

Description of Meeting:	NTTG Planning Committee Meeting
Meeting Date:	January 7, 2009
Meeting Minutes Prepared By:	Lynn Jesus-Olhausen
Approved for Posting:	August 12, 2009

Attendee List: Jamie Austin, Rich Bayless, Orlando Ciniglio, Brian DeKiep, Marshall Empey, Derrick Harris, Lynn Jesus-Olhausen, John Leland, Ryan Munson, Jeff Newby, Kip Sikes, Jim Tucker, Steven Wallace, Darrel Zlomke

Not in Attendance: Arlo Corwin, Eric Egge, Darrell Gerrard, Sharon Helms, Bill Hosie, Paul Kjellander

1. Agenda:

- NTTG Planning Committee communications (Kip)
 - Project Reports for Capacity Planning and Economic Studies
 - Web page on NTTG site for Economic Studies activities
 - Open meetings for the Planning Committee
- Brief review of progress on the final steps of the light autumn adequacy study (TWG)
- Review the direction we've established for economic studies in 2009 (Kip)
- Comments and guidance from the Planning Committee (PC)
- Economic Studies Planning Team will begin discussing a project plan for performing economic congestion analyses (ESPT)

2. Discussions & Decisions:

Discussion: NTTG Planning Committee Communications

- Project Reports for Capacity Planning and Economic Studies
 - Project Reports will be used for tracking progress on the Capacity and Economic Study work. It is important to follow the schedule to ensure obligations are being met.
- Web page on NTTG site for Economic Studies Activities
 - The Economic Study Request form is posted on the NTTG website.
 - A portion of the January 28th Stakeholder meeting will be dedicated to educating stakeholder about what economic studies are and how the NTTG biennial process works.
 - NTTG's current policy is that any economic study request must be made through the local transmission provider. Information on the process is also available on each member's OASIS site.
 - Due to time constraints with the TEPPC study request schedule, stakeholders will be allowed input for what regional study they would like to see passed up to TEPPC this year. TEPPC requests must be submitted by January 31st. (Otherwise the study request must be held and submitted next year during TEPPC's open request window of time.)
- Open Meetings for the Planning Committee
 - The Planning Committee meetings are now open to the public. This is to encourage public stakeholder participation.
 - The TWG and ESPT portions will remain closed to the public due to confidentiality and CEII compliance issues.

Discussion: Brief Review of Progress on the Final Steps of the Light Autumn Adequacy Study

- There has been difficulty in getting this case to solve in all formats, but NWMT was able to solve in the PTI format. NWMT will continue the work to finish the Light Autumn case, with



support from the TWG members. Contingencies should be completed by the end of the week and available to the engineers for analysis.

Discussion: Review of the Direction Established for Economic Studies in 2009

- A work group has been established for the economic study work. This group will work to define the assumptions and define the process by January 31st. It is important that this process is ready to go should requests be received. The timeline is short (3 months) to perform the actual studies.
- It would be beneficial to conduct the study process regardless of receiving requests to look at the robustness of the system within the NTTG footprint.

Discussion: Comments and Guidance from the Planning Committee

- It would be prudent to look at base cases already established, to leverage the work previously completed by WECC and/or TEPPC. This would remove the need to re-create previously done work.
- It would be important to be knowledgeable about how the system within the NTTG footprint integrates with neighboring systems and projects.
- Some work effort that can be done now is reviewing and verifying the data in the potential WECC/TEPPC cases. Then these cases will be ready to go if they are the best base case choice.
- ColumbiaGrid has expressed interest in working with NTTG on setting up models, and they are looking for collaboration opportunities on studies.

3. Assignments: See Project Report

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Next Meeting: Next Meeting: The next Northern Tier Planning Committee meeting is scheduled for January 14th, 2009 at 1:00PM Pacific.

- Voice Conference Mtg. **503-813-5600** (toll free #800-503-3360)
- Meeting ID **688484** and password **123456**