

Description of Meeting:	NTTG Planning Committee
Meeting Date:	September 7, 2011
Meeting Minutes Prepared By:	Pam Greensky
Approved for Posting:	October 31, 2010

Attendee List:

- Dave Angell, Vice Chair – IPCO (Class 1)
- Jamie Austin – PacifiCorp (Class 1)
- Rich Bayless - NTTG
- Clark Blanco – NextEra (Class 1)
- Marshall Empey – UAMPS (Class 2)
- Pam Greensky - NTTG
- Sharon Helms – NTTG
- Rhett Hurless – Grasslands (Class 1)
- Don Johnson – PGE (Class 1)
- John Leland, Chair- Northwestern (Class 1)
- Ron Schellberg - IPCO
- Michael Tevlin – NTTG
- Jim Tucker – Deseret (Class 1)

1. Agenda:

- Welcome, introductions and review of agenda
- Approval of July 6, 2011 meeting notes
- Biennial Report Review
 - Review content, approach and intention
 - Review timeline for comment, review and final approval
- FERC Order 1000
 - Review NTTG Filing for FERC 1000 Order
 - Compliance
- Regional Update – Rich Bayless
- Round table/Other business

2. Discussions & Decisions:

Discussion: Welcome, introductions and review of agenda

- There were no additions to the agenda.

Decision: Approval of July 6, 2011 meeting notes

- It was noted that quorum requirements for voting had been satisfied. Hearing no objections, the minutes were approved as submitted for posting on the NTTG website.

Discussion: 2010-2011 Draft Biennial Report Review

- Northern Tier is currently in the 7th Quarter of its 2-year planning process. A final approved transmission plan is required in the 8th quarter (by December, 2011.)
- This planning process involves 2 studies:
 - Economic Study: The report covers the disposition of the economic requests that were submitted to NTTG. Most of these requests were categorized as regional in nature. Three requests were clustered together into one study to assess the impacts of transmission expansion on resource additions in the Montana area. The report provides details on the results of this study, including an assessment of what happens with the addition of 1500 Megawatts of wind generation without additional transmission, and the impact of upgrading or adding transmission.
 - Transmission Study: The Planning Committee established a new approach on the power flows that are used for reliability analysis of the transmission system. The report explains how the power flow cases were generated; which were generated with a production cost model simulation of the western system. The study was

comprised of three components including the Null Case, five Core Cases, and 4 resource development Scenario Cases.

- Planning Committee Member input on this report is due by Sept 12, 2011. Comments can be added to an excel spreadsheet by page and line number. Spreadsheet is available on the NTTG website. Public comment period will be the week following Sept. 12th. Steering Committee review takes place simultaneously with public review. All comments will be incorporated by the end of October; final approval by the Planning Committee will happen in November and final approval by Steering Committee in time for a December posting.
- A letter needs to be broadly distributed by John alerting stakeholders of the report being available for review and comments. This letter needs to contain specific instruction on what kind of comments are being sought out. The planning committee comments need to be documented and provided for review. . Need to decide on the best method for documenting public comments. Stakeholders need to know that we will accept and look at all comments.

Discussion: FERC Order 1000 – John Leland

- The FERC Order 1000 is focused on the regional and interregional planning and cost allocation processes.
- NTTG filed a request for clarification or in the alternate rehearing on two items:
 - The request was for the Commission to clarify the relationship between cost allocation and cost recovery and to clarify the scope of the provisions of the Rights for First Refusal that is prohibited by the final rule. This is generally considered a RTO kind of issue. (Transmission providers having the right of first refusal to build any project that is within their area.) This right has been removed by FERC. There is question on existing contracts, even within the NTTG footprint or elsewhere in the West where there is not an RTO.
- FERC also states that stakeholder input needs to be included at the regional level. A process needs to be developed for this. No timeline on this yet.

Discussion: Regional Update - Rich Bayless

- 10 yr. plan was approved by TEPPC with changes. This is posted on the WECC board meeting site.
- The SCG has finalized the Common Case Transmission Assumption (CCTA) list (previously the Foundation Project List). The criteria discussion was finalized on the 31st of August and sent to TEPPC. As far as NTTG projects that were on the previous Foundation List, all are in the CCTA except the gateway south Monte Christo because it was deferred past the 10 year plan. The MSTI is not on the list because it does not have a current shipper agreement yet.
- Financial indicators were clarified project by project including how to apply the criteria to determine whether a project is on the list or not.
- A report documenting these discussions will be out on October 19th.
- Approved that NTTG should provide a rep to the BCCS to follow.
- A task for has been set up that Marv Landaur is in charge of to review the reliability studies that TEPPC needs to do.
- Dynamic Transfer Capability task force is now undergoing phase 3 studies. Sending a letter to WECC with request on information on how they want to be involved to proceed on this task.
- Northwest Power and Conservation Council meets in Astoria next week. ColumbiaGrid, NTTG and WECC have been asked to discuss where they are on planning and how this fits together.
- Joint Guidance Committee meets September 8th, will discuss the BCCS and Data Coordination Task force.



Discussion: Round table/other business – Sharon Helms

- None.

Next Meeting: Next Meeting: The next Northern Tier Planning Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 31, 2011 at 2:30PM (Pacific)

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