

Description of Meeting:	NTTG Planning Committee Meeting
Meeting Date:	August 12, 2009
Meeting Minutes Prepared By:	Lynn Jesus-Olhausen
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Attendee List: Jamie Austin, Rich Bayless, Darrell Gerrard, Lynn Jesus-Olhausen, John Leland, Jeff Newby, Ryan Munson, Ron Schellberg, Kip Sikes, Matthew Stoltz, Jim Tucker, Steven Wallace, Darrel Zlomke

Guests: Jeff Miller

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

1. Agenda:

- TEPPC Update
- WIST: Pumped Storage in Montana
- Sub-regional Coordination
- Technical Work Group Update
- Roundtable

2. Discussions & Decisions:

Discussion: TEPPC Update

- The DOE FOA application is being completed and will be submitted to DOE on Friday, August 14th, 2009
 - WECC will post the application on their website, but it will not be taking comments on the completed application. The application adheres to the concepts previously agreed upon by the parties involved.
 - The sub-regional groups are still working on the details for coordination of the sub-regional plan.
 - The timelines of the different planning processes of the sub-regional groups, WECC and TEPPC are closely aligned, and will only need slight tweaking to match the timelines needed for the FOA planning process.
 - TOPIC B Response
 - The response is not finalized. The WGA will submit the Topic B portion to DOE on September 14th, 2009. (DOE has extended the application submission to September 14th, 2009. WECC will be submitting their portion of the application (Topic A) per the original deadline of August 14th, 2009.)

Discussion: WIST: Pumped Storage in Montana

- The preliminary results from the Garrison Pumped Storage study were reviewed at the last meeting
 - TAS Meeting
 - Flaws were detected in the study. Parties are reviewing the study results and will discuss their findings at the TAS meeting scheduled for next week.
 - If you find issues with the study or have comments, please contact Heidi at WECC.



- The next WIST meeting is scheduled for September 10th, 2009.

Discussion: Sub-regional Coordination

- FERC Technical Conference
 - Panelist submissions are due August 13th, 2009. NTTG is submitting the following for the conference panels: Kip Sikes for Planning Processes, Rich Bayless for Regional and Inter-Regional Coordination and Lou Ann Westerfield for Cost Allocation.
 - Panelists will be allotted 5 minutes for a position presentation. Feedback from stakeholders will be highly encouraged during the conference.
- ColumbiaGrid Board Meeting
 - ColumbiaGrid is setting up a study team to review the Cascade Crossing project. Some issues from the project are affecting ColumbiaGrid's studies and they will work with NTTG to contact the necessary parties to help resolve these issues.
 - ColumbiaGrid attended a meeting in Denver, CO where GE presented the results from their thorough investigation of issues regarding wind and solar integration. ColumbiaGrid will invite GE to present the same presentation to the Northwest region.
 - ColumbiaGrid will also be conducting a survey about which entities in their respective footprints do what activities relative to the NERC planning authority.

Discussion: Technical Work Group Update

- The light autumn power flow case is nearly complete. Ryan Munson will finish compiling the results in a spreadsheet and distribute for review by COB today.
- The heavy summer power flow case has experienced difficulties affecting its completion. Troubleshooting to date has not rendered any satisfactory solutions.
- Although the export portion of the studies was not originally in the committee's work plan, the commitment was made to stakeholders to look into this issue at the January 2009 Stakeholder meeting.

Decision: Work on the heavy summer case will be stopped. Since the basic assumptions for both the light autumn and the heavy summer cases were the same, a high level report of results from the light autumn case will be presented.

- An explanation of the decision to not complete the heavy summer case can be included in the next draft plan revision made available for public comment and feedback.

Discussion: Roundtable

- An agenda item should be set for a committee meeting in the near future for discussion of lessons learned and outlining a revised approach to the study process for the next biennial planning process.
- Steven Wallace will be out of town next week.
- Results from the light autumn case, including violation results and flows with and without the NTTG footprint projects will be needed for the next committee meeting. The results will be high level and will use paths as defined in the WECC paths rating catalogue and adding the NTTG projects.

Next Meeting: Next Meeting: The next Northern Tier Planning Committee meeting is scheduled for August 19th 2009 at 1:00PM Pacific.

- Voice Conference Mtg. **503-813-5600** (toll free #800-503-3360)



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