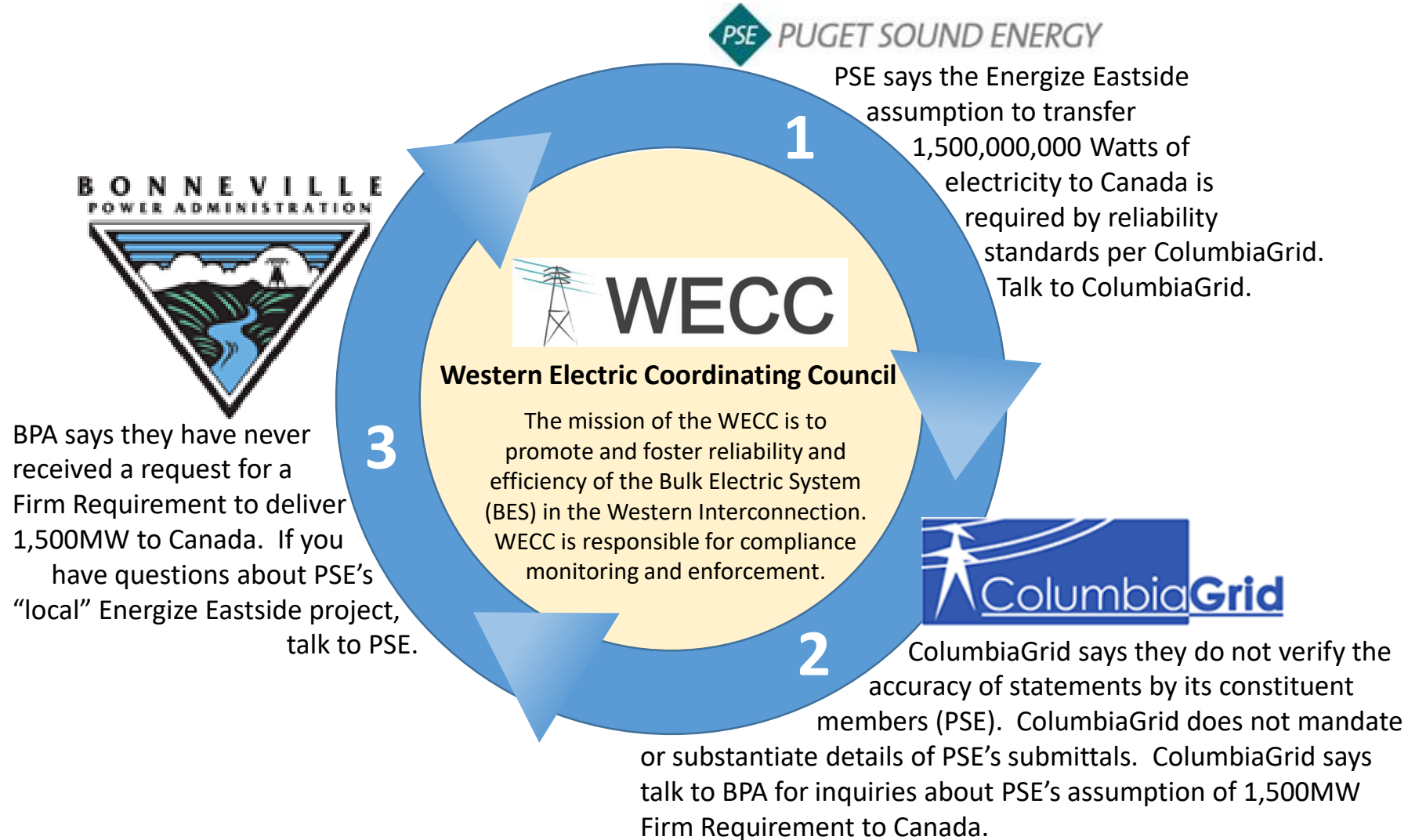
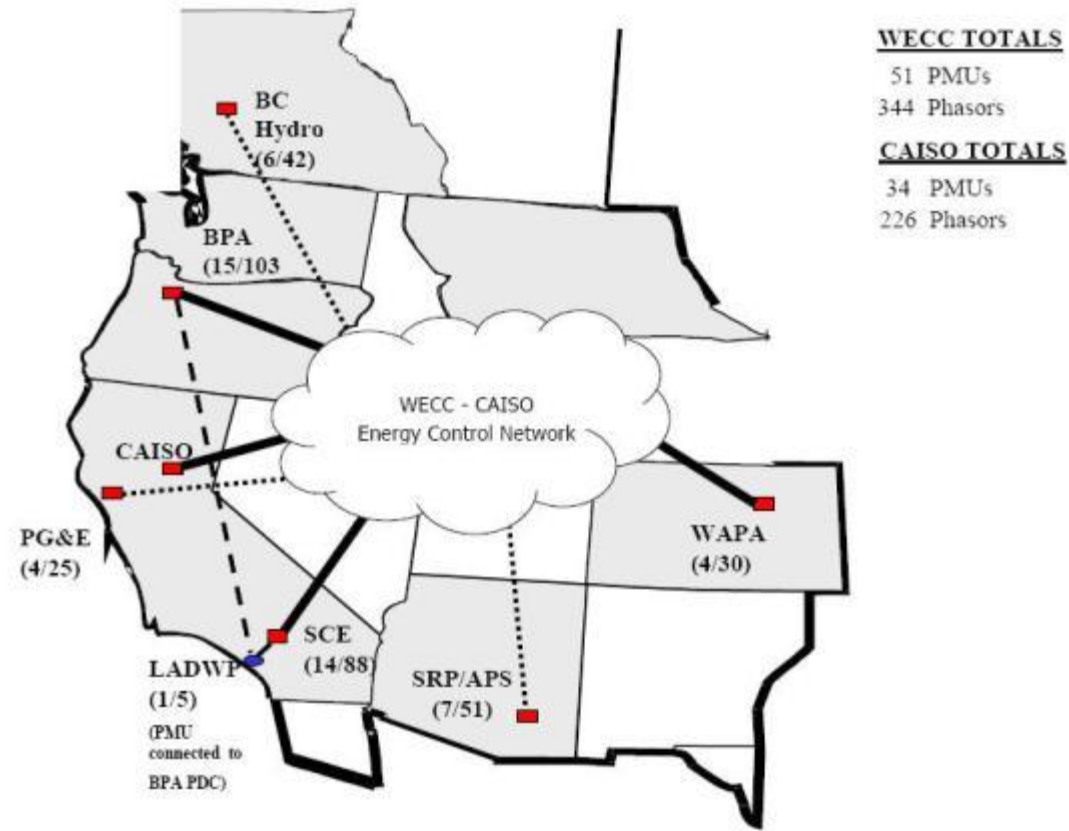


PSE's Circular Argument





A simplified diagram of the Western Electric Coordinating Council. The mission of the WECC is to promote and foster a reliable and efficient Bulk Electric System (BES). The WECC, based in Salt Lake City, is responsible BES reliability in the Western Interconnection. WECC is responsible for **compliance monitoring and enforcement**. **WECC provides an environment for the development of Reliability Standards**. WECC is geographically the largest and most diverse of the eight Regional Entities with delegated authority from NERC and FERC.

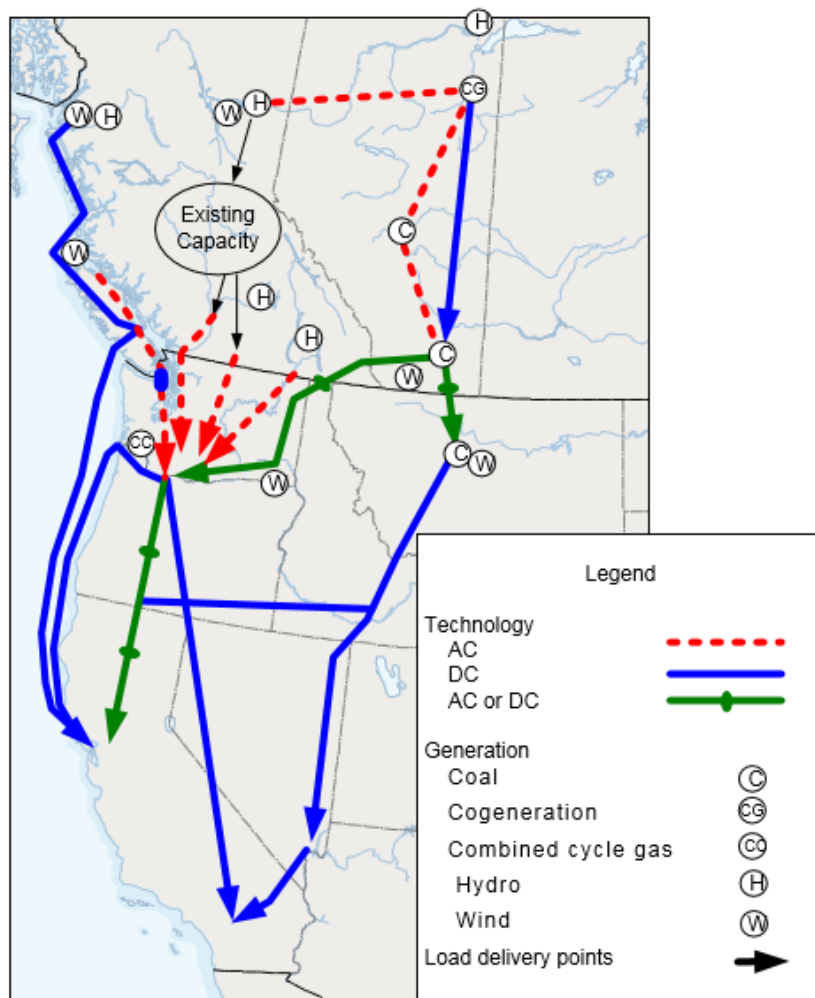


Figure 1: Alternative Corridors and Technologies Studied

Utilities are risk-averse and make plans many, many years in advance. Utilities are not early adopters and are rarely poised to take advantage of energy technology solutions that have arisen more recently, like battery storage. Battery storage - in combination with steeply declining costs of renewables like solar and wind – were not considered viable alternatives in 2006. Now they are being deployed in many places in the U.S., and internationally, to solve peak demand issues.

The image on the left shows the **Transmission Options Study from 2006**. Note the several red arrows running through western WA. Also note the downward pointing green arrow that begins at the convergence of those red arrows, running south to California.

With the advent of the CAISO, battery storage, the declining price of renewables, as well as additional renewables coming on-line much faster than anticipated, is **ColumbiaGrid supporting projects, like Energize Eastside, that no longer need to be solved?**

Examples: BPA recently canceled their I-5 Corridor Reinforcement Project, citing technology advances as well as decreased demand. PSE has even admitted that since their 2013 IRP, PSE did not anticipate how quickly and efficiently technology advances have become central to providing peak demand solutions throughout the U.S.

Where is WECC involvement to ensure the reliability and efficiency of the Western Interconnect?

Where is the WUTC involvement in protecting WA ratepayers?