

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

Meeting Date: August 3, 2009

Meeting Minutes Prepared By: Lynn Jesus-Olhausen

Approved to Post: August 10, 2009

**Attendee List:** Rich Bayless, Brian DeKiep, Marshall Empey, Sharon Helms, Lynn Jesus-Olhausen, Sam Liu, Matt Muldoon, Marcy Norby, Lou Ann Westerfield, Becky Wilson

**Not in Attendance:** Bryce Freeman, Marc Hellman, Jim Logan, Larry Nordell, Curt Winterfeld, Joni Zenger, Darrell Zlomke

### 1. Agenda:

- Review Notes from the July 14, 2009 Cost Allocation Meeting and Approve to Post
- Cost Allocation Recommendation
  - Voting Options Whole recommendation or project by project, but must vote by August 7th
  - o Public Comment Period until September 1st
- July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2009 Stakeholder Meeting and July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2009 Steering Committee Debrief
- Next Steps/Next Call
  - o Review revisions to biennial plan
  - Next call 8/10/09
- Roundtable

## 2. Decisions / Discussions:

Discussion: Review Notes from the July 14, 2009 Cost Allocation Meeting and Approve to Post

Approved to post as-is.

#### **Discussion: Cost Allocation Recommendation**

- Voting
  - A revised voting template will be distributed adding an option for the draft recommendation as a whole document. Committee members can either vote for each individual project AND the entire recommendation, or just the draft recommendation as a whole.
  - Members can also submit written opinions pertaining to the draft recommendation that will become a part of the recommendation.
  - Voting and any written opinions on the draft recommendation are due by COB on August 7<sup>th</sup>
- The draft recommendation will be posted to the NTTG website on Monday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009 for a public comment period that will end September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009. A public notice will be sent to all NTTG Stakeholders notifying them of the public comment period after the draft recommendation is posted on the website.

# Discussion: July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2009 Stakeholder Meeting and July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2009 Steering Committee Debrief

- Stakeholder Meeting
  - o The draft recommendation was presented at the stakeholder meeting in Boise, ID.



- Questions in regard to NTTG's cost allocation process were addressed by Lou Ann Westerfield with additional support from the Cost Allocation Committee members present and participating via phone. A transcript of the questions and answers will be documented in the meeting notes for the stakeholder meeting, which will be posted on the NTTG website.
- Steering Committee Meeting
  - Lou Ann Westerfield explained that the topic of supersizing is not included in the draft recommendation. The committee came to the conclusion that it would be premature to recognize any upsizing because sufficient commitment for projects has not materialized at this time.

### **Discussion: Next Steps/Next Call**

- FERC Technical Conference
  - o The conference will be September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009 in Phoenix, AZ.
- Review revisions to biennial plan
  - Ron Schellberg and Jamie Austin have been invited to join the next committee call to provide information on the Planning Committee's economic studies.
- Next call 8/10/09

### **Discussion: Roundtable**

- DOE FOAs
  - DOE released two FOAs for electric power infrastructure (FOA 132) and for advanced transmission technologies (FOA 140) on July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2009. The first piece of the applications is due September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009.
- The Planning FOA application was approved by the WECC Board to be submitted to DOE.

### 3. Assignments:

Item#	Assignment	Owner	Target Date	Status
1.	Distribute revised voting template to	L. Jesus-Olhausen	08-03-09	
	committee			

**Next Meeting: Next Meeting:** The next Northern Tier Cost Allocation Committee meeting is scheduled for August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 1:00PM Pacific.

- Voice Conference Mtg. 503-813-5600 (toll free #800-503-3360)
- Meeting ID 688444 and password 123456