

<b>Description of Meeting:</b>	<b>NTTG Planning Committee</b>
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	<b>March 7, 2012</b>
<b>Meeting Notes Prepared By:</b>	<b>Amy Wachsnicht</b>
<b>Approved for Posting:</b>	<b>April 4, 2012</b>

**Attendee List:**

Dave Angell – Chair – IPCO (Class 1)	Jerry Maio – UPSC (Class 3)
Jamie Austin – PacifiCorp (Class 1)	Ron Schellberg – IPCO (Class 1)
Chris Collins – NextEra Energy Resources (Class 1)	Tom Tjoelker – PacifiCorp (Class 1)
Gil Coulam - NTTG	Amy Wachsnicht - NTTG
Darrell Gerrard – Vice Chair – PacifiCorp (Class 1)	Scott Waples – Avista Corp. (Class 1)
Sharon Helms - NTTG	

**1. Agenda:**

- Approval of Meeting Notes
  - December 7, 2011
  - January 4, 2012
- 2012 Q1 Activities, Process and Schedule
  - NTTG Q1 Data Request Update
  - NTTG Economic Study Request Update
- NTTG Technical Workgroup Kick Off
  - Order 1000 Support
  - 2012 Study Plan Development
- Round Table/Other Business
- Next Steps/Next Call

**2. Discussions & Decisions:**

**Decision: Approval of Meeting Notes**

- December 7, 2011 – Approved as is
- January 4, 2012 – Approved as is

**Discussion: 2012 Q1 Activities, Process and Schedule**

- NTTG Q1 Data Request Update
  - As a reminder there is an obligation to provide data in Q1 in order to start the study process. All transmission providers should be rolling up their local transmission plans as well as the load and resource data.
    - These need to be submitted to [info@nttg.biz](mailto:info@nttg.biz) by the end of business day March 31<sup>st</sup>.
  - Any transmission developers are encouraged to submit any projects they may have as well as any stakeholders can submit their transmission and non-transmission alternatives.
  - The starting point for the biennial regional transmission plan will be the last plan that was developed in the last cycle. New data that is received will be looked at to determine a study plan that is appropriate for the current biennial regional transmission plan.
  - Data submittals should be sent to [info@nttg.biz](mailto:info@nttg.biz).
- NTTG Economic Study Request (ESR) Update
  - Any eligible entity can submit their economic study request through their local transmission provider. For a sub-regional request to be considered by NTTG, the eligible customer or stakeholder making the economic study request must be a member of the NTTG Planning Committee

- The Planning Committee will look at all ESRs that come in. They will then prioritize the ESRs and then send out the information prior to the vote on April 4<sup>th</sup> to ensure time for review. The Planning Committee will also look to cluster these requests if needed.
- Data submittals should be sent to [info@nttg.biz](mailto:info@nttg.biz).
  - At this time there has not been any data submittals received through [info@nttg.biz](mailto:info@nttg.biz).

#### **Discussion: NTTG Technical Workgroup Kick Off**

- Order 1000 Support
  - The cost allocation workgroup has requested a review of the transmission system and the energy use of the system to decide if a Highway/Byway system should be considered for cost allocation determination. This request came about at the last joint workgroup meeting.
    - The technical workgroup would be doing some analysis and models but at this time it is unclear as to what those analysis and models are.
  - Darrell Gerrard will send out a memo requesting the participation of those members that have the analytical expertise, access to the modeling tools and commitment to run the analyses and other modeling required to help support Order 1000 workgroups.
    - The memo will be sent to last year's technical workgroup as a starting point.
- 2012 Study Plan Development
  - There is currently about at 2 month window before the technical workgroup would start on the study plan.
  - The workgroup would be looking at the data that came in the first quarter and then make study approach recommendations to develop a regional transmission plan for the biennial cycle.

#### **Discussion: Order 1000 Updated**

- Planning Workgroup O1K Update
  - Currently the planning workgroup is undertaking modifying and updating the OATT Attachment K. The group is using a base Attachment K that will be used by each local transmission provider.
    - This will be a high level discussion about the planning process that NTTG will undertake.
  - The group is also revising the Planning Committee Charter.
    - The charter will be about the organization and operation of the Planning Committee to support activities in making the regional biennial plan and economic studies.
  - There is a third document that is being developed and at this time is called the "Planning Practice" document. This is similar to the business practices that each transmission provider has.
    - This document will have the details about the techniques that will be used to study the transmission plan and as well as and ESRs.
  - The concept of having the three documents is to help the technical workgroup and NTTG generate appropriate studies currently and in the future hopefully to be flexible enough for any changes that may need to be made during each cycle.
  - A goal of having the three documents is to not have to amend the OATT as NTTG learns new concepts and establishes new techniques through each cycle.
  - The workgroup is working on having these documents available on the NTTG website in April 2012 for planning committee stakeholders to review and provide input on.



**Discussion: Round Table/Other Business**

- There was none.

**Discussion: Next Steps/Next Call**

- By the end of the month all stakeholders, transmission providers and merchants need to submit any data so it can be incorporated into the planning cycle.
- At the next meeting on April 4<sup>th</sup>, the Planning Committee will be looking at clustering and voting on any ESR's as well as approving up to two studies for the biennial cycle.

**3. Assignments:**

Item #	Assignment	Owner	Target Date	Status
1.	Order 1000 Technical Workgroup Support Memo	D. Gerrard	3/9/2012	Completed
2.				
3.				
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**Next Meeting:** The next Northern Tier Planning Committee Meeting is scheduled for April 4, 2012 at 1PM Pacific.

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