

<b>Description of Meeting:</b>	<b>NTTG Planning Committee Meeting</b>
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	<b>March 18, 2009</b>
<b>Meeting Minutes Prepared By:</b>	<b>Lynn Jesus-Olhausen</b>
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**Attendee List:** Jamie Austin, Derrick Harris, Sharon Helms, Lynn Jesus-Olhausen, Jeff Newby, Kip Sikes, Ryan Munson, Matthew Stoltz, Steven Wallace, Darrell Zlomke

**Not in Attendance:** Rich Bayless, Orlando Ciniglio, Arlo Corwin, Brian DeKiep, Eric Egge, Marshall Empey, Darrell Gerrard, Bill Hosie, Paul Kjellander, John Leland, Ron Schellberg, Jim Tucker

## 1. Agenda:

- Regional planning update
  - DOE and the ARRA
  - WECC, TEPPC, BPA and WAPA
- Sub-regional coordination
- Northern Tier Planning
  - Power flow studies
    - Questions and issues
  - Economic studies
    - Progress and issues
- Roundtable

## 2. Discussions & Decisions:

### Discussion: Planning Update

- DOE and the ARRA
  - There are multiple legislation bills being proposed that revolve around a master interconnection-wide transmission plan. The DOE will be involved in this planning, including involvement with planning process, analysis, cost allocation and siting.
  - The DOE has been given funding under the stimulus bill to induce and/or assist in the completion of interconnection-wide transmission studies.
    - Once the appropriation of these funds has been placed on the Federal Register (expected in approximately 4 weeks) then entities can apply for funding (90 days for submission of request for funds.) Although these funds can be released over a 5 year window, the federal administration is hoping to see funds being released as soon as Fall 2009.
    - WECC will be applying for some of those funds to expand work that TEPPC does.
- WECC, TEPPC, BPA and WAPA
  - WECC held joint meetings last week.
  - Appropriate coordination with the sub-regional groups will be imperative in the creation of the master transmission plan.
    - Coordination will also utilize the WECC processes already in place.

### Discussion: Sub-regional coordination

- Increasing coordination between WECC and the sub-regional groups has the groups moving in the same direction and is creating a foundation for work that can be applied interconnection-wide and lessen duplication of work between groups.
- The federal administration is looking to the West as an example of master planning for the Eastern Interconnection. The Western Interconnection is 'ahead of the curve' in development of coordinated planning.

- If the West does not provide the example, then legislation will mandate how to do it. It is beneficial to the West to increase coordination within the region to avoid such a mandate.
- WEIL will be releasing a letter in support of the planning coordination between sub-regional and regional groups.
- The federal legislation will most likely affect the next planning cycle. Work is already outlined and in progress for this current cycle.

#### Discussion: Northern Tier Planning

- Power flow studies
  - The work to have the studies completed by the first of June 2009 and ready for review by the committee is on track.
  - Questions and issues
    - Source and Sink Matrix – Steven will check with Rich on status of getting other sub-regional groups' input for resource reductions external to the NTTG footprint.
- Economic studies
  - Progress and Issues
    - The TEPPC 2017 case, with all biennial plan projects included, have been loaded into GridView by PacifiCorp.
    - Integration into ProMod by Ron Schellburg at Idaho Power is on track to be completed by the end of March.
    - Jamie has forwarded the project data she used for GridView. Ron is manually loading the data as the PROMOD doesn't provide an automated integration tool.
    - The same base case used for GridView should be utilized by PROMOD for alignment of data between the two parallel study tracks.

#### Discussion: Roundtable

- Frequency of meetings
  - Participation has diminished during periods of reduced policy activity.
  - Meetings will be scheduled to address milestone dates. If additional meetings are required, they will be scheduled on an as-needed basis.
- Methodology of prioritization of Economic Study Requests
  - For Attachment K requirements at the local level, transmission providers are required to propose a methodology. Should this process match NTTG's process, for alignment between local and sub-regional levels?
  - The Transmission Use Committee performs the clustering while the prioritization process is completed at a public webinar with stakeholder input and vote.
  - The NTTG process is available on the NTTG website for reference.

### 3. Assignments:

Item #	Assignment	Owner	Target Date	Status
1.	Check with Rich Bayless on the status of other sub-regional groups' input in the source and sink matrix of the additional power flow studies	Steven Wallace		
2.	Schedule a TWG & ESPT meeting to determine intermediate milestones and deadlines	Steven Wallace		
3.	Propose revised meeting schedule	Steven Wallace		

**Next Meeting: Next Meeting:** The next Northern Tier Planning Committee meeting is scheduled for April 1, 2009, at 1:00-3:00PM Pacific.



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