

**Description of Meeting:** Cost Allocation Committee Meeting

Meeting Date: | July 6, 2010

Meeting Minutes Prepared By: Lyndee Restad
Approved for Posting: August 11, 2010

**Attendee List:**, Brian DeKiep, Marshall Empey, Sharon Helms, Matt Muldoon, Marcy Norby, Larry Nordell, Lyndee Restad, Lou Ann Westerfield, Curt Winterfeld

**Committee Members Not in Attendance:** Rich Bayless, Bryce Freeman, Marc Hellman, Sam Liu, Jim Logan, Joni Zenger, Darrell Zlomke

### 1. Agenda:

- Review draft notes from the June 28, 2010 Cost Allocation Committee meeting; modify as required and approve to post
- Discuss status of retention of outside legal for drafting comments
- Review and expand/modify issues list
- Roundtable/Next Steps

## 2. Decisions / Discussions:

# Discussion: Review/Approve notes from June 28, 2010

• The notes were approved to post on the NTTG website

### Discussion: Status of retention of outside legal for drafting comments

- The NTTG Funders agreed to hire legal counsel for representation. The legal contract will be approved and signed no later than July 9, 2010.
  - o Malcolm McLellan, of Van Ness Feldman , has been selected for representation
- Malcom has previous experience with NTTG and is familiar with its history and cost allocation principles
- An all-day meeting will be scheduled on July 12, 2010 in Seattle, WA or July 15, 2010 in Portland, OR to discuss the response comments
  - o A Doodle meeting poll will be distributed for the meeting availability
- An additional meeting will be scheduled before July 23<sup>rd</sup> to review the draft comments
- The NTTG Steering Committee members will hold a conference call on July 26<sup>th</sup> to review and approve the comments

#### Discussion: Review and expand/modify issues list

- A draft "NOPR Issues List" was distributed to the Committee prior to the meeting
- The Committee walked through the document with the intent of identifying the issues that they would like Malcolm McLellan to comment on
- Committee members will review the document in greater detail and will submit any additions or modifications to Curt Winterfeld by Friday, July 9, 2010



#### General Comments:

- o FERC could be using the word "plan" in a different context, this will need clarification
- o Transmission lines will be built when they are needed, it is unclear is the NOPR will support this
- What is FERC's methodology for the 1.25 ratio?
- o If an entity does not benefit from a transmission project, they should not be assigned costs. This area is a concern for the Cost Allocation Committee
- Six months is not an adequate amount of time to complete the NOPR rules
- o How can the Committees implement what FERC is asking into NTTG? Is there a way to do it?

### **Discussion: Roundtable / Next Steps**

- The Cost Allocation Committee meeting scheduled for July 12, 2010 will be cancelled
- The next CAC meeting will take place on July 19, 2010
- NTTG Committee members are invited to attend a conference call with FERC on July 23, 2010

#### 3. Assignments:

Item #	Assignment	Owner	Target Date	Status
1.	Cancel the July 12 <sup>th</sup> CAC meeting	L. Restad	Completed	
	Send any Issues List modifications to Curt Winterfeld	Committee	July 9, 2010	

**Next Meeting:** The next Northern Tier Cost Allocation Committee meeting is scheduled for July 19, 2010 at 1pm Pacific.

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