

Description of Meeting:	NTTG Planning Committee
Meeting Date:	February 11, 2015
Meeting Notes Prepared By:	Amy Wachsnicht
Approved for Posting:	March 11, 2015

1. Agenda:

a. Approval Items

- i. January 14, 2015 NTTG Planning Committee Meeting Notes
- ii. January 29, 2015 NTTG Special Planning Committee Meeting Notes
- iii. Public Policy Consideration Study Plan: Stakeholder Comments and NTTG Planning Committee Response
- iv. Public Policy Consideration Study Plan
- v. NTTG Planning Committee Response to Stakeholder Comments submitted on the NTTG 2014-2015 Draft Regional Transmission Plan

b. Discussion Topics

- i. Revised NTTG 2014-2015 Study Plan
- ii. NTTG Interregional Order 1000 Filing Update
- iii. February 26th Western Planning Region Update

c. Round Table/Other Business

2. Discussions & Decisions:

Decision: Approval of January 14, 2015 NTTG Planning Committee Meeting Notes

- There were no comments or questions regarding the January 14, 2015 meeting notes.
- With a motion by Jerry Maio and a second by Don Johnson, the January 14, 2015 Planning Committee meeting notes were **unanimously approved for posting by all three classes.**

Decision: Approval of January 29, 2015 Special Planning Committee Meeting Notes

- There were no comments or questions regarding the January 29, 2015 meeting notes.
- With a motion by Craig Quist and a second by Bob Decker, the January 29, 2015 Special Planning Committee meeting notes were **unanimously approved for posting by all three classes.**

Decision: Approval of Public Policy Consideration Study Plan: Stakeholder Comments and NTTG Planning Committee Response

- On December 22, 2014 the Draft Study Plan for the 2015-2015 Public Policy Consideration (PPC) Scenario was posted for stakeholder comments.
 - Comments were received from NRDE, Sierra Club and NW Energy Coalition.
- Chelsea Loomis reviewed the stakeholder comments with the NTTG Planning Committee.
 - NTTG will be running powerflow analysis and after looking at the results if there is a need to run dynamics analysis, NTTG will make that decision at that time. There has been no commitment by NTTG.
 - In general the three stakeholders who submitted comments support the idea of NTTG running dynamics analysis.
- With a motion by Chelsea Loomis and a second by Rhett Hurless, the Public Policy Consideration Study Plan: Stakeholder Comments and NTTG Planning Committee Response were **unanimously approved by all three classes.**

Decision: Approval of the Public Policy Consideration Study Plan

- Chelsea Loomis informed the NTTG Planning Committee of one change made to the Draft Public Policy Consideration Study Plan, since it was last presented to the committee.

- Upon further evaluation by the Technical Workgroup (TWG), it was agreed that the Taft – Dworshak, Taft Bell 500 kV was not a credible double contingency and so it was removed.
- Hearing no further discussion or questions on the Draft Public Policy Study Plan, Don Johnson motioned for approval. The motion was seconded by David Walker and the Draft Public Policy Consideration Study Plan was **unanimously approved by all three classes.**

Decision: Approval of NTTG Planning Committee Response to Stakeholder Comments submitted on the NTTG 2014-2015 Draft Regional Transmission Plan

- On January 20, 2015 the NTTG 2014-2015 Draft Regional Transmission Plan was posted for stakeholder comments.
 - One set of comments were received from NW Energy Coalition.
- John Leland reviewed the comments with the NTTG Planning Committee. Over all the comments requested clarification and there were some minor edits made to the NTTG 2014-2015 Draft Regional Transmission Plan as a result of the stakeholder comments.
- Fred Heutte with the NW Energy Coalition thanked NTTG for the straight forward answers and clarification. He also mentioned that he talked with Jamie Austin and gave some background on the issues with the common case and how it doesn't represent the conditions in the study.
- Hearing no further comment or questions Craig Quist motioned to for approval. With a second by Dave Walker, the NTTG Planning Committee Response to Stakeholder Comments submitted on the NTTG 2014-2015 Draft Regional Transmission Plan were **unanimously approved by all three classes.**

Decision: Revised NTTG 2014-2015 Study Plan

- The revised NTTG 2014-2015 Study Plan will be posted on February 12, 2015 for stakeholder review and comment. The revisions in the Study Plan are a function of lessons learned by the Technical Workgroup and necessary to accommodate updated data that occurs in Quarter 5, additional reliability studies and address transmission service obligations.
- Dave Angell walked through the revisions of the revised Study Plan.
 - In the original study plan the data assumptions included load, resource, transmission project and alternative project assumptions. It was identified later there was a need for transmission service obligations to be included.
 - A column was added to "Table 1" to reflect any changes if data is submitted in 2015 Quarter 5.
 - A new Table 4 "Transmission Service Obligations" was added as there were requests submitted by three transmission providers.
 - The Technical Workgroup asked the NTTG Transmission Use Committee to identify the Available Transfer Capability (ATC) on the WECC defined paths on the system.
 - A new Table 5 "Transmission Path Capacity and Available Transfer Capability" was added showing this information.
 - A paragraph was added under the "Regional Plan Evaluation" section noting that analysis will be performed on the transmission provider's future transmission obligations, and compared to the ATC values in Table 5.
 - "Power Flow Data Bases" section – If there are any updates in Quarter 5 the TWG will make a determination if additional powerflow models will be needed.
 - The TWG studies will extend beyond a focus of the summer or winter, which could include a spring or fall stress.
- Bill Pascoe asked the committee for clarification on the origin of the data submitted in Table 4, OASIS or an IRP.
 - Idaho Power's data was from their IRP's, where PacifiCorp's came from their OASIS.
- Timeline for Stakeholder Comments:
 - February 12th through February 26th open comment period.



- If comments are received a "Special" Planning Committee meeting will be scheduled for March 4, 2015 to walk through the comments and any additional revisions to the Study Plan before it is submitted to the NTTG Steering Committee for final approval at their March 9, 2015 meeting.

Decision: NTTG Interregional Order 1000 Filing Update

- On December 18, 2014 FERC issued an order to NTTG and other filing parties in response to the May 2013 filings.
 - There was a big effort by all the Western Regions to have common tariff languages and FERC overall accepted the filings.
- The only substantive issues was that CAISO's regional cost allocation method does not approve a method to have a regions determination of benefits that could be applied to an interregional transmission facility.
 - From NTTG perspective there was no directive, but it is based on CAISO's response.
- NTTG's legal team has drafted a filing letter that is being circulated to parties. It outlines there is no filing as there are no changes.
- The deadline to file is February 17th and NTTG intends to meet that filing date.

Decision: February 26, 2015 Western Planning Regions Update

- The next Western Planning Regions Coordination Meeting will be held on February 26, 2015 in Portland, Oregon.
- Each of the regions will be providing an update on their regional planning efforts. NTTG will bring forth the draft Study Plan, lessons learned and the revised Study Plan.
- The afternoon portion will be devoted on how the planning regions coordinate with each other and how the process may look going forward. The regions will also be seeking stakeholder input.
- As of January 1, 2015 ColumbiaGrid is working under Order 1000 Interregional process where as the other regions have an implementation date of October 1, 2015.

Decision: Round Table/Other Business

- Sharon Helms reminded parties that if they are planning on participating in the meeting to send their registration to Amy Wachsnicht as NTTG is hosting.
- Final reminder to the NTTG Planning Committee that following the comment period on the revised Study Plan a "special" meeting will be scheduled to approve recommendation of the revised Study Plan for Steering Committee approval on March 9th.

3. Assignments:

Item #	Assignment	Owner	Target Date	Status
1.				
2.				
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Next Meeting: The next Northern Tier Planning Committee Meeting is scheduled for March 4th at TBD Pacific.

- Dial: **(626) 425-3121**
- Access Code: **432-608-245**



Attendees:

NTTG Planning Committee Member Representatives

Membership Class 1		
Dave Angell, Chair, Idaho Power	Chelsea Loomis, NorthWestern	Jim Tucker, Deseret
Don Johnson, Portland General	Craig Quist, PacifiCorp	Scott Waples, Avista Corp

Membership Class 2

Marshall Empey, UAMPS	Rhett Hurless, Absaroka Energy	
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Membership Class 3

Johanna Bell, ID PUC	Jerry Maio, UT PSC	Marci Norby, WY PSC
Bob Decker, MT PSC		

Other NTTG Members & Guests

Gil Coulam, NTTG	John Leland, NTTG	Amy Wachsnicht, NTTG
Sharon Helms, NTTG	Bill Pascoe, Pascoe Energy	Matt Wiggs, ID OER
Fred Heutte, NWECC		