

Foundations of State Transmission Authorities

STRUCTURE • POWERS • PUBLIC PURPOSE

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GRIDWORKS

Mission and Purpose

COLORADO

to expand electric transmission facilities in Colorado to increase grid reliability, advance Colorado's clean energy goals, and aid in economic development

NEW MEXICO

to facilitate planning, financing, developing and acquiring high-voltage transmission lines and utility-scale storage projects to promote the expansion of carbon-free renewable energy use in local and regional markets and enhance economic development in New Mexico

WYOMING

to advance Wyoming's energy and natural resources; to continue to position Wyoming at the forefront of energy and natural resources innovations that benefit Wyoming and the world

Governance

“Quasi-governmental” independent, political subdivision of the state

COLORADO

9 voting directors + 1 ex officio
(Appointed by gov., house and senate leaders, state energy office, state commission).

Required areas of expertise:

- Financial matters
- Western Slope
- Utility experience
- Wildlife conservation and land use
- Organized labor
- Residential customers
- Commercial or industrial customers
- Renewable energy development

NEW MEXICO

6 voting directors + 1 ex officio
(Appointed by gov., house and senate leaders, state treasurer, energy office secretary).

Required areas of expertise:

- Financial matters
- Public utility industry knowledge
- Renewable energy development

WYOMING

7 voting directors + 5 ex officio
(Appointed by gov., confirmed by the Senate).

Required areas of expertise:

- Energy or natural resource development
- Natural gas production

Powers and Authorities

COLORADO

- Enter into public-private partnerships
- Identify transmission corridors
- Issue revenue bonds
- Eminent domain authority
- Notify the public and industry of intent to pursue a project

NEW MEXICO

- Enter into public-private partnerships
- Apply state tax incentives
- Reduced regulatory burden (location control, ROW width)
- Eminent domain authority
- Issue revenue bonds
- Notify the public and industry of intent to pursue a project

WYOMING

- Direct state funds for large infrastructure projects
- Issue revenue bonds
- Administer federal funds for energy programs
- Assist with energy project development