ISO Governance:
Function Over Form

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ISO Objectives

- Obtain marketing freedom by separating transmission system operation from a financial stake in generation transactions.
- Produce gains in economic efficiency, i.e., higher utilization of existing facilities and reduced construction of new facilities.
- Provide incentives to reward technical innovations by the transmission operator that extracts system efficiencies and lower transmission cost.
- Allow for voluntary formation which honors existing contracts.
- Permit an orderly transition to a new industry structure.
- Protect system reliability.
Northwest Transmission O&M (As a Percent of Net Plant)

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  - Provides tariffed service to both owners and other users.
  - Manages transmission system loading and usage.
- Controls O&M Costs.
  - Sets maintenance standards.
  - Approves maintenance budgets submitted by owners or negotiates revisions.
  - Schedules maintenance.
- Plans System Upgrades.
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- Plans System Upgrades.
  - Performs regional transmission planning
  - Current owners invited to construct new facilities within their territories.
  - Builds if current owners decline or if current owners offer is excessive.