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| <b>Description of Meeting:</b>      | <b>NTTG Planning Committee Meeting</b> |
| <b>Meeting Date:</b>                | <b>July 01, 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, Lynn Jesus-Olhausen, John Leland, Ryan Munson, Jeff Newby, Ron Schellberg, Kip Sikes, Jim Tucker, Steven Wallace, Darrel Zlomke

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

## 1. Agenda:

- Regional Planning Update (Rich Bayless & Kip Sikes)
- Study Results
  - Economic Studies (Jamie Austin & Ron Schellberg)
  - Power Flow Studies (Jeff Newby & Ryan Munson)
  - Request and Opportunity for Review
- July Stakeholders Meeting
  - Review of Agenda & Details (Kip Sikes & Steven Wallace)
  - Draft of Planning Committee Presentation (Steven Wallace)
- Other Questions or Issues
- Next Meeting

## 2. Discussions & Decisions:

### Discussion: Regional Planning Update (Kip Sikes)

- WECC
  - DOE FOA
    - The sub-regional groups are currently meeting with WECC and are outlining the funding opportunities and how funds would flow to the sub-regional groups from WECC, along with development of what the sub-regional groups' expectations are and how they can support expanding WECC's capabilities in alignment with the FOA.
    - A long range (20 yr planning horizon) conceptual plan will be developed as part of the FOA-induced planning. This conceptual plan will be separate from the production cost simulation analysis that TEPPC has historically been doing. This plan will have more of a policy perspective in identifying the region's longer-range needs.
      - This plan will establish a more formalized type of planning to identify broader needs of the region in conjunction with the WECC Phase 0 process.
- Waxman-Markey Bill
  - The bill passed the House last week and now needs movement by the Senate.
- FERC Technical Conference, September 3, 2009
  - The technical conference on Order 890 for the West is scheduled for September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009. The conference will involve the sub-regional groups, as well as the member transmission providers. Regional representatives of WECC TEPPC will be participating as well.

**Discussion: Study Results**

- GridView
  - Jamie Austin has run the case with and without the NTTG projects incorporated into the 2017 TEPPC case. The preliminary results show that congestion within the NTTG footprint is alleviated. Additional congestion did surface on the export path into California.
- ProMod
  - Ron Schellberg is in the process of completing and validating the preliminary results.
- Power Flow Studies (Jeff Newby & Ryan Munson)
  - Heavy Summer
    - The matrix of cases were built and the sources and sinks were set up. All contingencies have been run.
    - Jeff Newby is currently formatting the resulting data and will send the workbooks to the Technical Work Group engineers for review.
  - Light Autumn
    - Ryan Munson is currently running the contingencies for the Light Autumn case. Montana and Wyoming scenarios are done and the remainder will follow soon.
- Request and Opportunity for Review

**Discussion: July Stakeholders Meeting**

- Review of Agenda & Details (Kip Sikes & Steven Wallace)
  - The Planning Committee will have 2 hours for their presentation.
  - It would be prudent to link the work of the Transmission Use Committee into the Planning Committee's presentation. This will show the alignment of the work NTTG committees are conducting.
- Draft of Planning Committee Presentation (Kip Sikes & Steven Wallace)
  - Short text updates for the NTTG-studied transmission projects need to be forwarded to Steve. The project sponsors should take one to five minutes to give a general update to stakeholders. Any additional slides the sponsors would like to have available to illustrate answers to potential questions need to be submitted to Steven as well.

**Discussion: Other Questions or Issues**

- None.

**Discussion: Next Meeting**

- The next meeting will be July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009, from 1:00 to 3:00 PM, PDT.
- Review and comment on the presentation slides will be completed via email prior to the 15<sup>th</sup>. All presentation materials will be posted to the NTTG website on July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009.



**3. Assignments:**

| Item # | Assignment   | Owner                | Target Date | Status |
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| 1.     | Distribute heavy summer results data to engineers for review                                   | Jeff Newby           | 07-01-09    |        |
| 2.     | Submit project update text to Steven Wallace   | All Project Sponsors | 07-08-09    |        |
| 3.     | Final approval of presentation slide deck via email  | All                  | 07-10-09    |        |
| 4.     | Submit any additional slides to support potential answers on project updates to Steven Wallace | Project Sponsors     | 07-17-09    |        |

**Next Meeting: Next Meeting:** The next Northern Tier Planning Committee meeting is scheduled for July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 1:00PM Pacific.

- Voice Conference Mtg. **503-813-5600** (toll free #800-503-3360)
- Meeting ID **688484** and password **123456**