
Description of Meeting:	NTTG Cost Allocation Committee
Meeting Date:	Monday, March 17, 2008
Meeting Minutes Prepared By:	Christine Draper
Edits by:	Sharon Helms
Approval for Posting:	March 24, 2008

Attendee List: Christine Draper, Marshall Empey, Bryce Freeman, Marc Hellman, Sharon Helms, Larry Nordell, Kip Sikes, Lou Ann Westerfield, Jim Logan, Darrell Zlomke

Not in Attendance: Bryan Baldwin, Rich Bayless, Brian DeKiep, Marci Norby, Becky Wilson, Curt Winterfield

1. Agenda:

- Approval to post the minutes of the March 13, 2008 meeting
- Preparation for March NTTG Steering Committee Meeting
 - Cost Allocation Workplan – 2008 Deliverables
 - Siting Responsibility by State – approve for submittal to Steering
 - Review and finalize siting and planning Write Up – approve modifications provided by L. Nordell
 - Remind your Commissioner/Steering representative that a request for representation on the NTTG Planning Committee will be raised @ the 3/26 NTTG Steering
- Review status of outstanding assignments
- Committee Membership

2. Decisions / Discussions:

Discussion: SOC Requirements

- Sharon reminded the group that the CAC Charter requires all meetings of the committee to comply with NTTG's SOC and anti-trust policies and only publically available transmission information may be discussed.

Decision: Approval to post minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve and post the March 13, 2008 meeting notes.

Discussion: 2008 Cost allocation workplan discussion

- There are 3 major areas for Cost Allocation focus during 2008 Q1 and Q2:
 - Input on the economic study data and assumptions process
 - Data collection and development of a data tracking mechanism
 - Quarterly reports on the information gathering development
- The committee will be involved in the capacity planning process, so that it can be informed as the projects and data evolve. The Committees' data collection effort will be an iterative process allowing for data refinement of those projects specifically in the NTTG Biennial process



Discussion with Kip Sikes, NTTG Planning Committee Chair:

Question: What kind of data would be needed to get through a cost allocation recommendation? What kind of data request has been sent to participants of the planning process? How can duplication be prevented?

Answer: Information has been sent out as part of the Biennial planning process asking for resource and load information, as well as any proposed transmission projects that should be included. The requests asked for an indication if a resource has been dedicated to an LSE for load service or if it is undetermined and the source and sync data if the project is not going to serve specific load within the NT footprint.

Question: How are Fast Track Projects treated in the first Biennial planning process, and are they included as part of the base case being evaluated?

Answer: The biennial planning process starts with clean slate every two years. Planned projects will be considered in that process

Question: Is this the typical approach for fast track or is it the approach after fast track going forward?

Answer: Yes, both. The planning committee will want to know if a project has been reevaluated; If loads have materialized or not as predicted, where building is located, where resources are located, if types of resources have changed, etc. Needs may change and changes to requirements need to be considered. Cost allocation participation is important to see those shifts through time and to know what reevaluation is occurring.

Question: What role will the interconnection queues for the individual companies within NTTG play in the planning process? Is it information that will be incorporated in the planning cycle?

Answer: Yes. Transmissions service requests as well as generation interconnection request data is required.

Question: Is there a process for handling confidential data?

Answer: Yes. That is described in the data request letter. It is incumbent upon the provider to mark the information they want protected.

Decision: Cost Allocation Data Request

The Committee will defer sending its data request until mid to late April; essentially after responses to the Planning Committee data request have been received and any requests for economic studies have been considered and prioritized. Data request will be sent to not only to Fast Track sponsors, but to any sponsors of projects in consideration for the NTTG Biennial Plan.

A final draft of the 2008 Cost Allocation Workplan will be distributed for committee review. All comments and input must be finalized by March 19th. Approval of the workplan will be sought at the March 26th NTTG Steering Committee Meeting.

Decision: Siting and Planning Documentation Review

A final review of the document outlining siting responsibilities, by state was reviewed. A motion was made and seconded to approve the document and to send it to Steering requesting approval to post on the NTTG website.

A review of the document outlining the differences between planning and siting and identifying NTTG's role was reviewed. Final modifications must be completed by March 19th so that the document can be distributed to Steering. Approval to post this document will be sought at the March 26th NTTG Steering meeting.



Discussion: Committee Membership

- It was noted that Bryce Freeman raised the issue regarding potential conflict of interest due to his dual role as Director of Consumer Counsel Staff in Wyoming and member of the Wyoming Infrastructure Authority.
- After further discussion, the Committee noted that the potential conflict of interest had been disclosed and further agreed that Bryce Freeman's situation did not cause concern.

Next Meeting: The next Northern Tier Cost Allocation meeting is scheduled for Monday March 24, at 1:00p PST/ 2:00p MST.

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