

Description of Meeting:	NTTG Planning Committee
Meeting Date:	May 8, 2013
Meeting Notes Prepared By:	Amy Wachsnicht
Approved for Posting:	June 12, 2013

Attendee List:

Dave Angell – Vice Chair, Idaho Power, Class 1	John Leland – Chair, NorthWestern, Class 1
Jamie Austin – PacifiCorp, Class 1	David Lofftus – MT PSC, Class 3
David Brown – SWCA	Scott Pugrud – ID OER, Class 3
Mitch Colburn – Idaho Power, Class 1	Ron Schellberg – Idaho Power, Class 1
Gil Coulam – NTTG	John Tompkins – Sea Breeze, Class 1
Brian Fritz – PacifiCorp, Class 1	Scott Waples – Avista Corp., Class 1
Sharon Helms – NTTG	Amy Wachsnicht – NTTG
Fred Heutte – NWECC	Dan Wheeler – Gaelectric, Class 2
Don Johnson – Portland General, Class 1	

1. Agenda:

- a. Welcome, establish Quorum and Agenda Review
- b. Approve April 17, 2013 Meeting Notes
- c. Order 890 Compliance Update
- d. Regional Order 1000
 - i. Update
 - ii. NTTG Production Cost Modeling Analysis
 - iii. Order 1000 Regional Data Input Forms
- e. Round Table/Other Business

2. Discussions & Decisions:

Decision: Approve April 17, 2013 Meeting Notes

- The April 17, 2013 meeting notes were approved for posting with minor clarification changes made during the meeting.

Discussion: Order 890 Compliance Update

- Dave Angell indicated the Technical Workgroup is working on the draft final report and will be following a similar format as the last report.
- The draft will be available prior to the July 25th Stakeholder meeting in Bozeman, MT.

Discussion: Regional Order 1000

- Update
 - Three of the four regions, CAISO, NTTG and WestConnect are in the process of making their interregional filings on May 10th. At this time it is unclear as to when ColumbiaGrid will be making their interregional filing but it will be made no later than the July 10th due date.
 - The interregional filing includes common interregional tariff language and a common filing letter for the most part that each of the regions will be using.
 - At this time NTTG has not received their order from FERC regarding their regional October filings.

- Since the premise of the interregional filing was built off the information in the regional filing if FERC has any changes to the regional filing there is a possibility of it impacting the interregional filing.
 - John Leland indicated he believed that the interregional filing is a process document that discusses how the regions will coordinate with each other and referred to the regional planning entities on any interregional projects.
- Dan Wheeler informed the Committee in WestConnect's order FERC turned down some of the language on cost allocation as a recommendation rather than mandatory and indicated that when a cost allocation is provided they must follow it. WestConnect has asked for a rehearing. He also noted that ColumbiaGrid has some of the same language in their filing as well.
 - John Leland commented that depending on how FERC reads the words, they are saying once a cost allocation is rendered to the regions it is fixed and will not change over time. This will give some certainty to a cost allocation but it does not mean the same as cost recovery.
- Fred Heutte indicated the next FERC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 16th and according to him the rumor is that FERC may respond to NTTG and/or ColumbiaGrid's filings.
- **NTTG Production Cost Modeling Analysis**
 - As described in the last Planning Committee meeting, NTTG engaged with E3 consultants to run some sensitivities on the production cost model that was developed earlier this year and have prepared a number of post processing calculations for the NTTG participants.
 - There were six resource sensitivities which had been applied to the base case and two transmission alternatives. These all have since been ran and the post processing results are complete for all except for one which will be completed and distributed to NTTG members.
 - The next step is to have a discussion with the NTTG Order 1000 Cost Allocation Compliance Workgroup to look through the results and determine what actions NTTG will take and the next steps.
 - Since this will be the first time the Workgroup members have a chance to look at the model specific to their own benefit analysis the members have been given the chance to comment on the calculations before starting the discussion on the metrics analysis.
 - Since there is not an organized market in NTTG, Dan Wheeler asked what the members were looking for and what was the value of the production cost model.
 - Ron Schellberg indicated that the value is an attempt to identify economic benefits of a transmission line which can be problematic as transmission lines are not planned for economic basis and FERC was looking for that type of metric to be used in cost allocation.
 - Jamie Austin added that there is value in the production cost model and that NTTG needed to come up with a methodology and had promised to come back to FERC with a methodology.
 - John Leland mentioned that later in the year the Technical Workgroup could engage in the other metrics learning how to use them before starting the next cycle.
- **Order 1000 Regional Data Input Forms**
 - During the last Planning Committee meeting the members reviewed two forms associated with general information and additional information for cost allocation.
 - Due to the questions raised during the meeting the members deferred the acceptance of the form that had additional information for cost allocation.
 - **NTTG Additional Cost Allocation Data Submittal Form**
 - Since being presented at the last meeting the form was updated to remove duplicative data already being asked for in the NTTG Data Request Form Xcel Spread Sheet.

- The cost allocation questions did not change in updating the form to be specific to cost allocation. All the components are described as information required in the NTTG Planning and Cost Allocation Practice.
- NTTG Data Request Form Xcel Spread Sheet
 - In working with Tami White on updating the cost allocation form Dave Angell noticed that the organizational details such as the contact information was not included in the prior version and has now since been included.
 - The rest of the spread sheet has not changed except for a few minor items in the project transmission tab.
- John Leland indicated the prior cost allocation form was a combined form that had the project information as well as the additional information for cost allocation. The idea was to combine these two forms into a single form for the cost allocation data and eliminate duplicative information. In doing so NTTG did not lose any of the project information as it is already being asked for in the Xcel Spread Sheet.
 - The NTTG Additional Cost Allocation Data Submittal Form would only be filled out if the project sponsor was seeking cost allocation whereas the Xcel Spread Sheet is to be submitted regardless if a sponsor is seeking cost allocation or not.
- Scott Waples asked if that information could be made clear in the cover letter.
 - Dave Angell informed the group that at this time the existing cover letter does not have that detail and NTTG will have to take an action item to include that for the fall.
- At this time the members of the Cost Allocation Workgroup have not reviewed the updated forms. Sharon Helms said that she has already taken the action item and is working with Curt Winterfeld.
- John Leland recommended to Planning Committee members that if there were no other comments, questions or concerns with either of the forms then he would note that the Planning Committee accepted the forms as is.
 - Hearing no further comments the NTTG Additional Cost Allocation Data Submittal Form and the NTTG Data Request Form was accepted as is by the Planning committee.

Discussion: Round Table/Other Business

- Fred Heutte gave a brief update on the NW Power Conservation Council 5 year regional plan. The 5 year regional plan is made up of a fish and wildlife plan as well as a power plan.
 - They are currently starting their 7th plan where the fish and wildlife is up and running with the shaping of the power plan.
 - In looking at the 6th plan the Council pooled the members and have adopted 4 areas to focus early on:
 - Regional needs for energy, peaking capacity, and system flexibility; strategies to help meet those needs.
 - Renewable resources development and integration; impacts on the regional hydro system.
 - Customer demand response, including its potential as a source of peaking capacity and system flexibility.
 - Incorporating intra-regional transmission constraints in regional power system planning.
 - The point, Fred pointed out as being relevant to NTTG and indicated the council spent most of their time discussing. Charlie Black talked about the planning that goes on at NTTG, ColumbiaGrid and WECC.
 - Fred also informed the members there is a possibility the Council will be asking for some information from NTTG and wanted to make sure the members were aware of that.



- When talking about the intra-regional transmission constraints, Fred indicated the Council was looking at the region that Bonneville serves, all of Oregon and Washington and Western Montana.
 - The Council is also doing data exchange with ColumbiaGrid who will be modeling the 6th plan as a study case. This also ties back to a lot of the efforts in NTTG and WECC on updating the data exchange on the transmission side.
 - Fred Heutte will send the Council's presentation to Amy Wachsnicht so it can be distributed to the NTTG Planning Committee members.
- Hearing no other business the meeting was adjourned.

3. Assignments:

Item #	Assignment	Owner	Target Date	Status
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Next Meeting: The next Northern Tier Planning Committee Meeting is scheduled for June 12, 2013 at 1PM Pacific.

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