

Description of Meeting:	Cost Allocation Committee Meeting
Meeting Date:	December 20, 2010
Meeting Minutes Prepared By:	Lyndee Restad
Approved for Posting:	January 10, 2011

Attendee List: Marshall Empey, Bryce Freeman, Sharon Helms, Matt Muldoon, Marcy Norby, Lyndee Restad, Lou Ann Westerfield, Curt Winterfeld

Committee Members Not in Attendance: Rich Bayless, Brian DeKiep, Marc Hellman, Sam Liu, Jim Logan, Larry Nordell, Joni Zenger, Darrell Zlomke

1. Agenda:

- Review and approve the December 14, 2010 meeting notes
- Report and discussion from the Ad Hoc Subcommittee
- Discussion of presentation at upcoming Stakeholder meeting
- Roundtable / Next Steps

2. Decisions / Discussions:

Discussion: Review and approve the December 14, 2010 Meeting Notes

- The December 14, 2010 meeting notes were approved to post on the NTTG website

Discussion: Report and discussion from Ad Hoc Subcommittee

- Lou Ann Westerfield is in the process of gathering all of the issues that need to be addressed/categorized
- The Ad Hoc Group is working off of the table that Curt Winterfeld had created and distributed last week
- The Committee reviewed the current Cost Allocation Principles; noting that it is evident that the principles may need additional detail and consideration
- Currently, there is not any reference in the Principles to usage, we only speak about benefits
- How do we identify what is a "Beneficiary" that should participate?
- How can we strengthen the definition of "Beneficiary"?
- A Beneficiary could have the following characteristics
 - Firm financial commitment
 - Strong direction from an IRP
- As far as reliability or congestion relief, we would be relying on information from studies conducted by WECC
- An option is having the Committee focus on GAP and Overlap Analysis
- In respect to the IRP process, at some point when someone purposes a line that was not already embedded in another utility's IRP, the benefit of that IRP might identify a benefit; changing the resource and transmission plan.
- When a project commences, it has the potential to change the operational characteristics and the benefits and costs of other projects that are related to it
- How do you measure the benefits and costs in a reliable and respective way?
- Voluntary agreements seem to reflect what we are trying to establish



- If we go into too much detail, an argument could be made that it could stifle the voluntary negotiations that have already been in place.
- Is there a point in which we could be more definitive in describing other categories of benefits that could extend and encourage the voluntary negotiations?
 - Possibly develop a white paper that details this?
- Committee members agreed that there is a need to utilize more of the data that the NTTG Planning Committee is producing

Decision: The Ad Hoc Committee will review Principles (1-4) and add more guidance to the terms and conditions as they relate to benefits. A matrix, whitepaper or outline, will be developed that will discuss all of the topics that have been covered over the past three Cost Allocation Committee Meetings. The information will be ready to present at the January 10, 2011 Cost Allocation Committee meeting.

Discussion: Presentation at upcoming Stakeholder Meeting

- The Stakeholder meeting will take place on February 2nd in Boise, ID

Discussion: Roundtable / Next Steps

- The Cost Allocation Committee meetings on December 27th and January 3rd will be cancelled
- The next CAC meeting will take place on Monday, January 10th

3. Assignments:

Item #	Assignment	Owner	Target Date	Status
1.	Cancel the December 27 th and January 3 rd CAC meetings	L. Restad		Complete
2.	Distribute an invitation for the January 10 th CAC meeting	L. Restad		Complete
3.	Develop a matrix, whitepaper or outline that will discuss all of the topics that have been covered over the past three Cost Allocation Committee meetings	Ad Hoc Committee	01-10-2011	

Next Meeting: The next Northern Tier Cost Allocation Committee meeting is scheduled for January 10th at 1pm Pacific.

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