

Description of Meeting:	NTTG Planning Committee Meeting
Meeting Date:	March 4, 2009
Meeting Minutes Prepared By:	Lynn Jesus-Olhausen
Approved for Posting:	August 12, 2009

Attendee List: Jamie Austin, Rich Bayless, Eric Egge, Marshall Empey, Derrick Harris, Sharon Helms, Lynn Jesus-Olhausen, John Leland, Ryan Munson, Jeff Newby, Ron Schellberg, Kip Sikes, Steven Wallace, Darrel Zlomke

Not in Attendance: Orlando Ciniglio, Arlo Corwin, Brian DeKiep, Darrell Gerrard, Bill Hosie, Paul Kjellander, Jim Tucker,

1. Agenda:

- Review and approve the Transmission Use Committee's Economic Study Request Prioritization Procedures
- Review and discuss work to date on development of the power flow studies matrix by the Technical Work Group
- Outline and discuss milestones and deliverables for power flow studies in Q2
- Update by PacifiCorp and Idaho Power on development of economic studies base cases
- Outline and discuss milestones and deliverables for economic studies in Q2
- Roundtable

2. Discussions & Decisions:

Discussion: Review and approve the Transmission Use Committee's Economic Study Request Prioritization Procedures

- The present documentation for this process goes back to filings in the tariff as to the process of the clustering and prioritization of economic study requests.
- This process is under revision to allow more time for conducting the actual studies and for opening the process to be more stakeholder driven.

Decision: John Leland made the motion to accept revisions. Marshall Empey provided the 2nd, the committee approved the proposed revision as-is, with no further modification.

Discussion: Review and discuss work to date on development of the power flow studies matrix by the Technical Work Group

- The study matrix was developed and presented at the Feb 25th Economic Study Request Webinar
- No further modification is needed at this time and the studies will proceed by this matrix.

Discussion: Outline and discuss milestones and deliverables for power flow studies in Q2

- The same set of contingencies as the base cases will be run to see if anything breaks the system.
 - Any violation outside the NTTG footprint will not be addressed.
 - For the purposes of the study, violations within the NTTG footprint do not need to be fixed, but will be cataloged.
- Rich will coordinate with the other sub-regional groups which resource modification recommendations they would have for the purpose of the studies being performed by NTTG.
- Part of the post study analysis can be to look at taking the expected path ratings for fast track projects and add that to the current rating for assistance with the path rating process.
- Further analysis beyond running the studies and contingencies, reviewing and approving studies and cataloging violations can be done after the July Stakeholder Meeting if necessary or desired.

- The final transmission expansion plan report is due at the end of Q3 2009. Review and approval of the plan will occur in Q4 2009.

Decision: Milestones will be - May 15th for completion of running studies and contingencies and June 1st for review and approval.

Discussion: Update by PacifiCorp and Idaho Power on development of economic studies base cases

- The mod-decks will be kept the same as in the capacity study base cases. Any revisions can occur later (e.g.: double circuit vs. single circuit.)
- The SWIP North and South projects are not currently included in the base cases. If congestion is observed, this addition can be coordinated and added as needed. The preferred method will be to catalogue this inclusion as an option for relieving potential congestion, rather than run an actual study.
- PacifiCorp
 - On track with ongoing work.
- Idaho Power
 - ProMod is installed. IPC is currently working through learning the database processes. No real studies have been started yet.

Discussion: Outline and discuss milestones and deliverables for economic studies in Q2

Decision: Milestones will be – March 31, 2009 for integration of power flow modeling for production cost modeling of the TEPPC 2017 TEPPC case.

Discussion: Roundtable

- Bayless
 - March 5th, 2009 Wind Integration Study Team (WIST) Meeting
 - The Northwest Wind Integration Forum is looking for ColumbiaGrid and NTTG to co-sponsor this team.
 - NTTG's commitment to this point is to attend the initial meeting as an interested party, but we are not committed to full participation.
 - There is the need to make sure things are not duplicative or distracting from NTTG priorities and available resources. Rich will be communicating NTTG's position to the forum.
 - There is an action plan that was adopted by the Steering Committee of the Northwest Wind Integration Forum
 - The Steering Committee charter expires April 2009 so discussion will occur as to the future of the forum (termination or continuation.)
 - The Forum would like to see ColumbiaGrid and NTTG jointly develop transmission planning methodology to address the tasks in the action list..
 - Some questions that will hopefully be answered at tomorrow's meeting:
 - How much is intra-hour and how much can be addressed by hourly production modeling?
 - Are there different work processes requiring a look at both?
 - And are these issues outside the scope of the transmission planning process?
- Helms
 - Modification to the Planning Agreement is underway with the Legal Work Group to make it simpler to join the NTTG Planning Committee and remove the need for repetitive filings. The revised agreement will be presented to the committee by March 18th.



3. Assignments:

Item #	Assignment	Owner	Target Date	Status
1.	Get list to Ron Schellberg of specific epc files he will need to use to put into ProMod	R. Schellberg/ O. Ciniglio	03-11-09	

Next Meeting: Next Meeting: The next Northern Tier Planning Committee meeting is **TBD**.

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