



<b>Description of Meeting:</b>	<b>Cost Allocation Committee Meeting</b>
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	<b>October 19, 2009</b>
<b>Meeting Minutes Prepared By:</b>	<b>Sharon Helms</b>
<b>Approved to Post:</b>	<b>October 26, 2009</b>

**Attendee List:** Rich Bayless, Brian DeKiep, Marshall Empey, Sharon Helms, Matt Muldoon, Marcy Norby, Larry Nordell, Lou Ann Westerfield, Curt Winterfeld, Joni Zenger

**Not in Attendance:** Bryce Freeman, Marc Hellman, Lynn Jesus-Olhausen, Sam Liu, Jim Logan, Darrell Zlomke

**1. Agenda:**

- Review Notes from the October 5, 2009 Cost Allocation Meeting and Approve to Post
- Update on Cost Allocation Recommendation
- Cost Allocation Charter Revisions
- Illinois Commerce Commission, et al. v. FERC, Nos. 08-1306, et al. (7th Cir. Aug. 6, 2009) (7<sup>th</sup> Circuit decision upholds concepts of cost causation and beneficiary pays.)
- Next Steps/Next Call – 10/19/09

**2. Decisions / Discussions:**

**Decision: Approve October 5, 2009 Notes for Posting**

- The meeting minutes of the October 5, 2009 Cost Allocation Committee were approved for posting as submitted.

**Discussion: Update on Cost Allocation Recommendation**

- Matt Muldoon led a discussion on the most recent Cascade Crossing Project update, including additional data from Portland General. The committee agreed that further modifications should be included to clarify the status of a committed anchor tenant for the project. Revisions will be made and included in the final report to be submitted for Cost Allocation Committees approval on October 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Sharon Helms reviewed the process and timeline for obtaining Steering Committee approval of the final 2008-2009 Biennium Report.

**Decision: Cost Allocation Charter Revisions**

- Lou Ann provided an overview on the concept of a new Vice-Chair role for the Transmission Use, Planning and Cost Allocation Committees. The Vice-Chair has been suggested to ensure a smooth transition as new Chairs are elected or in the event a Chair is unable to act in its capacity. After discussion, the Committee agreed to modify the Cost Allocation Charter to reflect an annual election of both the Chair and Vice-Chair. It was also agreed that to provide flexibility, the charter will remain silent on the number of consecutive terms a Chair can hold.

**Discussion: Illinois Commerce Commission, et al. v. FERC, Nos. 08-1306, et al. (7th Cir. Aug. 6, 2009)**

- Lou Ann Westerfield reported on the highlights of the 7<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court's decision to uphold the concept that costs must be commensurate with benefits.



**Discussion: Next Steps/Next Call – 10/26/09**

- The October 26<sup>th</sup> call will be extended to two hours to allow sufficient time to finalize the Cost Allocation Committees 2008-2009 Cost Allocation recommendation and to provide input on the NORC that is due to be filed by November 9<sup>th</sup>.

**3. Assignments:**

Item #	Assignment	Owner	Target Date	Status
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**Next Meeting: Next Meeting:** The next Northern Tier Cost Allocation Committee meeting is scheduled for October 26, 2009 at 1:00PM Pacific.

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