

## **Montana to Washington Transmission System Upgrade - NEPA**

The Montana to Washington Transmission System Upgrade (formerly known as CUP West) is one of the plans of service identified in the 2010 Network Open Season (NOS) process. When combined with the Northern Intertie project, the upgrade would be expected to provide 480 MW of additional capacity.

On May 31, 2011, the agency issued a notice that a number of the NOS 2010 requests, including this plan of service, would move forward at rolled-in rates. However, a final decision to proceed with construction is contingent upon the results of the NEPA process. The final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is expected in December 2014, with the Record of Decision (ROD) expected in April 2015.

This project will complete the NEPA and preliminary engineering and design (PED) work for the Montana to Washington Transmission System Upgrade project.