

Description of Meeting:

NTTG Planning Committee

Meeting Date:
Meeting Notes Prepared By:
Approved for Posting:

October 9, 2013 Amy Wachsnicht December 11, 2013

Attendee List:

Dave Angell – Vice Chair, Idaho Power, Class 1
Johanna Bell – Idaho PUC, Class 3
Greg Bingham – PGE Merchant
David Brown – SWCA
John Chatburn – Idaho OER, Class 3
Mitch Colburn – Idaho Power, Class 1
Gil Coulam – NTTG
Marshall Empey – UAMPS, Class 2

Brian Fritz – PacifiCorp, Class 1
Don Johnson – Portland General, Class 1
John Leland – Chair, NorthWestern, Class 1
David Lofftus – MT PSC, Class 3
Kishore Patel – PacifiCorp, Class 1
Amy Wachsnicht – NTTG
Dan Wheeler – Gaelectric, Class 2

1. Agenda:

- a. Welcome, establish quorum and agenda review
- b. Approve September 11, 2013 Meeting Notes
- c. FERC Order No. 1000 Update
 - i. NTTG Order 1000 Regional Filing
 - ii. Start of 2014-2015 Biennial Cycle
- d. NTTG Order No. 890 Planning Process Update
- e. Round Table/Other Business

2. Discussions & Decisions:

Decision: Approve September 11, 2013 Meeting Notes

September 11, 2013 meeting notes were approved as is for posting.

Discussion: FERC Order No. 1000 Update

- NTTG Order 1000 Regional Filing
 - NTTG member's made their filings on September 16, 2013. These also have been posted on the NTTG website.
 - Updates were given throughout the process during Stakeholder meetings and
 Planning Committee meetings in preparation and responding to the ruling of last year
- Start of 2014-2015 Biennial Cycle
 - NTTG member Transmission Provider's filed a separate motion with the FERC regarding the effective date of Order 1000 process for accepting regional applications for projects seeking cost allocation.
 - In the October 2012 filing NTTG member's proposed a start date of October 1, 2013, which was accepted by FERC in their May response Order.
 - The intent was that during the months of October through December preceding the start of the next planning cycle, NTTG would receive submittals and conduct its prequalification process for sponsored projects seeking cost allocation.
 - The October 2013 effective date was based upon the assumption that the substance of NTTG's proposed Attachment K's would have been accepted by the Commission in advance of October 1, 2013.
 - There was a concern that there would be problems in keeping with the October 1st start date because NTTG member's compliance filings to FERC's May Order were



due to FERC on September 16th and receiving an order from FERC to the September 16 filing on or before October 1st would be difficult.

- The current government shut down may also be hindering FERC from providing a response.
- The motion proposed that specific approval was needed from FERC to allow NTTG to move forward with the Order 1000 implementation process.
 - The first proposal was to start the Order 1000 process during the 2016-2017 planning cycle. This would mean the start date would be October 1, 2015.
 - An alternative proposal was that NTTG could start the Order 1000 process this year (in 2013) if FERC accepted portions of the regional filing on the following dates:
 - By November 29, 2013 Acceptance of the pre-approval process
 - By December 31, 2013 Acceptance of the 1st quarter planning process
 - By March 31, 2014 Acceptance of the 2nd quarter and
 - By June 30, 2014 the acceptance of the rest of the Attachment K filing planning requirements.
 - If FERC does not respond by November 29th with an acceptance of the the pre-approval process then NTTG cannot start the Order 1000 process.
 - In the absence of Order 1000, NTTG will continue with the Order 890 process for the 2014-2015 planning cycle.
 - NTTG will not skip a planning cycle.

Discussion: NTTG Order No. 890 Planning Process Update

- NTTG is in the last stage of the biennial process, where the report is being finalized for publication and distribution.
 - Comments were received and responded to at the last Planning Committee meeting.
- The Technical Workgroup is working with a technical writer and creating the executive summary as well as creating a reduced summarized document for broader distribution. A cover letter will be put together and distributed with the summarized document.

Discussion: Round Table/Other Business

- The next Planning Committee Meeting is scheduled for November 13, 2013.
 - This is anticipated to be a short meeting unless NTTG receives an order back from FERC on the member's filings or items are brought up needing Planning Committee attention.

3. Assignments:

Item #	Assignment	Owner	Target Date	Status
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				

Next Meeting: The next Northern Tier Planning Committee Meeting is scheduled for June 6, 2012 at 1PM Pacific.

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- o Conference ID 1119461