



Description of Meeting:	Cost Allocation Committee Meeting
Meeting Date:	September 20, 2010
Meeting Minutes Prepared By:	Lyndee Restad
Approved for Posting:	October 4, 2010

Attendee List: Rich Bayless, Brian DeKiep, Marshall Empey, Sharon Helms, Sam Liu, Matt Muldoon, Marcy Norby, Lyndee Restad, Lou Ann Westerfield, Curt Winterfeld, Joni Zenger

Committee Members Not in Attendance: Bryce Freeman, Marc Hellman, Jim Logan, Larry Nordell, Darrell Zlomke

1. Agenda:

- Review draft notes from the August 11, 2010 Cost Allocation Committee meeting; modify as required and approve to post
- Feedback on NOPR comments
- Report on CREPC meeting
- Discussion of cost-benefit methodology, esp. what costs and benefits should be included in evaluation
- Roundtable/Next Steps

2. Decisions / Discussions:

Discussion: Review draft notes from the August 11, 2010 Cost Allocation Committee meeting; modify as required and approve to post

- The August 11, 2010 notes were approved to post on the NTTG website

Discussion: Feedback on NOPR

- CALISO has not shared their comments yet
- ColumbiaGrid, WestConnect and WECC have all shared their draft comments with NTTG
- A Steering Committee meeting will be held on Thursday to ensure that members do not have an objection to the comments prior to submitting them
- Rich Bayless has prepared an outline comparing the comments between ColumbiaGrid, WestConnect, WECC and NTTG. There are not significant differences between the comments; all appear to align on key topics.

Discussion: Report on CREPC Meeting

- The CREPC meeting took place on September 13th and 14th in Salt Lake City, UT
- Representatives from FERC and DOE were present at the meeting
- The CREPC Agenda contained a variety of status reports as well as an opportunity to discuss the CREPC draft NOPR comments
- A NOPR panel was assembled to assist with answering questions regarding the NOPR comments
 - Mason Emmett began with an overview of the NOPR
 - Doug Larson followed and presented a brief overview of the draft CREPC comments
 - Chairman Savage and other CREPC members participated in asking the panelists questions from the draft CREPC comments

- An additional draft of the CREPC comments will be turned around and will include the input from the meeting
- The Panel addition at the meeting appeared to be successful as all questions were answered
- An in-depth discussion took place on Public Policy and how it should enter into the Planning Process
 - Meeting attendees pointed out that the NTTG Planning model seems to be efficient with addressing public policies over various states
 - This was a positive comment for NTTG
- An overview on the EDT effort was given as well as the direction it is going
- The Commissioners that attended the Little Rock meeting on EIS discussed the outcome of the meeting; a few are starting to change their opinions on it
- In regards to Cost Allocation, it was apparent that parties did not want to see mandatory rules or regulations where one group could impose costs onto someone else

Discussion: TEPPC Meeting

- The TEPPC meeting was fairly routine and covered its usual topics
- Updates were given on the SPSG and other regional groups
- The Foundational List was discussed, this included a review of that what makes up the list
- More discussion will take place during the meeting next Tuesday; this will include the EDT project

Discussion: Cost-Benefit Methodology

- The Committee discussed how to develop a Cost/Benefit methodology for a multi-transmission provider project
- Lou Ann Westerfield, Marcy Norby and Larry Nordell are researching different methods
- Due to the NOPR, the work they were doing had to be placed on hold
- The team will continue to work together and develop a white paper for the Committee to review
 - The white paper will be completed by December 1, 2010
- A sample case will be established; possibly using a hypothetical project. The case will utilize reliability and congestion relief as well as resource developers
- Committee members are encouraged to send any ideas or comments on the approach to Lou Ann W.

Discussion: Roundtable / Next Steps

- The Cost Allocation Committee meetings will begin to take place on a biweekly basis
- The next meeting will take place on Oct 4, 2010



3. Assignments:

Item #	Assignment	Owner	Target Date	Status
1.	Cancel the 9/27 CAC Meeting	L. Restad	Complete	

Next Meeting: The next Northern Tier Cost Allocation Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 04, 2010 at 1pm Pacific.

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