

**Description of Meeting:** NTTG Planning Committee

Meeting Date: June 12, 2013
Meeting Notes Prepared By: Approved for Posting: September 11, 2013

#### Attendee List:

Jamie Austin – PacifiCorp, Class 1
Dave Angell – Vice Chair, Idaho Power, Class 1
Johanna Bell – Idaho Public Utilities Class 3
Mitch Colburn – Idaho Power, Class 1
Gil Coulam – NTTG
Pam Greensky – NTTG
Fred Heutte – NWEC

Don Johnson – Portland General, Class 1 Shannon Kelly – ID OER, Class 3 John Leland – Chair, NorthWestern, Class 1 David Lofftus – MT PSC, Class 3 Jim Tucker – Deseret Class 1 Wes Wingen – Black Hills Power Class 1

### 1. Agenda:

- Welcome, Establish Quorum and Agenda Review
- Approve May, 8, 2013 Meeting Notes
- Biennial Plan Order 890 Compliance
  - Update
  - Timeline
- Regional Order 1000
  - Update
  - o NTTG Production Cost Modeling Analysis
- Round Table/Other Business
  - Next Meeting

#### 2. Discussions & Decisions:

## **Decision: Approve May 8, 2013 Meeting Notes**

• Notes from 05.08.13 have been approved.

### Discussion: Biennial Plan Order 890 Compliance

- Update
  - o Gil: There are a few items want to bring up. First item to talk about is the draft final report. A summary report of the work was document to assist the group. This draft final report was presented in April to Planning Committee for comments. A few verbal comments were given at that meeting and no written comments received from Planning. When putting report together, it was discovered that the actual load numbers used were not accurate in the 2010 data requests. The table has now been corrected in the summary report. This error didn't change the outcome. We should have another vote on approving that study plan.
  - o John: Post with a tentative approval and take another vote via email.
  - Dave: I don't remember that draft report being voted on. It doesn't need to be voted on as it is only informational.
  - Study plan was voted on and approved. Amy can post this when she returns.
  - Gil: Second item to talk about is in preparing the draft final report; the summer core case which was used in our study work, we found a couple paths in the study report that were overloaded. We had to go back and reduce path 14 and path 75 in order to get to the proper rating. Summer case had to be redone. We reduced the path 14 schedule by about 500 megawatts. The number of reported violations from the



contingency work ended up being different than what they were before; all the violations when examined were acceptable. The conclusion to the summary report did not change. Also, the null case had to be redone as it is a part of the summer case. Be aware that there were a few changes made.

Gil: We are in the process of combining all the chapters together for the report.

#### Timeline

- Dave: The intent is to have a draft completed before the stakeholder meeting in July.
- John: We will have a presentation and discussion on the report at the meeting. Will we be voting on this for approval?
- Dave: This is a draft. We will have to wait a few weeks for comment and seek approval in September. Once we get approval from the Planning Committee, we will take it to the Steering Committee. We will look to approve at Steering in November.
- Dave: Report will be distributed by the end of the year. 2 documents will be created, a formal report and an executive report.

## **Discussion: Regional Order 1000**

- Update
  - John: We made the regional filing on 05/10/13. On 05/17/13 we received the order from FERC in regards to our regional filing made in October 2012. We have 120 days to make our compliance filing with this order. That puts us out to mid-September timeframe. We had about 33 items needing addressed in the compliance filing, my perception is a lot of the planning elements in the order relied on the fact that we had a planning practice document that we intended to be an extension of the OATT. FERC's their response was they required information currently proposed to be in the planning practice to be placed in the OATT instead. We had response from FERC on openness principle. We will need to go back and review and describe our processes in greater detail. Several items on comparability we need to look at.
  - Dave: As far as planning goes, another highlight would be on Economic Planning Studies, defining how we prioritize regional Economic Planning Studies.
- NTTG Production Cost Modeling Analysis
  - O John: In the October regional filing we stated that we wanted to do additional analysis on production cost modeling (PCM) to determine whether or not it can be used within our planning process to define metrics for cost allocation. We also stated that by mid-year 2013 we will submit a report to FERC on our findings. FERC did recognize that in their Order. We are looking at the end of August for our filing time frame.
  - O John: The folks that were looking at the PCM results to make a determination whether or not to use it for cost allocation have had several meetings and have chosen not to include production cost metrics for cost allocation in the process at this time. There were several issues that we could not get resolution on a comfort level on using PCM. There were struggles on how to deal with differences. We will continue to look at this in the future.

# **Discussion: Round Table/Other Business**

- Next Meeting
  - No other business.

#### 3. Assignments:

Item #	Assignment	Owner	Target Date	Status
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Next Meeting: The next Northern Tier Planning Committee Meeting is scheduled for July 10, 2013 at 1PM Pacific.

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