

Description of Meeting:	Cost Allocation Committee Meeting
Meeting Date:	September 21, 2009
Meeting Minutes Prepared By:	Lynn Jesus-Olhausen
Approved to Post:	September 28, 2009

Attendee List: Rich Bayless, Brian DeKiep, Bryce Freeman, Sharon Helms, Lynn Jesus-Olhausen, Matt Muldoon, Larry Nordell, Lou Ann Westerfield, Darrell Zlomke

Not in Attendance: Marshall Empey, Marc Hellman, Sam Liu, Jim Logan, Marcy Norby, Curt Winterfeld, Joni Zenger

1. Agenda:

- Review Notes from the August 31, 2009 Cost Allocation Meeting and Approve to Post
- Update on Cost Allocation Recommendation
 - Public Comment Period
 - Economic Study Analysis Language
- Debrief of FERC Technical Conference
- Next Steps/Next

2. Decisions / Discussions:

Discussion: Review Notes from the August 31, 2009 Cost Allocation Meeting and Approve to Post

- Approved to post as-is.

Discussion: Update on Cost Allocation Recommendation

- Public Comment Period
 - The comments from Basin Electric were an information update. This will be incorporated into the recommendation.
 - PacifiCorp submitted comments that were primarily editorial in nature with some information updates. These comments will be incorporated as deemed appropriate by the committee.
- Economic Study Analysis Language
 - The paper drafted by Brian DeKiep and Matt Muldoon documents that the economic study process from the current planning cycle was an exercise of process validation to ensure the study process works.
 - Operationally the studies would work, and power can be moved across the NTTG footprint.
 - The results do not have serious implications for the Cost Allocation Committee work or recommendation.
- The Planning Committee is completing the final draft of the transmission plan report. Any necessary coordination with the Transmission Use Committee and Cost Allocation Committee will be done. The final draft of the transmission plan report will be released for public comment and then submitted to the Steering Committee for approval in November or December 2009.

Discussion: Debrief of FERC Technical Conference

- Rich Bayless was able review ColumbiaGrid and WestConnect's presentation papers and aligned NTTG's presentation to ensure united sub-regional level representation on topics affecting the region.
- There were comments made that there were too many sub-regional groups in the Western Interconnect. Marsha Smith supported the presence of the sub-regional groups and educated FERC with a history of why there are the current groups. FERC accepted and understood Marsha Smith's comments.
- BPA believes that their open season process is a good model for the entire region. Rich Bayless outlined NTTG's process and that it provides the same opportunities for participation.
- There is active concern about rightsizing and who will take on the risk of building the transmission. Some are looking for a federal level backstop to assume the risk.
 - It is not the cost allocation process that is the roadblock from long term transmission commitments. Parties understand the costs involved and how those costs are derived. It is the level of risk and high level of cost that keeps parties from committing to proposed lines.
- If the planning process comes together regionally as outlined in the DOE FOA proposal, then there will not be a need for a prescribed region-wide cost allocation methodology. This will already be occurring in the planning process.
- The Topic B portion of the DOE FOA Application was submitted on September 14th, 2009. This is also on the agenda for discussion at the CREPPC meetings in November 2009.
- FERC will not entertain any comments on the Technical Conferences until all conferences have been conducted. All conferences should be completed by the end of September 2009. FERC will then release instructions for submitting post-conference comments.

Discussion: Next Steps/Next

- Roundtable
 - Governor Schwarzenegger of California has released an executive order stating that the current assembly bill regarding California's renewable portfolio standards will be vetoed. The Governor believes that obtaining renewable resources from outside of California will be required to meet the necessary standards.
 - There is a request for submission of a committee budget for 2011-2012.
 - The committee chairs will assess if the support for the committee's endeavors is adequate or if more or less is needed.
 - Contingencies will need to be factored in to the Cost Allocation Committee budget in case a cost allocation request is received requiring assistance from a consultant. There may also be additional duties assigned from the west-wide planning process. This topic will be discussed at the next Cost Allocation meeting.
 - No additional information has been submitted from PGE in regard to their project. Lou Ann Westerfield will contact Frank Afranji for a status update on this additional information.



3. Assignments:

Item #	Assignment	Owner	Target Date	Status
1.	Contact Frank Afranji for status update on additional information for PGE's project	L. Westerfield	09/25/09	

Next Meeting: Next Meeting: The next Northern Tier Cost Allocation Committee meeting is scheduled for September 28, 2009 at 1:00PM Pacific.

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