

Description of Meeting:	NTTG Planning Committee Meeting
Meeting Date:	April 1, 2009
Meeting Minutes Prepared By:	Lynn Jesus-Olhausen
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Attendee List: Jamie Austin, Rich Bayless, Marshall Empey, Darrell Gerrard, Derrick Harris, Lynn Jesus-Olhausen, John Leland, Jeff Miller, Ryan Munson, Jeff Newby, Ron Schellberg, Kip Sikes, Jim Tucker, Steven Wallace

Not in Attendance: Orlando Ciniglio, Arlo Corwin, Brian DeKiep, Eric Egge, Sharon Helms, Bill Hosie, Paul Kjellander, Darrel Zlomke

1. Agenda:

- Update on regional issues
 - DOE, ARRA and regional planning – the place of sub-regional planning [Rich]
 - TEPPC development of regional economic studies [Jamie & Steven]
- Update on member planning (economic study requests?)
 - PacifiCorp [Darrell or Jamie]
 - Idaho Power [Kip or Ron]
 - Portland General [Jeff]
 - Northwestern [John or Ryan]
 - Others...
- Planning Committee input on study scope and detail
 - Economic studies
 - Default study – purpose and parameters
 - What information does Cost Allocation need?
 - What should be reported in the Biennial Plan Report?
 - Hours of congestion at 75%, 90%, 99% as at TEPPC?
 - Change in variable production costs with projects in?
 - What is required to produce a valid Northern Tier study (if anything)?
 - Transmission projects
 - Already agreed to add in all of the projects included in the power flow studies
 - Loads
 - Do the economic study(ies) need to be consistent with the power flow studies?
 - Just use model capability to scale hour loads with annual peak and energy?
 - Resources
 - If the study needs to report congestion relief, do the resources need to be other than in the default TEPPC case (8.x% renewables in 2019)?
 - Should the resources be consistent with those used in the power flow studies?
 - Any study requests received?
- Any other member, stakeholder concerns or issues
- Stakeholder Webinar – Planning Committee presentation
 - What content, message?
 - Who will prepare and present?
 - Any need for further review before the call?
- Next meeting – Stakeholder Webinar on April 8th at 1:00 PM PDT
 - Meeting to coordinate tomorrow.
- Roundtable

2. Discussions & Decisions:

Discussion: Update on regional issues

- DOE, ARRA and regional planning – the place of sub-regional planning
 - DOE has the responsibility of developing an Interconnection-wide regional planning process.
 - WECC, with support from the sub-regional groups, has drafted a white paper outlining how the Western Interconnect functions and proposes how its processes work for DOE's regional planning process and also demonstrates the coordination between local, sub-regional and regional groups.
 - It is important to point out to DOE that the process in the Western Interconnect also encompassed FERC Order 890 obligations.
- WIST
 - WIST will be meeting Friday. BPA will draft a layout of a possible work plan.
 - One study proposed will be to look at the trade-off between pursuing local wind of lesser quality without need for long transmission lines vs. wind from the eastern section of the region of greater quality, but requiring longer transmission lines.
- TEPPC development of regional economic studies
 - The 2009 study plan is currently being worked on.
 - TEPPC has been working on studies for 2012 and 2019 and now has a 2029 study planned.
 - There is a focus on developing the 2029 longer term case, in lieu of developing the 2019 case. There is also concern that the TEPPC 2019 case is to be built by increasing the data from the 2012 case, rather than importing more-updated data. Next year, NTTG would not have a case more current than the 2017 version that NTTG is using for studies this year. The 2017 database is no longer being maintained by TEPPC and would be obsolete for the next biennial planning cycle.
 - Trying to get power flow models that match among the various studies has been deferred.

Discussion: Update on member planning (economic study requests?)

- PacifiCorp
 - No economic study requests have been received.
 - An Integrated Resource Plan is going to be issued at the end of April. It was delayed from a March release. L&R's are coming in from network customers and those will need to be factored in. There have been no comments received on PacifiCorp's draft local plan.
 - PacifiCorp has broken ground on the Populus-to-Terminal project.
- Idaho Power
 - No ESRs were received, unless something is en route by parcel post.
 - Idaho Power held a webinar, with no participation by external stakeholders. Idaho will be posting its local transmission plan for review. It includes all underlying transmission projects for load service requirements. The projects do not conflict with any sub-regional projects in place. They have also not uncovered anything in the local plan that would affect or impact on-going work with NTTG's plan.
- Portland General
 - No ESRs were received.
 - Attachment K requires near term and longer term local transmission planning, and presently Portland General has not received any customer comments on released documentation. They will be proceeding with longer term planning.



- Jeff Miller would like to be added to PGE's distribution list for announcements and participation, in view of potential impacts on ColumbiaGrid members.

- Northwestern
 - No ESRs were received (their request window closed a month earlier).
 - Northwestern is having regular meetings on their local biennial plan and is receiving numerous comments on their local plan. The study work is complete for 5, 10 and 15 years out. They are in the process of analyzing mitigation for local plan issues.
- Others...
 - TEPPC Meeting (Jamie)
 - Columbia Grid, WestConnect and NTTG have received no ESRs. The California ISO has received 132 requests.
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Discussion: Planning Committee input on study scope and detail

- Economic studies
 - Default study – purpose and parameters
 - The current plan is to load projects in the NTTG footprint and run the model. Anything thing more than those tasks will take substantially more time.
 - The goal for the capacity planning is to also see how many additional resources could be accommodated by the transmission projects above and beyond the obligations of the provider.
 - What information does Cost Allocation need?
 - Does CAC need or expect anything from the Planning Committee for their portion of the plan?
 - The Cost Allocation Committee does not require any specific study results from the Planning Committee for their addition to the biennial transmission plan, but believes there is significant value in looking at some cases.
 - What should be reported in the Biennial Plan Report?
 - Hours of congestion at 75%, 90%, 99% as at TEPPC?
 - Change in variable production costs with projects in?
 - Cases might be run with and without NTTG projects to supply information for the report
 - Purely practice to ensure we have a system to conduct these studies?
 - It is important to keep the models valid with data for inclusion.
 - Part of the report is to make sure the load service requirement of the footprint is met.
 - Use the TEPPC PC4 case instead of PC1A?
 - PC4 contains renewable resource assumptions (15% region-wide) to be careful of. PC1A is a better option even though the data does not have the latest fixes.
 - What is required to produce a valid Northern Tier study (if anything)?

The call was ended early as Planning Committee members needed to leave the meeting for other commitments.

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Discussion: Any other member, stakeholder concerns or issues

- None.

Discussion: Stakeholder Webinar – Planning Committee presentation

- There is a coordination and preparation meeting scheduled for Thursday, April 2nd for the webinar.

Discussion: Roundtable

- None.

3. Assignments:



Item #	Assignment	Owner	Target Date	Status
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Next Meeting: Next Meeting: The next Northern Tier Planning Committee meeting is scheduled for April 22nd, 2009 at 1:00PM Pacific.

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