



<b>Description of Meeting:</b>	<b>NTTG Planning Committee Meeting</b>
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	<b>October 28, 2009</b>
<b>Meeting Minutes Prepared By:</b>	<b>Lynn Jesus-Olhausen</b>
<b>Approved to Post:</b>	<b>January 6, 2010</b>

**Attendee List:** Jamie Austin, Rich Bayless, Marshall Empey, Darrell Gerrard, Sharon Helms, Lynn Jesus-Olhausen, John Leland, Jeff Newby, Ron Schellberg, Kip Sikes, Jim Tucker, Steven Wallace

**Guests:** Jeff Miller, Marv Landauer

**Not in Attendance:** Orlando Ciniglio, Arlo Corwin, Brian DeKiep, Eric Egge, Derrick Harris, Bill Hosie, Paul Kjellander, Ryan Munson, Matthew Stoltz, Darrel Zlomke

## 1. Agenda:

- Approve October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009 Meeting Notes to Post
- Regional Update (Rich Bayless & Kip Sikes)
  - FERC request for comments & NTTG's position (planning issues)
  - WECC regional planning initiative
  - TEPPC 2009 study program
  - Wind Integration Study Team
  - Other regional activities
- ColumbiaGrid Update (Jeff Miller)
- NTTG Biennial Report (Steven)
  - Outline
  - Schedule
- Biennial Plan Final Report (Kip & Steven)
- Other Issues, Roundtable

## 2. Discussions & Decisions:

### Discussion: Approve October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009 Meeting Notes to Post

- Approved to post as-is.

### Discussion: Regional Update

- FERC request for comments & NTTG's position (planning issues)
  - FERC has made observations and conclusions from the Technical Conferences from September 2009. They have released a NORC for further feedback.
  - The NTTG Steering Committee has provided a recommendation that NTTG should provide detailed and specific responses to FERC's NORC on regional planning and cost allocation. These responses will create a clear record of NTTG's position on these issues.
  - Most of the regional planning issues in the West will be handled through the DOE FOA Proposal.
  - With input from Jeff Miller, ColumbiaGrid and NTTG are aligned in their approach to the responses to FERC. ColumbiaGrid is responding with the message that FERC's concerns with regional planning will be addressed in the DOE FOA Proposal and this new set of processes should be given time to be implemented before FERC supplements with any additional processes.

- The Cost Allocation Committee is also providing Rich Bayless with input for the NORC comments.
- Rich Bayless reviewed his draft of responses with the Planning Committee. Any additional feedback is due to Rich Bayless by COB Thursday, Oct 29<sup>th</sup>.
- The Management Committee will review the draft on November 2<sup>nd</sup>, with the Legal Work Group finalizing the draft by November 6<sup>th</sup> and submission to FERC on Nov 9<sup>th</sup>.
- WECC regional planning initiative
  - The Sub-Regional Coordination Group is currently preparing the group's charter and process plan. Drafts will be reviewed at the group's meeting scheduled for Nov 18<sup>th</sup>, in conjunction with the TEPPC meeting. The goal is have the charter and process plan approved at WECC's December Board meeting.
    - Rich Bayless will circulate drafts of the charter and process plan when they become available to the Planning Committee for feedback.
  - There has been no word on the award for the DOE FOA application.
  - A task force has been set up to look at roles relative to regional planning and the potential splitting of duties between TEPPC and PCC.
- TEPPC 2009 study program
  - TEPPC is currently fine tuning the data for the 2019 base case for economic and congestion studies.
  - This base case will be the basis for NTTG's economic studies for the next study cycle.
- Wind Integration Study Team
  - The Wind Integration Forum will hear a status report from the WIST Team at their upcoming meeting.
  - Ron Schellberg gave a presentation on his independent analysis of wind integration, and load and respective patterns with use of supplemental generations, in an effort to integrate wind better.
    - Through his analysis, closer-in, albeit lesser quality wind, was more economic to integrate than farther out, higher quality wind resources.
    - WIST is developing dynamic scheduling limits between key flow gate and balancing areas for the Northwest.
      - BPA is working on the methodologies for this effort.
      - Initial limits need to be identified by the time the Joint Initiative's DSS is operational (Q2 2010.)
  - Paul Arnold is the WIST liaison to the VGS. WIST is looking to align with the VGS and their work.
- Other regional activities
  - There is a TEPPC call next Tuesday, Nov 10<sup>th</sup>. The Planning Committee will need to provide guidance to Rich Bayless so he can give an update on the committee's activities.

#### **Discussion: ColumbiaGrid Update**

- ColumbiaGrid is approaching the end of their biennial cycle. They are currently finalizing their biennial report that is due by the end of 2009.
- ColumbiaGrid will be creating two study teams. One team will look at the Olympic Peninsula and another team will evaluate the north and south paths of the Cross Cascades projects.



- ColumbiaGrid will soon be having a kick off mtg for parties interested in scoping a broad open season. ColumbiaGrid is looking for active participation from NTTG members.
- ColumbiaGrid is shelving the effort to be a NERC planning authority. There does not seem to be enough need for this service.
- ColumbiaGrid is combining local providers' Attachment K meetings with a sub-regional level meeting, in an effort to reduce the number of meetings required in their footprint.

#### **Discussion: NTTG Biennial Report**

- Outline
  - Steven Wallace reviewed the overall outline of the expanded biennium report portion. Please contact Steven Wallace if you would like to participate in writing any of the summaries.
- Schedule
  - Oct 26<sup>th</sup> - Committee approval of the draft report
  - Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> – Public comment period
  - Dec 1<sup>st</sup> – Biennium Report finalized
  - Dec 8<sup>th</sup> – Steering Committee approval of the full Biennium Report

#### **Discussion: Biennial Plan Final Report**

- Steven Wallace has distributed the report with all revisions to date. The report was reviewed and the committee submitted some feedback during the review.
- Consistency and spacing issues will be addressed once content is finalized.
- The issue of coordination between the local planning processes and the sub-regional level processes will be explored at a later meeting for definition and incorporation into the 2010-2011 biennial planning cycle.
- Each transmission provider should confirm the links pertaining to their projects embedded in the report.

#### **Discussion: Other Issues, Roundtable**

- None.

### **3. Assignments:**

Item #	Assignment	Owner	Target Date	Status
1.	Submit any comments on the FERC NORC to Rich Bayless	All	COB October 29, 2009	
2.	Contact Steven Wallace with any interest in contributing to the expanded biennium report summaries	All	November 13, 2009	

**Next Meeting: Next Meeting:** The next Northern Tier Planning Committee meeting is TBD.

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