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RESOLUTION NO. 2000 – 1

Stopgap Electric Transmission Reliability Management System

WHEREAS, the reliability of the western electric power system is critical to the economy of the West and the health of our people; and

WHEREAS, the efficacy of the historic system of voluntary reliability standards for the western transmission system is being challenged in our increasingly competitive power market; and

WHEREAS, action is needed to ensure compliance with reliability standards in the event Congress fails to enact federal reliability legislation; and

WHEREAS, the western electric power industry has developed a Reliability Management System (RMS) under which reliability standards can be enforced through contracts signed by companies that operate the western transmission system; and

WHEREAS, most companies operating control areas in the western transmission system have signed the RMS contracts under which they agree to be subject to penalties for non-compliance with reliability standards; and

WHEREAS, there are a few companies operating transmission control areas that have not yet signed the Reliability Management System contracts;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of State Governments-*WEST* urges all control area operators in the Western Interconnection to sign the Reliability Management System contracts.

Adopted By the CSG-*WEST* Executive Committee on November 18, 2000
Assembled in Annual Meeting in San Diego, California.