

Description of Meeting:	Cost Allocation Committee Meeting
Meeting Date:	August 24, 2009
Meeting Minutes Prepared By:	Lynn Jesus-Olhausen
Approved to Post:	August 31, 2009

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

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

1. Agenda:

- Review Notes from the August 10, 2009 Cost Allocation Meeting and Approve to Post
- Update on Cost Allocation Recommendation Public Comment Period
- FERC Technical Conference
- Response to Planning Committee Economic Study
- Next Steps/Next Call

2. Decisions / Discussions:

Discussion: Review Notes from the August 10, 2009 Cost Allocation Meeting and Approve to Post

- Approved to post as-is.

Discussion: Update on Cost Allocation Recommendation Public Comment Period

- The only comments received to date have been a correction to the Hughes Transmission project information submitted by Basin Electric. This correction will be integrated into the recommendation.
- Matt Muldoon will approach PGE to see where PGE is in the process of completing the further information requested by the committee on the Southern Crossing project. It will be requested that PGE's response be submitted by September 9th, 2009, or earlier, if possible. This information will be integrated into the recommendation.

Discussion: FERC Technical Conference

- Rich Bayless has been asked by FERC to be on the Cost Allocation panel.
- Each panelist will have 5 minutes to present their position. A white paper further supporting this position and takeaways for FERC staff can be submitted to FERC by August 31st, 2009.
- Lou Ann Westerfield will draft a white paper for the Cost Allocation session. The committee needs to be prepared to review and add any comment quickly. This paper must be submitted to Sharon Helms by tomorrow AM for review by the Steering Committee at their monthly meeting scheduled for Thursday, August 27th, 2009. The paper will address:
 - A description of the committee's experience and history of the NTTG process to date, plus lessons learned.
 - Address areas for improvement, including development of a substantive cost/benefit analysis for projects, or an acceptable alternative approach for such analysis.

- The lack of coordination between transmission service requests, open seasons and the planning process. It is extremely difficult to address the topic of supersizing without a greater level of commitment from those who want transmission service.
- The position that the current NTTG cost allocation process has the ability to be flexible, incorporate stakeholder input, and accommodate new directions, if necessary.
- The fact that NTTG's Cost Allocation Committee with its multi-state representatives, both from transmission and state entities, is a positive strength of NTTG.
- There will be no call-in option for the conference, so if at all possible, it is important for the committee members to attend in person.

Discussion: Response to Planning Committee Economic Study

- The economic study results, along with the power flow study results, from the Planning Committee's draft transmission plan will be acknowledged at a high level in the cost allocation recommendation. It will be noted that the results have not had an impact on the work completed by the committee.
- Matt Muldoon and Brian DeKiep will draft the study language for the recommendation. A first draft will be due for review in 3 weeks.

Discussion: Next Steps/Next Call

3. Assignments:

Item #	Assignment	Owner	Target Date	Status
1.	Send Matt Muldoon and Brian DeKiep the slides from the ESR presentation by Jamie Austin and Ron Schellberg	L. Jesus-Olhausen	08-24-09	
2.	Draft cost allocation white paper for the FERC Technical Conference	L. Westerfield	(early AM) 08-25-09	
3.	Review and respond to white paper	All	AM 08-25-09	
4.	Draft power flow and ESR language for recommendation	M. Muldoon and B. DeKiep	09-14-09	

Next Meeting: Next Meeting: The next Northern Tier Cost Allocation Committee meeting is scheduled for August 31st, 2009 at 1:00PM Pacific.

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