

Description of Meeting:	NTTG Planning Committee
Meeting Date:	October 23, 2019
Meeting Notes Prepared By:	Amy Wachsnicht
Approved for Posting:	November 25, 2019

1. Agenda:

- a. Approval of September 18, 2019 NTTG Planning Committee Meeting Notes
- b. NTTG's 2018-2019 Revised Draft Final Regional Transmission Plan
 - i. Stakeholder Comments and NTTG's Response
- c. Approval Items:
 - i. RESOLVED: that the NTTG Planning Committee approves NTTG's Response to stakeholder comments on the 2018-2019 Revised Draft Final Regional Transmission Plan.
 - ii. RESOLVED: that the NTTG Planning Committee supports sending this plan, and any additional non-substantive revisions that may be subsequently recommended by the Technical Writer to improve readability, to NTTG's Steering Committee for approval.
- d. Project Sponsor Pre-Qualification Process Update
- e. Approval Item:
 - i. RESOLVED: That the Member Representatives of the NTTG Planning Committee designate the current 2019 Planning Committee Chair and Vice Chair to work in conjunction with the current 2019 Cost Allocation Committee Chair, with support from CPS, with authority to review the qualification data submitted by any Project Sponsor, including any data marked as critical energy infrastructure information or privileged, and to determine whether the Project Sponsor has satisfied the qualification data requirements for submission of the project, as described in each of the Transmission Providers' respective Open Access Transmission Tariff (OATT).
- f. Approval Item: NTTG Planning Committee Chair and Vice Chair elections
- g. Round Table/Other Business

2. Discussions & Decisions:

Decision: Approval of September 18, 2019 NTTG Planning Committee Meeting Notes

- With a motion my Marissa Warren and second from Craig Quist, the September 18, 2019 NTTG Planning Committee Meeting Notes were **approved for posting by all three Classes**.

Discussion: NTTG 2018-2019 Revised Draft Final Regional Transmission Plan – Stakeholder Comments and NTTG's Response

- NTTG received [one set of comments from the Joint Parties](#), whose focus was on the Economic Study Request analysis and the draft report.
- Chelsea Loomis walked through the comments and NTTG's responses.
 - Based on the comments received, **no changes** were made to the Revised Draft Final Regional Transmission Plan.



Decision: Approval Items:

- **RESOLVED:** that the NTTG Planning Committee approves NTTG's Response to stakeholder comments on the 2018-2019 Revised Draft Final Regional Transmission Plan.
 - With a motion by Craig Quist and second from Bob Smith, the **above resolution was approved by all three Classes.**
- **RESOLVED:** that the NTTG Planning Committee supports sending this plan, and any additional non-substantive revisions that may be subsequently recommended by the Technical Writer to improve readability, to NTTG's Steering Committee for approval.
 - With a motion by Bob Smith and second from Craig Quist, the **above resolution was approved by all three Classes.**

Discussion: Project Sponsor Pre-Qualification Process Update

- Although there is a strong inclination the new Regional Planning Organization's efforts filed with FERC will move forward at the beginning of 2020, the NTTG Transmission Providers are still bound by the current Attachment K obligations. In Quarter 8, NTTG opens the window for Project Sponsors to submit pre-qualification data.
- NTTG's Planning and Cost Allocation Committee's are responsible for administering the review of any submitted pre-qualification data including confidential data.
 - To relieve the administrative burden in assessing the data, as done last cycle, the resolution below is asking for the Chairs and Vice-Chairs be designated with that responsibility.

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 - With a motion by Craig Quist and second from Curtis Westhoff, **the above resolution was approved by all three classes.**

Decision: Approval Item: NTTG Planning Committee Chair and Vice Chair elections

- Given the fact that NTTG's Transmission Providers are still working under the current NTTG Planning Committee Charter which mandates Chair and Vice-Chair elections in Quarter 4, the committee will be conducting elections. This will allow NTTG's Planning Committee to continue with its responsibilities, in case start up of the new Regional Planning Organization is delayed.
- Sharon Helms opened the floor for nominations:
 - Curtis Westhoff nominated Chelsea Loomis for NTTG Planning Committee Vice-Chair.
 - Hearing no other nominations or objections, **Chelsea Loomis was approved by acclamation.**
 - Chelsea Loomis nominated Jared Ellsworth for the NTTG Planning Committee Chair.
 - Hearing no other nominations or objections, **Jared Ellsworth was approved by acclamation.**

Discussion: Round Table/Other Business

- On October 30th the NTTG Cost Allocation Committee will be meeting to review the same sponsor pre-qualification process to authorize the Cost Allocation Committee Chair.



- The next NTTG Stakeholder meeting will be held on December 5th, where members will walk through any Project Sponsor pre-qualification submittals as well as the determination of the assessment.
- December 19th the Steering Committee will meet in Boise, ID to approve the Final Plan.

3. Assignments:

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

Next Meeting: The next Northern Tier Planning Committee Meeting is scheduled for TBD.

- Dial: **(626) 425-3121**
- Access Code: **432-608-245**

Attendees:

NTTG Planning Committee Member Representatives

Membership Class 1

Bill Hosie, TransCanada	Rikin Shah, PacifiCorp (Proxy)	April Spacek, Avista (Proxy)
Younglae Kim, MATL	Bob Smith, TransCanyon	Curstis Westhoff, Idaho Power (Proxy)
Chelsea Loomis, Chair, NorthWestern		

Membership Class 2

Marshall Empey, UAMPS	Rhett Hurless, Absaroka	
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Membership Class 3

Robin Arnold, MT PSC	Steven Goodson, ID PUC	Marissa Warren, ID OEMR (Proxy)
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Other NTTG Members & Guests

Jamie Austin, PacifiCorp	Sharon Helms, NTTG	Kishore Patel, PacifiCorp
Justin Bieber, UAE	Alan Hockenson, KBT Energy	Ron Schellberg, NTTG
Daney Brauchie, WY PSC	John Leland, NTTG	Amy Wachsnicht, NTTG
Jennifer Galaway, Portland General	George Lynch, ID OEMR	