Senate Bill 100 Information Filing Presentation

December 18, 2008





Agenda

- Introduction and purpose
- Energy Resource Zones
- Transmission Planning Process
- Transmission Projects
- Next Steps





Purpose of Information Filing

- Provide Commission and stakeholders with an update of Public Service's SB-100 activities
- Provide an interim plan for Commission input
- Provide additional transparency into the planning efforts under SB-100
- Opportunity to focus next steps





SB-100 Informational Filing

- Section I: A description of the stakeholder process Public Service has conducted since the spring of 2008 related to its activities under SB 07-100
- Section II: A description of the current identified Energy resource Zones("ERZs")
- Section III: A description of Public Service's overall transmission planning process
- Section IV: The transmission plans that Public Service has prepared pursuant to SB 07-100
- Section V: Next steps



I. Stakeholder process





SB-100 Process

- March 2007:Senate Bill 100 become law in CO.
- Oct 31, 2007: PSCo submits first filing to PUC which includes the establishment of Energy Resource Zones and submits a CPCN for Pawnee to Smoky Hill(SH)345 kV line.
- Feb 2008: Hearing on CPCN Pawnee-SH 345 kV line.
- Feb 2008: PSCo agrees to accelerate SB-100 2008 process.
- March 4, 2008: Kickoff Meeting for 2008 SB-100 process.
- April July 2008: Transmission Study Group meets.
- Sept 26, 2008: Stakeholder meeting to discuss transmission plans to all 5 energy resource zones.
- Nov 5-6th, 2008: Rehearing on CPCN(Pawnee –SH 345).
- Nov 24, 2008: Informational filing with PUC on energy zones and transmission plans for each zone.





II. Energy Resource Zones





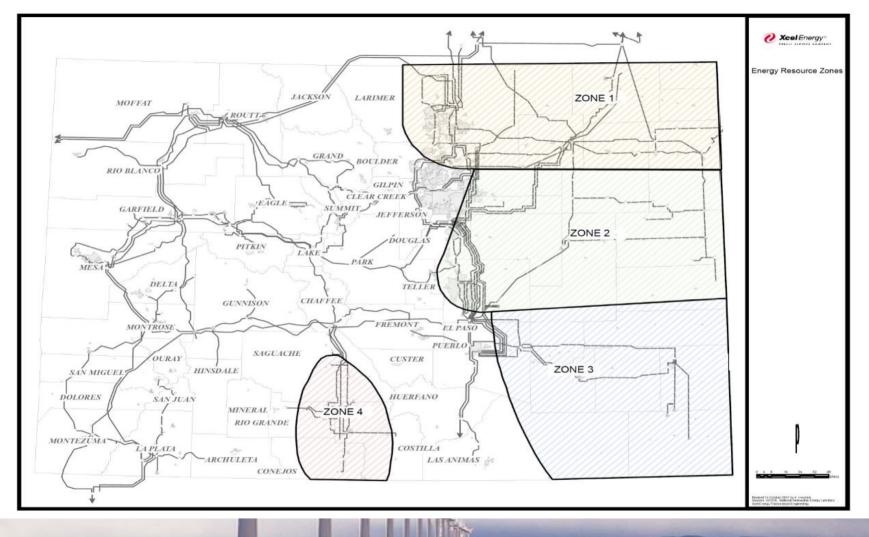
Determination of Energy Resource Zones

- 2007 Process
- Generator interconnection requests
 - Bids received in response to the 2005 All Source RFP
 - More detailed wind modeling by county
 - Stakeholder suggestions
 - Note: SB07-91 Report was not made public until early 2008





Energy Resource Zones -- 2007



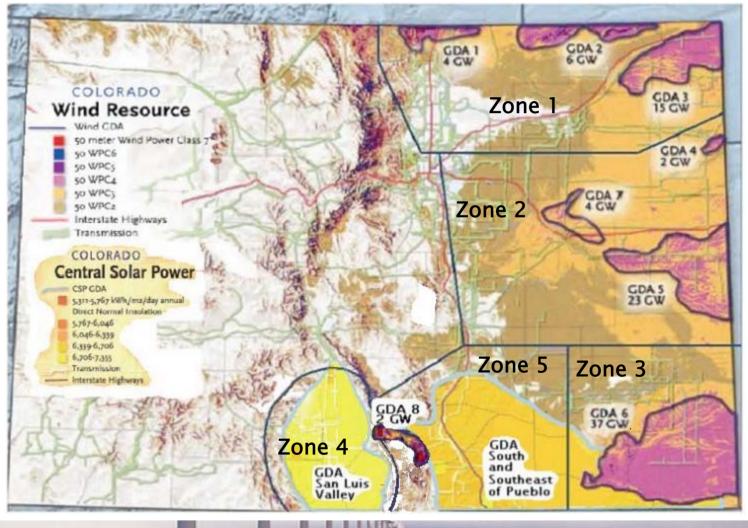


Changes for 2008

- South central CO and some of the GDAs were not represented in a Zone
- Created Zone 5
 - Western portions of Zone 3 and the eastern portion of Zone 4
 - Boone, Walsenburg and Comanche interconnection in Zone 5
 - Access to Wind GDA 8 and the Solar GDA South and Southeast of Pueblo
- Positive feedback from stakeholders

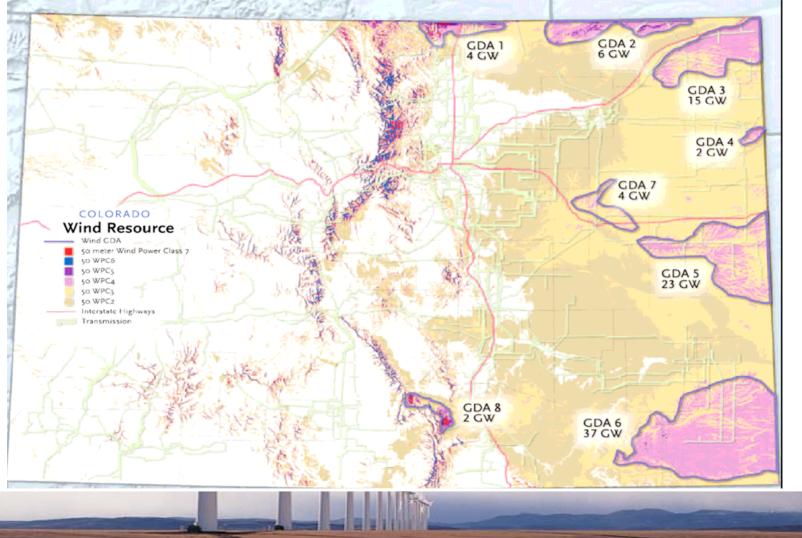


2008 Energy Resource Zones with GDA's



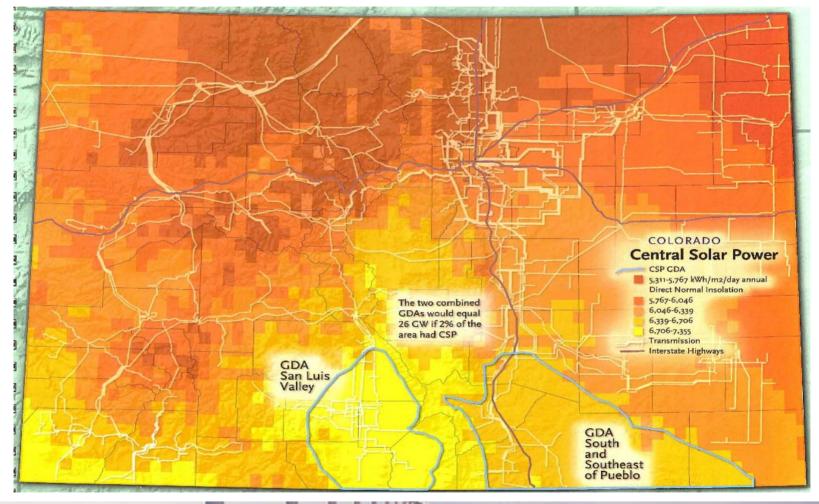


Wind GDA's (Generator Development Areas) SB-091

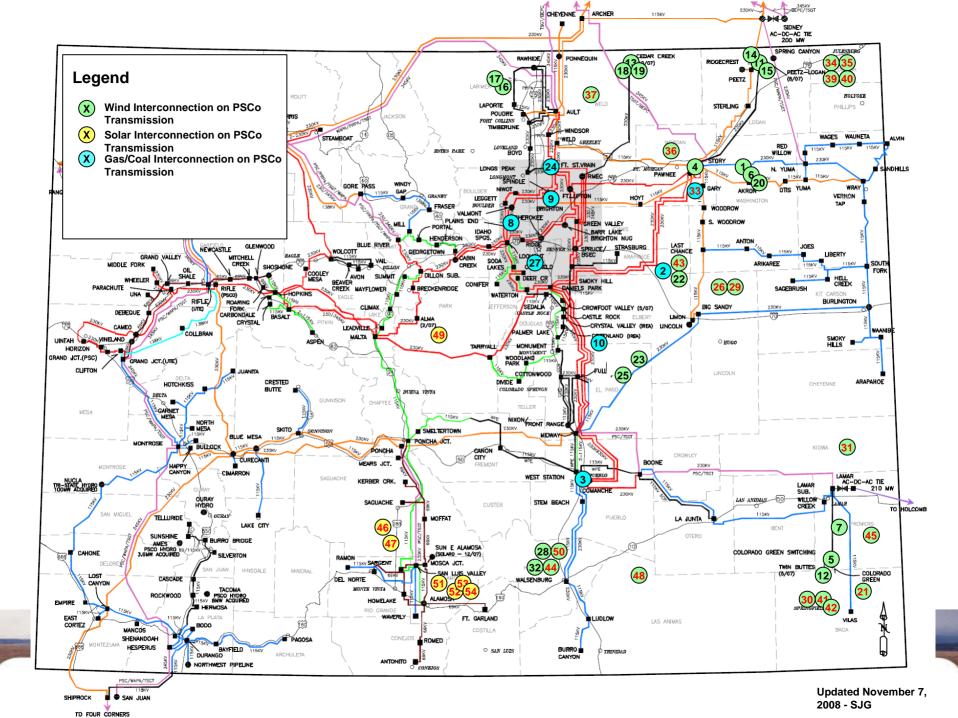




Solar GDA's SB-091





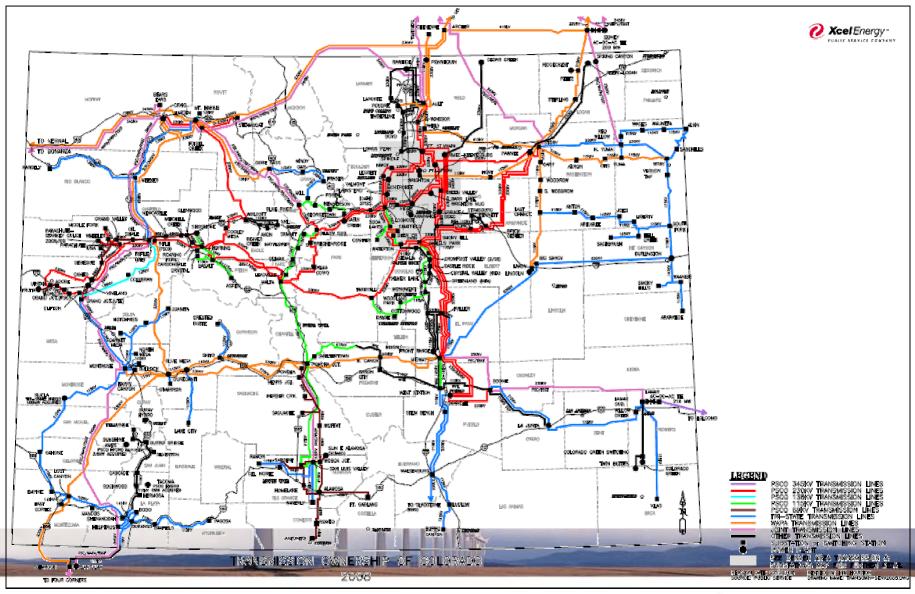


III. Transmission Planning





Transmission Map





Planning Objectives

- Maintain reliable electric service.
- Improve the efficiency of electric system operations, including the provision of open and non-discriminatory access to its transmission facilities.
- Identify and promote new investments in transmission infrastructure in a coordinated, open, transparent, and participatory manner.
- Comply with FERC 890 principles.



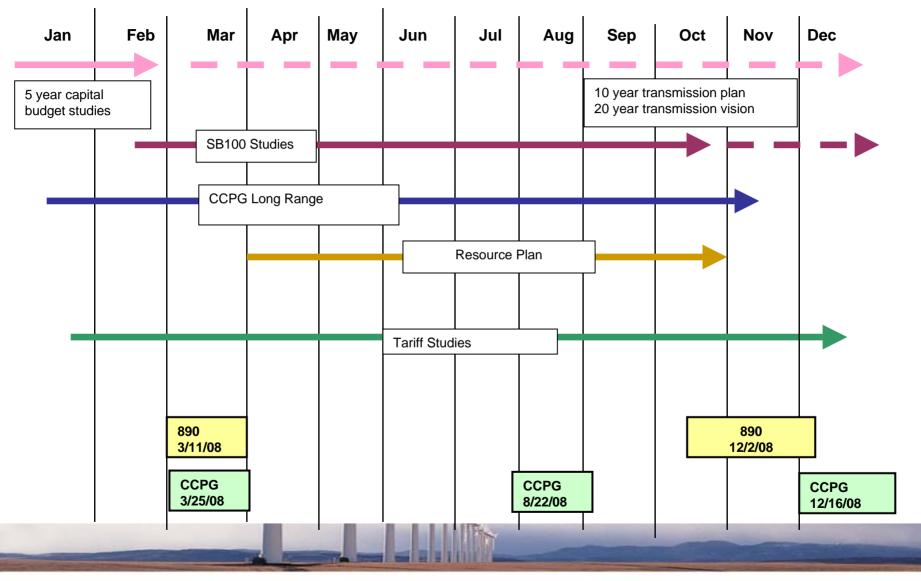
Coordinated Planning Process

- Calendar
- FERC 890 coordinated planning
- SB-100 open stakeholder process
- Regional and sub regional coordination





Planning Calendar





FERC 890 Process

- Compliance filing Oct 15, 2008
- Open Stakeholders meetings twice a year
- Open, transparent and coordinated transmission planning process





Colorado Coordinated Planning Group

- Forum for joint transmission planning
- Recognized WECC Sub-Region
- Three Open Meetings/Year

April, August, December (Joint with SWAT/Sierra)

- Denver TSGT Offices
- Multiple Subcommittee and Work Group meetings throughout the year
- Open to All Interested Stakeholders
- Meeting Notices/Materials Posted at:

www.westconnect.com



IV. Transmission Plans for Each Energy Zone





Overview of Plans

- Midway to Waterton 345 kV
- Pawnee to Smoky Hill 345 kV
- Short term solutions
- Plans for each ERZ





Midway to Waterton 345 kV Project

- CPCN issued in September 2007
- Premise of CPCN was deliver 500 MW from the Squirrel creek project
- Squirrel creek Project Cancelled
- Midway to Waterton needed to delivery resources from energy zones 3, 4 and 5 to Denver load Center
- Proposal to have in service 2012.





Pawnee to SH 345 kV CPCN

- October 31, 2007: Filed CPCN for new 345 kV line
- Hearing on Feb 27-28, 2008
- 94 mile 345 kV line to access renewables from Zone 1
- Cost estimated to be \$120 million in 2008 \$
- Scheduled ISD year end 2013
- Transfer approximately 500 MW of renewable resources to Denver load center
- Rehearing on Nov 5-6, 2008
- Expect final ruling end of 2008



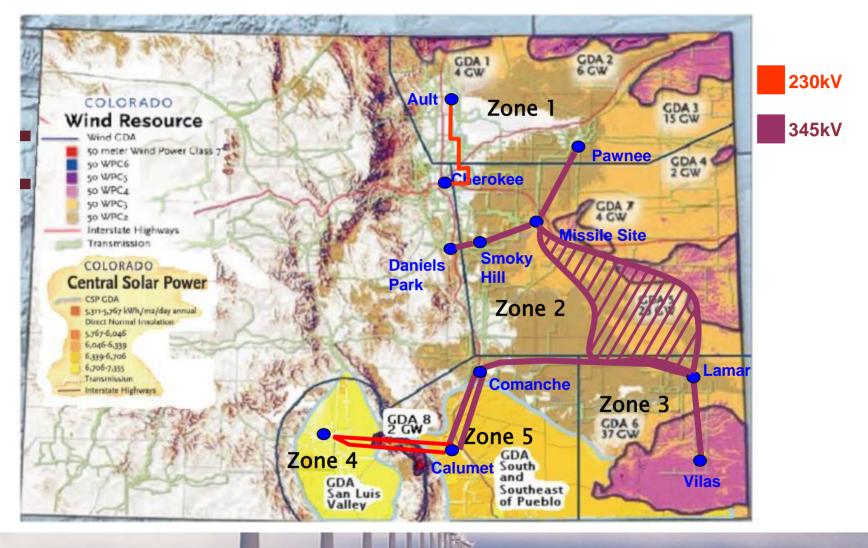
Short term Solutions

- Upgraded the Pawnee to Smoky Hill and the Pawnee to Daniel Park 230 kV lines to allow for maximum simultaneous operation of existing resources in the Pawnee region.
- Both 230 kV lines upgraded to 636 MVA in 2008
- Both 230 kV lines will be further upgraded to 735 MVA by end of 2009.





SB-100 Overall Transmission Plan





Proposed Senate Bill 100 Projects

| Project | Description | Generation injection | Cost | Energy Zone | Priority |
|--|---|-------------------------|---------------|----------------|-----------|
| Pawnee – Daniels Park– 345 kV line | Second circuit 345 kV line in Energy zone 1. | 300-500 MW | \$65,000,000 | 1 | Medium -1 |
| Ault to Cherokee 230 kV | New mile 230kV line in energy Zone 1. | 300-600 MW | \$64,000,000 | 1 | Medium -2 |
| Missile Site | 345/230 kV switching station on Pawnee to Daniel Park line in energy zone 2. | 200-500 MW | \$13,500,000 | 2 | High-2 |
| Lamar to Comanche 345 kV line and Lamar | New 345kV lines to access energy zone 3. | 800-1000 MW | \$240,000,000 | 3 | High -3 |
| Lamar to Vilas 345 kV line | New 345kV line in Energy Zone 3 to access wind rich area. | | \$27,000,000 | 3 | Low |
| San Luis – Calumet – Comanche Line | Double circuit 230 kV line(SLV to Calumet) and double 345 kv line(Calumet to Comanche). | 600-1000 MW | \$150,000,000 | 4 and 5 | High -1 |
| Total | | | \$559,500,000 | | |
| | generation values are non simultaneous | | | | |



V. Next Steps





Policy Considerations

- Seeking approval of transmission under SB 100 consistent with CPCN rules
 - Approving transmission in advance of new generation
 - Streamline the CPCN approval process
 - Providing guidance on prioritizing projects
- Future Transmission Planning
 - 10 year horizon vs longer
- Joint Planning/Projects
 - High Plains Express



Next Steps

- Dec 18, 2008 CPUC workshop on SB-100 plans to allow stakeholder input and feedback on priority.
- Jan 12, 2009 CPUC workshop for stakeholder response
- Feedback from CPUC on priority of CPCN's on transmission plans
- Future CPCN process for SB-100 projects





Questions



