

<b>Description of Meeting:</b>	<b>Cost Allocation Committee Meeting</b>
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	<b>December 1, 2008</b>
<b>Meeting Minutes Prepared By:</b>	<b>Lynn Jesus-Olhausen</b>
<b>Approved for Posting:</b>	<b>December 8, 2008</b>

**Attendee List:** Rich Bayless, Brian DeKiep, Marshall Empey, Darrell Gerrard, Sharon Helms, Lynn Jesus-Olhausen, Sam Liu, Matt Muldoon, Marcy Norby, Larry Nordell, Lou Ann Westerfield, Curt Winterfeld, Joni Zenger, Darrell Zlomke

**Not in Attendance:** Bryce Freeman, Marc Hellman, Jim Logan, Becky Wilson

## 1. Agenda:

- Discussion on Right Sizing
- Review notes from the November 3, 2008 Cost Allocation Meeting and approve to post
- Updates from Planning Committee and Transmission Use Committee
- Review of AWEA/RNP Comments Filed with FERC Regarding Cost Allocation

## 2. Decisions / Discussions:

### Discussion: Right Sizing

- This topic is gaining momentum locally and nationally. There are many unknowns so it makes it difficult to know how to approach the issue, but flexibility is needed.
- Transmission planning is innately long term and looking at the different options for building is needed to be looked at from a cost allocation perspective
- Caution will be followed to ensure that the Cost Allocation Committee adheres to their charter. The focus will remain on the cost allocation process and how costs are allocated, not whether an overbuild of the line itself is prudent. The Planning Committee and the Steering Committee will be involved as different aspects of the right sizing issue are addressed.
- The Cost Allocation will continue to proactively work on developing a response to the right sizing issue as needed. This will also fulfill the educational role the committee needs to perform on behalf of the NTTG membership.
- Decisions for municipalities are imminent, so if entities want to weigh in on the topic, responses should be worked on sooner rather than later. It will be difficult to change or affect decisions after they have been made.
- This topic will be included on the agenda for the next few meetings. The document written by Larry Nordell and Matt Muldoon will continue to be reviewed and revised. This document will hopefully become a white paper.

### Decision: Approval of Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting Notes

- Decision: Approved for posting.

### Discussion: Updates from other Committees

- Planning Committee
  - The Heavy Summer base case is complete and out for review by the Planning Committee. Final approval is due on Wednesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at the scheduled Planning Committee call. Afterwards, the transmission providers will run their own contingencies on the cases.
  - The Light Autumn case should follow the same process shortly after the Heavy Summer case.
- Transmission Use Committee
  - Work on deliverables for January meeting continue and milestones are on track.



- There is a need for more customer stakeholders' input as they are the ones to directly benefit from the committee's work. Participation from stakeholders is actively encouraged.

**Discussion: AWEA/RNP FERC Filing**

- This discussion was tabled until December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2008.
- There is hope that a representative from AWEA/RNP will be on the call.

**3. Assignments:**

Item #	Assignment	Owner	Target Date	Status
1.	Edit the Supersizing Document (ver. 2) and distribute to the Cost Allocation committee for review prior to next week's call	Curt Winterfeld	December 4, 2008	

**Next Meeting: Next Meeting:** The next Northern Tier Cost Allocation Committee meeting is scheduled for December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at 1:00PM Pacific.

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