

Description of Meeting:	Cost Allocation Committee Meeting
Meeting Date:	March 22, 2010
Meeting Minutes Prepared By:	Lyndee Restad
Approved to post:	April 12, 2010

Attendee List: Brian DeKiep, Marshall Empey, Sharon Helms, Matt Muldoon, Larry Nordell, Lyndee Restad, Lou Ann Westerfield, Curt Winterfeld

Committee Members Not in Attendance: Rich Bayless, Bryce Freeman, Marc Hellman, Sam Liu, Jim Logan, Marcy Norby, Joni Zenger, Darrell Zlomke

1. Agenda:

- Review draft notes from the March 8, 2010 Cost Allocation Committee meeting; modify as required and approve to post
- Additional discussion regarding projects subject to allocation of costs and benefits
 - Implications for information requirements/sources
 - Effective manner to implement changes (e.g., modifying the Committee charter)
 - Is this the time to make a decision?
- Report from Lou Ann on methodology development and proposed timeline
- Discussion of recent developments/cases pertaining to cost allocation. (Come prepared with your latest info about what other TSPs/sub-regions/RTOs are proposing)
- Discussion of FERC's Bulk Electric System Definition

2. Decisions / Discussions:

Discussion: Review draft notes from the March 8, 2010 Cost Allocation Committee meeting; modify as required and approve to post

- The meeting notes have been approved to post as is to post on the NTTG website

Discussion: Additional discussion regarding projects subject to allocation of costs and benefits

- A document was distributed to the Committee to be used as a building block for new projects coming into the NTTG Planning Process. There are two purposed categories that future projects could fall into.
- The goal is to identify the types of projects that are not covered under the existing Cost Allocation rules and to determine what a process should look like for the projects that are not covered.
 - Should the Committee look at all projects in the same way, or is there a need to start from the beginning and attempt to build a new Cost Allocation process?
- The following are the comments/concerns that were voiced from the Cost Allocation Committee:
 - If two entities purpose a similar, or the same project, the entities should be responsible to determine if they work together on a larger project or keep two separate projects. This type of situation should remain up to the entities and not NTTG.
 - The Committee can make recommendations if they are asked, but the sole responsibility will remain with the entities



- What happens if a Sponsor fills out a form for the first category and the intent of the project changes? Will another form have to be submitted for a different category?

- The Committee does not want be involved in projects that do not have a Sponsor
 - There is a requirement that an entity has to fill out an application to submit the project. The entity submitting the application is normally the project sponsor.

Decision: The Committee determined that it is not necessary to change the existing Charter at this time. The Committee will develop possible scenarios of projects that will fit in both categories. This information will be shared with the NTTG Planning Committee.

Discussion: Reports from Lou Ann on methodology development and proposed timeline

- A proposed study was presented to the Cost Allocation Committee that mirrored the methodology that was conducted for the Frontier and Southwest Power Pool studies on shipping renewable over long-distance transmission lines. The studies were chosen as they have situations that are similar to NTTG.
- It will take approximately 2-3 weeks to look through the reports and gather information that is useful to NTTG
- Lou Ann Westerfield and Larry Nordell will come back to the Committee in a month with a Matrix and with answers to questions

Decision: The Committee members will review the document that Lou Ann distributed and will respond with any questions or comments before the next CAC meeting

Discussion: Recent developments/cases pertaining to cost allocation

- The Committee did not have any specific developments to report on and made note that it is still important to continue to follow the actions of FERC

Discussion: Discussion of FERC's recent proposed rulemaking description

- The Committee discussed the recent rulemaking description of FERC's Bulk Electric System and established the following questions:
 - Is there a need to draft comments for the greater Northwest?
 - Does NTTG have a board concern that we should issue comments?
 - Should the individual utilities develop their own unique comments and submit them on their own?
- It was noted that NTTG has a window of 45 days to submit the comments should they deem it appropriate to do so

Decision: Matt Muldoon will draft up a document containing high level policy bullet points. Sharon Helms will distribute the document to the Management Committee for review at the March 29th meeting. The Management Committee's comments will be reviewed by the Steering Committee on April 27th.



Discussion: Next Steps

- The Cost Allocation Committee meeting scheduled for Monday, March 29th will be cancelled
- Future CAC meetings will be held every other week. If additional meetings are needed, meeting announcements will be distributed to the Committee.

3. Assignments:

Item #	Assignment	Owner	Target Date	Status
1.	Draft a high level policy document on FERC's recent rulemaking description	M. Muldoon	3/25/2010	
2.	Send out a cancellation for the March 29 th CAC meeting	L. Restad		

Next Meeting: The next Northern Tier Cost Allocation Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 5th at 1pm Pacific.

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