

Description of Meeting:	NTTG Planning Committee
Meeting Date:	December 7, 2011
Meeting Minutes Prepared By:	Pam Greensky
Approved for Posting:	March 7, 2012

Attendee List:

- Dave Angell, Vice Chair – IPCO (Class 1)
- Marshall Empey – UAMPS (Class 2)
- Pam Greensky - NTTG
- Sharon Helms – NTTG
- Rhett Hurless – Grasslands (Class 1)
- Don Johnson – PGE (Class 1)
- John Leland, Chair- Northwestern (Class 1)
- Charlie Reinhold – WestConnect (Guest)
- Tom Tjoelker – PacifiCorp (Class 1)
- John Tompkins – Sea Breeze Pacific (Class 1)
- Jim Tucker – Deseret (Class 1)

1. Agenda:

- Roll Call, Agenda review
- Approval of October 31, 2011 meeting notes
- NTTG 2010-2011 Biennial Transmission Plan Update
- WECC Economic Study Request Window Opens
- Upcoming NTTG Q1 Activities
- FERC Order 1000
- Joint Initiative: MOD 29 Update – Charlie Reinhold
 - NTTG Support discussion
- Round table/Other business

2. Discussions & Decisions:

Discussion: Roll Call, Agenda Review

- There were no additions to the agenda.

Decision: Approval of October 31st, 2011 Meeting Notes

- It was noted that quorum requirements for voting had been satisfied. Hearing no objections, the minutes were approved as submitted for posting on the NTTG website.

Discussion: 2010-2011 Biennial Transmission Plan Update

- The October NTTG Planning Committee meeting included some lengthy discussions on the content of Northern Tier's Transmission Plan that resulted in conditional approval. Since then:
 - Worked with Bill Pascoe to get corrections made.
 - Preparing a summary report. This report will be 10 pages with a few graphics in it. We are hoping to get a lot of mileage from this report.
 - the Planning Summary was reviewed and approved by the NTTG Steering Committee on November 29th.
 - The distribution of this report will be broad. Planning to send to stakeholder group and neighbors, WECC, governors offices of state agencies, FERC, and DOE.

Discussion: WECC Economic Study Request Window Opens

- WECC window is now open. The last day for submitted study requests is January 20th.



- If you have inter-regional economic study requests, submit directly to WECC and copy the NTTG Transmission Providers.

Discussion: Upcoming NTTG Q1 Activities

- The first Planning Committee meeting in January will have more detail behind what we are discussing today.
- If you are going to submit a regional economic study request to NTTG, it should be submitted to the local transmission provider. The transmission provider will forward to NTTG.
- Q1 consists of a lot of information gathering. This is the time when we request information from Transmission Provider's for their plan for load, resource and transmission information. Any stakeholder at this time can provide into to NTTG.
- In Q1 we will look back as a planning group in terms of economic studies if there were any with results that need consideration.

Discussion: FERC Order 1000

- John Leland discussed the Planning work group and the Cost Allocation work group that are in place.
- Dave Angell discussed the progress of the Planning Workgroup.
 - Gap analysis is complete.
 - Creating a range of options to comply is the next step.
 - We are coordinating with the Cost Allocation Compliance Workgroup to keep the two workgroups linked closely.
 - We will discuss the work plans on the December 8th Stakeholder meeting conference call.
 - At the February Stakeholder meeting, we will discuss details on the gap analysis and compliance options.
 - Will create a laymen's version of the language for compliance. Goal of being done in the summer before turning over to the lawyers.
 - Compliance filing is due in October of 2012.
 - The Stakeholder involvement: this first meeting with stakeholders, we will let them know the ways to participate. Posted for everyone's information, we are open to receiving comments on notes with questions or concerns. All comments will be reviewed and addressed in some manner. Either addressed in the stakeholder meetings or in writing.
 - At the Stakeholder meeting on 12-8-2011 we will discuss website modifications so that everything is clear and transparent.

Discussion: Joint Initiative: MOD 29 Update – Charlie Reinhold

- When MOD 29 first came out Jim Tucker was involved with the group that was mostly made up of Arizona companies.
- Jim Tucker notes that you have to force flow to get a TTC rating and even if you don't come up to a reliability limit, the most flow you can get across the line without a contingency turns out to be the TTC, the way it's written. So the adjustment in the SAR as they have proposed basically says that if you do studies and you get as much flow across the path as you can, and you're still not at a reliability limit, you would set the TTC equal to the facility rating.
- Tom notes that the main issue is, if you say you have transmission capacity and you sell transmission capacity and you are not providing the transmission service because it is not

- flowing over your line, who is providing the transmission service? You need demonstrate that you are providing what you are selling.
- If it comes down to it, Deseret would be supportive to help Jim out.
 - The severe impact seems to be limited to the SW and the Rockies.
 - Sharon comments that ColumbiaGrid will submit a letter of support and so will WestConnect. Is there a way to modify this report where we could get the transmission providers and Northern Tier to support this?
 - Tom notes that we need to add additional language to this.
 - Charlie notes that the purpose of us reaching out is to find out if modified language causes problems to other systems or studies.
 - Unless we get revisions it would be difficult in total to get NTTG support. Hard to support the way it is written today.
 - We don't know what the timeline is.
 - Sharon wants to hear from NTTG members. Is there support if the following recommendations are met:
 - Revise the language such that the facility ratings for TTC are limited to the TTC rating established prior to MOD 29.
 - New facilities that don't have a pre-MOD 29 TTC would be treated as Phase II of MOD discussions.
 - Deseret would support.
 - PGE would support.
 - PacifiCorp would look positively on these proposed changes, this is a change in the right direction.
 - Northwestern is comfortable with the modifications and it doesn't really affect them anyway
 - Idaho Power would support.

Discussion: Round table/other business

- None.

Next Meeting: Next Meeting: The next Northern Tier Planning Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 4th, 2011 at 1:00 PM (Pacific)

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