choice Determines Transmission Requirements

This discussion will focus on the western context for electric transmission development and the myths and realities of transmission. The core message is that the generation fuel choices of utilities will determine what new transmission is built.

The discussion of the regional context will focus on:

- The geographical context, which is the Western Interconnection;
- Western generating resource options;
- The jurisdiction of federal and state governments over transmission decisions; and
- Proposed western transmission projects.



Larson will report on the Western Governors' Association's new Western Renewable Energy Zone project.

The presentation will conclude with observations on:

1. The increasing attractiveness of location-constrained renewable generation;
2. Supersizing transmission lines to such resources; and
3. The unintended consequences of not building transmission.