

<b>Description of Meeting:</b>	<b>NTTG Planning Committee Meeting</b>
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	<b>June 17, 2009</b>
<b>Meeting Minutes Prepared By:</b>	<b>Lynn Jesus-Olhausen</b>
<b>Approved to Post:</b>	<b>August 12, 2009</b>

**Attendee List:** Jamie Austin, Rich Bayless, Marshall Empey, Lynn Jesus-Olhausen, John Leland, Jeff Newby, Ron Schellberg, Kip Sikes, Jim Tucker, Steven Wallace, Darrel Zlomke

**Not in Attendance:** Orlando Ciniglio, Arlo Corwin, Brian DeKiep, Eric Egge, Darrell Gerrard, Derrick Harris, Sharon Helms, Bill Hosie, Paul Kjellander, Ryan Munson

## 1. Agenda:

- Review and Approval of Revised Charter (Kip Sikes)
- Regional Planning Update (Rich Bayless & Kip Sikes)
  - Western Interconnection planning and the DOE's FOA
  - TEPPC meeting and outstanding issues
- Sub-regional Planning Update
  - NTTG power flow studies (Jeff Newby & Ryan Munson)
  - NTTG economic study (Jamie Austin & Ron Schellberg)
  - Coordination among sub-regions (Rich Bayless)
- Other Issues
  - July 22nd semi-annual meeting in Boise
  - Any other concerns or comments
  - Next meeting – July 1<sup>st</sup>?
  - Roundtable

## 2. Discussions & Decisions:

### Discussion: Review and Approval of Revised Charter (Kip Sikes)

- The Steering Committee reviewed the charter and suggested some clarifying changes.

**Decision: After review of the suggested changes, the committee unanimously approved the revisions to the charter.**

### Discussion: Regional Planning Update (Rich Bayless & Kip Sikes)

- Western Interconnection planning and the DOE's FOA
  - DOE's FOA was placed on the Federal Register June 15, 2009. Responses will be due 60 days from this date.
    - The FOA contains a lot of detail and a requirement for responses is to demonstrate how these details will be addressed.
    - There are two main parts to the FOA: Topic A focused on Planning Processes and Topic B focused on State Coordination.
  - WECC is currently working on the application for responding to the FOA.
  - The sub-regional groups are developing their approach which will appear as an appendix. It is an aggregate of the sub-regional plans, inclusive of Attachment K requirements. A gap analysis will be performed to see where there may be spaces in the plans and adjustments will be developed.

- Comments on the current draft of the white paper are due June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2009.
  - A timetable will be developed over the weekend for how to proceed with the FOA response. More details will be known next week.
  - Rich will communicate the needs that will be required to complete the application process and what NTTG member assistance will be required to accomplish responding within the 60 day timeframe.
- TEPPC meeting and outstanding issues
  - Markey Hearing
    - The original bill had little mention about transmission, but has since been encouraged to expand that portion of the bill.
    - The hot topics regarding transmission are: Regional Planning Processes, Siting and Permitting, and Cost Allocation.
  - TEPPC passed the 2009 study plan.

#### **Discussion: Sub-regional Planning Update**

- NTTG power flow studies (Jeff Newby & Ryan Munson)
  - Heavy Summer case
    - There were some issues with not having enough resources, and Jeff is corresponding to resolve the issues with the appropriate parties.
    - Initial results are expected mid to late next week.
  - Light Autumn
    - Ryan has all the required data and has compiled the contingency list.
    - Initial results are expected by the end of next week.
- NTTG economic study (Jamie Austin & Ron Schellberg)
  - ProMod
    - Several runs have been made and Ron was able to replicate the TEPPC PC1A case.
    - Reconciliation of the differences with the GridView results is currently on-going.
- Coordination among sub-regions (Rich Bayless)
  - ColumbiaGrid needs information from some neighboring systems for their assessment studies.
  - Rich is researching what the assumptions and issues are from ColumbiaGrid and he will meet with NTTG members to assist in getting the needed information. This approach is consistent with keeping coordination between sub-regional groups and not between sub-regional group and individual members.

#### **Discussion: Other Issues**

- July 22nd semi-annual meeting in Boise
  - The Planning Committee has a 2 hour segment for their presentation.
  - Project sponsors can give a 5 minutes update on projects to update stakeholders on their progress.
  - Coordination with the Transmission Use Committee is encouraged to show consistency within NTTG. This will also show the correlation of the work between the two committees.
  - The draft presentation will be due June 30<sup>th</sup>



- Any other concerns or comments
  - None
- Next meeting – July 1<sup>st</sup>?
  - The meeting scheduled for June 24<sup>th</sup> will be cancelled to allow for more time to continue the on-going study efforts.
- Roundtable
  - None

**3. Assignments:**

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

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