

Description of Meeting:	NTTG Planning Committee
Meeting Date:	September 11, 2013
Meeting Notes Prepared By:	Amy Wachsnicht
Approved for Posting:	October 9, 2013

Attendee List:

Dave Angell – Vice Chair, Idaho Power, Class 1	Dave Lofftus – MT PSC, Class 3
Jamie Austin – PacifiCorp, Class 1	Jerry Maio – UT PSC, Class 3
Mitch Colburn – Idaho Power, Class 1	Amy Wachsnicht – NTTG
Gil Coulam – NTTG	Scott Waples – Avista Corp., Class 1
Sharon Helms – NTTG	Dan Wheeler – Gaelectric, LLC, Class 2
Don Johnson – Portland General, Class 1	Wes Wingen – Black Hills Power, Class 1
John Leland – Chair, NorthWestern, Class 1	

1. Agenda:

- a. Welcome, Establish Quorum and Agenda review
- b. Approval of June 12, 2013 Meeting Notes
- c. FERC Order No. 1000 Update
 - i. PCM Filing
 - ii. Planning Committee Charter Update
 - iii. NTTG O1K Regional Filing Update
 - iv. Updated O1K Data Submittal Forms
- d. NTTG Order No. 890 Planning Process Update
 - i. Draft 2012-2013 Regional Transmission Plan
 1. Stakeholder Comments
 2. Schedule & Next Steps
- e. Round Table/Other Business

2. Discussions & Decisions:

Decision: Approval of June 12, 2013 Meeting Notes

- The June 12, 2013 meeting notes were approved for posting.

Discussion: FERC Order No. 1000 Update

- PCM Filing
 - In October 2012 with the filing of NTTG's Transmission Provider's Attachment K, NTTG made a committed to doing additional work on production cost modeling (PCM) with a report back to FERC in mid-2013.
 - On September 3, 2013 NTTG made their filing that the report has been posted.
 - The report summarizes the efforts and conclusions made by NTTG.
 - It states "The strong consensus of the cost allocation and PCM work groups was that the results of the study in the current modeling framework do not provide sufficient accuracy to be used at this time in the development of benefit metrics for the allocation of transmission project costs."
 - NTTG will not utilize PCM at this time. However there may be some additional work with PCM in the future.
- Planning Committee Charter Update
 - The charter currently in effect holds a lot of information regarding process and operating.

- In FERC's May 2013 ruling on NTTG's transmission provider's October 2012 filings, they required NTTG to take the process and operating frameworks in the current charters and included them in the Attachment K.
- In cleaning up the charters to comply with FERC's ruling the workgroups, to the extent possible made the charters similar for each Committee; Planning, Cost Allocation and Steering.
 - No changes were made to the original planning principles
 - There were modifications made to the Planning Committee quorum requirements, decision making and elections of the Chair and Vice Chair.
- Modification to Quorum Requirements
 - 60% of the member representatives in each class must be present at a meeting.
- Modification to Decision Making
 - Majority vote of the transmission provider/developer class and one other class present at a meeting.
- Modification to Elections of Chair and Vice Chair
 - Elections will be held every two years prior to the beginning of the biennial cycle (even years).
 - The Chair will hold their position for two years with the intention of having the Vice Chair become the Chair at the next election.
- The current charters will remain in effect until FERC approves the changes.
- NTTG O1K Regional Filing Update
 - John Leland indicated that for the most part all NTTG transmission provider's Attachment K's will be the same with the exception of the local section as each transmission provider's local process can differ.
 - There was information NTTG described in the Practice Document that FERC required be moved into the Attachment K.
 - For example some of this information included Public Policy and Economic Study Requests. There were no modifications to the process laid out in the Practice Document but there will be some changes in language in order to conform to the language in the Attachment K.
 - In Order 890 NTTG required that stakeholders submit data and economic congestion studies to their local transmission providers. The local transmission provider will then look at the request and decide if it is local, regional or interconnection wide and send the information on to the appropriate entities.
 - In Order 1000 NTTG will directly receive data information form stakeholders for economic congestion studies. If it is deemed to be a regional study then it will stay within NTTG, if it is interconnection wide then it will be sent to WECC.
 - Even though the data information would be submitted to NTTG directly, it was requested that the local transmission provider still be informed or sent the information as the request could be deemed local.
 - A lot of changes were made to the Attachment K in order to comply with FERC's ruling and to include the information pulled over from the Practice Document.
 - The Attachment K includes two areas, governance/participation and planning and cost allocation process. Each of these areas includes subsections:
 - Governance/Participation
 - Enrollment/Membership
 - Stakeholder Participation
 - Transmission Provider Participation
 - Dispute Resolution
 - Planning and Cost Allocation Process
 - Preparing the biennial study plan
 - Cost allocation

- Reevaluation
 - Calculations, the models and methods of calculations in cost allocation
 - Economic Congestion Studies
 - Regional Economic Study Requests.
- In the October 2012 filings NTTG proposed an effective date of October 2013 for Order 1000 which was accepted by FERC.
 - In FERC's May 2013 ruling they had only accepted part of the filing. Since there is not a complete order there is not a clean process that is fully approved for NTTG transmission providers to implement in October 2013.
 - There is ongoing discussions about pushing out the effective date or a hybrid process in a separate motion to FERC.
- Updated O1K Data Submittal Forms
 - NTTG Data Submittal Form
 - Submittal Instructions Tab.
 - There is a table from the Attachment K and directs the individual to a specific tab and column to put the information.
 - Peak Data Tab
 - Peak separated into 3 categories, Peak without DSM, DSM and EE.
 - Generator tab
 - New generator information.
 - Added Transmission tab
 - This has additional information that is not being asked by WECC.
 - Terminal facilities
 - NTTG want to get a feel for the costs of the terminal facilities.
 - Transmission Service
 - There is an obligation through Attachment K to provide planning loads, resources and transmission service that is across the transmission provider's areas.
 - Non Transmission Alternatives
 - Any alternatives that can be provided to eliminate transmission in the future would go here.
 - Other Information
 - Any additional information would go here.
 - Sponsor Qualification Data
 - This form would be submitted to NTTG the quarter prior to the start of the new cycle and is intended for those submitting projects to NTTG for consideration in the transmission plan and cost allocation.
 - Cost Allocation Data Form
 - If the project is being considered for cost allocation and the project sponsor has been approved through the qualification form then this data would be submitted. It provides more details one the economic about the project and any other information that the project sponsor can supply to help with cost allocation.
 - When submitting project details in Q1 of the panning cycle is when this from would be submitted to NTTG.
 - In reviewing the Sponsor Qualification and Cost Allocation Data Form's it was pointed out that window for submittal was not included and would be added before they are finalized.
 - Economic Study Request form
 - Minor modifications were made to this form.
 - It was also pointed out that the data submittal window needed to be added to this form.

- The consensus of the Committee was to point to the NTTG funding members local Attachment K for the submittal window.
- John Leland informed the group that the Attachment K and all the attachments will be filed as one big PDF package to FERC. The reason for this is that the forms are not applicable until FERC approves the filing because and there is a concern people could pull the wrong forms.

Discussion: NTTG Order No. 890 Planning Process Update

- Stakeholder Comments on Draft 2012-2013 Regional Transmission Plan
 - Comments are posted on the website and there is a summary form with drafted NTTG comments.
 - Dave Angell walked through the comments submitted from, NTTG responses and the resolutions.
 - Comments were received from UT Office of Consumer Services, TransWest Express, Gil Coulam, NW Energy Coalition and PPL EnergyPlus, LLC.
 - One of NWEC's comments indicated the map diagrams with inter-node flows are helpful but for comparison reasons it would be nicer to have a table.
 - The committee discussed the comment and the general consensus was to take no action for the current report; however a table will be considered as appendices for future reports.
- Schedule & Next Steps
 - The report with the addition of an executive summary and minor changes from this meeting's discussion will be submitted to Steering for their approval.
 - Assuming that Steering will approve it, the report will be finalized and distributed.
 - As done in the past a summary document of 20 pages or less will be available and sent to commissioners, FERC and other various entities identifying what NTTG has done.
 - The stakeholder comments and NTTG's finalized responses will be posted on the NTTG website under the planning process.
 - Dave Angell made two motions for the Planning Committee's approval:
 - Motion #1 – Approval of the resolution of stakeholder comments subject to minor changes with regard to the Wyoming Office of Consumer Advocates and the changes with regard to the requested tables of inter-node flows indicating NTTG will consider adding those in future reports as appendices.
 - With a second by Jamie Austin the Planning Committee unanimously approved the resolution of stakeholder comments.
 - Motion #2 - Approval for submitting the 2012-2013 report to Steering for final approval with the addition of the Executive summary and slight modification to the membership list.
 - With a second by Dan Wheeler the Planning Committee unanimously approved submitting the 2012-2013 report to Steering for final approval.

Discussion: Round Table/Other Business

- Jamie Austin informed the group that she is on the TEPPC committee looking into submitting comments to RPIC regarding the WECC information sharing policy.
 - In light of WECC's bifurcation they are trying to develop a policy of data sharing that is standardized. Much of it is designed around reliability needs and their first cut of the proposed document is posted.
 - The translation is very conservative to the point they are holding back data that has been used in the TEPPC process opened for a number of years now.
 - For example on DSM data, one would have to sign a confidential MDA to access it.

- Load forecast used to be that the first 3 year loads are confidential and anything beyond is open for years. It is now suggested the open years would be confidential and a MDA would have to be signed to access that information.
- Another concern is that TEPPC and the regions under Order 1000 transparency is the use of historical hourly data and not being able to model the load data bases or access to generator data used to shape and create the hourly loads.
 - NTTG takes the TEPPC data base, look for the core case hours and exports the data for their studies and ultimately use in the report.
- TEPPC was granted a week extension for comment and is in the process of putting together a questionnaire and ultimately a proposal.
- Jamie Austin indicated she wanted to inform NTTG's Planning Committee of this issue and would suggest that NTTG may want to be in support of what TEPPC is asking for in transparency.
- John Leland commented that while TEPPC's proposal is something to take a look at and may be an issue NTTG would want to comment on, he would not make any commitments at this point.

3. Assignments:

Item #	Assignment	Owner	Target Date	Status
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Next Meeting: The next Northern Tier Planning Committee Meeting is scheduled for October 9, 2013 at 1PM Pacific.

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