

<b>Description of Meeting:</b>	<b>NTTG Planning Committee</b>
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	<b>April 4, 2012</b>
<b>Meeting Notes Prepared By:</b>	<b>Amy Wachsnicht</b>
<b>Approved for Posting:</b>	<b>May 2, 2012</b>

**Attendee List:**

Dave Angell – Chair, Idaho Power (Class 1)	John Leland – NorthWestern Energy (Class 1)
Tony Bilello – PacifiCorp	Jerry Maio – Utah PSC (Class 3)
Gil Coulam – NTTG	Ron Schellberg – Idaho Power (Class 1)
Kristen Domian – Mitsubishi Electric	Amy Wachsnicht - NTTG
Darrell Gerrard – Vice-Chair, PacifiCorp (Class 1)	Dan Wheeler – Gaelectric, LLC (Class 2)
Sharon Helms – NTTG	Wes Wingen – Black Hills Power (Class 1)
Don Johnson – Portland General (Class 1)	

**1. Agenda:**

- a. Approval of Meeting Notes
- b. 2012 Economic Study Request
  - i. Q1 – ESR
  - ii. Planning Committee Vote to select Studies
- c. NTTG Biennial Transmission Plan
  - i. Review Q1 Data Collection
  - ii. Q2 Study Plan Development
- d. NTTG Order 1000 Update
- e. Round Table/Other Business

**2. Discussions & Decisions:**

**Decision: Approval of Meeting Notes**

- March 7, 2012 - Approved with minor changes.

**Discussion: 2012 Economic Study Request**

- Economic Study Requests (ESR's) are received during quarter one and quarter 5. Eligible customers and stakeholders can submit an ESR to their local transmission provider who will then determine if the requests are local, sub-regional or regional and then forward to NTTG as appropriate.
- NTTG will perform up to two sub-regional ESR's over the biennial cycle. Those requests that are determined to be regional will be forward on to TEPPC.
- NTTG received three ESR's from NorthWestern and then sent to the Transmission Use Committee (TUC) for categorization as per their Attachment K and OATT.
  - Sub-regional Classification
    - POR and POD are all within the NTTG footprint and utilize on NTTG Funding Agreement Member scheduling paths; or
    - Reasonably determined by a Transmission Provider to be a sub-regional request.
  - Regional Classification
    - POR and POD are all within the WECC footprint and utilize only WECC member scheduling paths; or
    - Determined by a transmission provider to be a regional request.
- Gaelectric #1 ESR was classified by the TUC as regional whereas the local transmission provider classified it as sub-regional.
  - POR of Great Falls, Montana

- POD Malin substation
  - The TUC felt that the substation of Malin was not all within the NTTG footprint and is also within the Columbia Grid and CAISO footprint.
- NWE #1 ESR was classified by the TUC as sub-regional as well as by the local transmission provider
  - POR of Townsend, Montana
  - POD of Midpoint, Idaho
- NWE #2 ESR was classified by the TUC as regional whereas the local transmission provider classified it as sub-regional
  - POD of Broadview, Montana
  - POD of Mid-C which is within Columbia Grid's footprint.
- John Leland made a motion to cluster the Montana ESR's by studying the Gaelectric request clustered with MSTI and the Montana portion of the Colstrip upgrade, if appropriate.
  - The reasoning behind this motion is that Gaelectric was looking for a solution to provide transmission within the NTTG footprint from Great Falls to the Northern California/Oregon border.
  - Since PacifiCorp owns part of the Malin substation he felt that this classification was correct.
  - The intent is not to do a production cost simulation but a power flow analysis.
  - NorthWestern submitted their ESRs to be clustered with the Gaelectric ESR and did not intend to have the MSTI and MidC requests studied separately.
- NTTG Prioritization Process
  - NTTG Planning Committee members will vote to identify up to two sub-regional ESR's per biennial planning cycle
  - Each Planning Committee member will cast a single vote on their preferred study and a vote on their secondary.
  - Two-thirds majority approval is required with approval by the transmission provider/developer class and at least one remaining class.
- Prior to conducting a vote, it was confirmed that quorum requirements had been satisfied. The Vote on the motion to cluster was unanimous:
  - Class 1 –
    - Black Hills Power – Agreed
    - Idaho Power – Agreed
    - Northwestern Energy - Agreed
    - PacifiCorp – Agreed
    - Portland General – Agreed
  - Class 2
    - Gaelectric – Agreed
  - Class 3
    - Utah Public Service Commission – Agreed
- The next opportunity to submit an ESR will be in quarter five.

#### **Discussion: Biennial Transmission Plan**

- Data submittals were received in quarter one by transmission providers and stakeholder and included their loads, resources and transmission.
- An overview of the data submitted for new resources through 2021 was a total of 6,195 MW and broken down by state:
  - Idaho – 101 MW
  - Montana: 778 MW
  - Oregon: 2,011 MW
  - Utah: 10 MW
  - Washington: 100 MW
  - Wyoming: 3,195 MW



- Data was received for 15 proposed transmission projects.
- NTTG will develop the study plan during quarter two. The technical workgroup will draft the plan using last cycle's document as a starting point and making necessary changes throughout the process.
- The first technical workgroup meeting is scheduled for Friday April 6<sup>th</sup>. They will run economic studies between now and June.
- A draft plan is expected to be out for stakeholder review in May with a second draft plan in early June.

**Discussion: Order 1000 Updated**

- The NTTG Order 1000 (O1K) Planning Compliance and Cost Allocation Compliance Workgroups continue to meet on a weekly basis and move items forward.
- In addition to meeting notes and other summaries, the NTTG O1K Planning Compliance Workgroup has recently posted three documents on the NTTG Website for stakeholder review and comment:
  - Modified Attachment K
  - Modified Planning Committee Charter
  - Planning Practice Document

**Discussion: Round Table/Other Business**

- The technical workgroup will get up and running this week with the goal of having a draft biennial study plan for review by the May Planning Committee Meeting.
- The technical workgroup will initiate discussion on how to complete the power flow analysis from Great Falls to Malin.

**3. Assignments:**

Item #	Assignment	Owner	Target Date	Status
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				

**Next Meeting:** The next Northern Tier Planning Committee Meeting is scheduled for May 2, 2012 at 1PM Pacific.

- Voice Conference Mtg. **503-813-5600** (toll free #800-503-3360)
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