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## **Southwest Power Pool to Decide Whether It Will Let Utilities Compete with One Another to Build Transmission Projects Valued at \$3 Billion**

### ***Ratepayers Urge SPP to Maximize Competition to Reduce Escalating Transmission Costs***

WASHINGTON, DC – The Electricity Transmission Competition Coalition [submitted comments](#) to the Southwest Power Pool today on the 2025 ITP Short-Term Reliability Projects Report.

In a statement, **Paul Cicio, Chair of the Electricity Transmission Competition Coalition**, said: It is troubling that the STR designation and resulting exclusion of certain transmission projects from competition raise important policy, cost, and accountability considerations. These concerns are particularly significant where projects are capital-intensive and cannot reasonably be placed in service within the timeframe contemplated by the Open Access Transmission Tariff (“OATT”). Therefore, we urge you to the maximum extent possible to require that utilities compete with one another to build transmission projects to reduce consumer costs.

Read more about the benefits of transmission competition in ETCC’s comprehensive [report](#).

### **About the Electricity Transmission Competition Coalition**

The Electricity Transmission Competition Coalition (ETCC) is a broad-based, nation-wide coalition committed to increasing competition in America’s electricity transmission infrastructure. We advocate for common-sense policies and solutions that result in competitively priced transmission projects, which reduce energy costs for all ratepayers – from large manufacturers to residential consumers. The ETCC represents a diverse group of 95 companies and organizations from all 50 states, including manufacturing groups, retail electric consumers, state consumer advocates, think tanks, and non-incumbent transmission developers.

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