

Description of Meeting:	Cost Allocation Committee Meeting
Meeting Date:	September 29, 2008
Meeting Minutes Prepared By:	Lynn Jesus-Olhausen
Approved for Posting:	October 6, 2008

Attendee List: Rich Bayless, Brian DeKiep, Marshall Empey, Bryce Freeman, Lynn Jesus-Olhausen, Matt Muldoon, Lou Ann Westerfield, Curt Winterfeld,

Not in Attendance:, Marc Hellman, Sharon Helms, Sam Liu, Jim Logan, Marcy Norby, Larry Nordell, Joni Zenger, Darrell Zlomke,

1. Agenda:

- Acknowledge Standards of Conduct and Anti-Trust Policy
- Review notes from the September 22, 2008 Cost Allocation Meeting and approve to post:
- Review Hemingway-Captain Jack Project – Matt Muldoon
- Update on response letters to project sponsors requesting quarterly updates – Lou Ann
- Update on status of letters to project sponsors requesting more detail on individual response items – Lou Ann
- Next steps

2. Decisions / Discussions:

Discussion: WECC Letters Regarding ADI

- WECC sent retraction letter, so ADI is active again
- Lou Ann will be speaking at the WECC Board of Directors meeting in October
- General consensus is that WECC should be a supportive environment to explore these joint ideas, especially as it also assists with reliability

Discussion: Approval of September 22, 2008 Meeting Notes

- Meeting notes are approved for content and posting to NTTG website

Discussion: Quarterly Updates to Project Sponsors

- Letters requesting updates have been sent out.
- TransCanada
 - TransCanada is not releasing any information on data and project status siting confidentiality/proprietary issues
 - TransCanada is giving an update before OPUC next Monday, October 6th, at 8:30-10:00 AM Pacific on the Northern Lights project. This is not a hearing. It is a public meeting. There is no guarantee as to what detailed information TransCanada will be releasing at this update.
- MSTI Project
 - Brian has emailed John Leland for any updates, but hasn't heard back yet. Brian will continue to follow up.

Discussion: FERC Snapshot Calls

- Charlie has left his current post with FERC and made a move to EIA
- FERC is looking into the issue of rising costs of labor and materials in the region.
 - Lou Ann will follow up with FERC while Brian is on family leave



Discussion: Planning Committee and Transmission Use Committee Liaison Updates

- Planning Committee
 - Work is still on-going on power flow base cases
 - They hope to have studies out by end of October.
- Transmission Use Committee
 - Matt Muldoon is approved to participate in TUC
 - He will be attending the Face-to face Meeting scheduled for September 30th in Portland.
 - It is not clear if Commissioner Beyer has sent Sharon the letter of approval stating the authorization for full participation

Discussion: Captain Jack Update

- More information can be found at these links:
 - <http://www.boardmanto hemingway.com/documents/NOI.pdf>
 - <http://www.boardmanto hemingway.com/default.aspx>
- Once Idaho Power's public process begins, OPUC staff will no longer be at liberty to comment or update on the project. Any comments from OPUC staff will constitute a public meeting with noticing requirements.
 - There should be ample update information on related websites for the project.
- Idaho Power
 - Hemingway to Boardman
 - 300 miles from Hemingway, ID to Boardman/Echo, OR
 - Notice of Intent has been filed for a single 500kV line
 - Some use of the line is general load for Idaho
 - There has been comment as to why Idaho Power does not get the needed load from existing power generation.
 - With the current power generation there is no guarantee that generation is available to Idaho Power
 - This line will also give Idaho Power more access to more resources.
 - Idaho Power would like to have an in-service date of June 2012
 - Echo Hub
 - Several locations have been looked at as a physical intersection/hub for lines. Echo is looking like the most viable hub.
 - Idaho's IRP is set up for more public scrutiny with a lot of information contained within it. There is expected to be a lot of review and comment by other entities.
- PacifiCorp
 - Walla Walla to Echo
 - This project started with a 230 kV single circuit line, but the wind potential may make it much larger project than originally thought, with probably a double circuit added to line.
 - In-service date is set for 2010
 - Hemingway to Captain Jack
 - There are some wind projects in the queue already, but they have decided to cut the project up into smaller projects to side step regulations with the FSEC process. This is likely to be appealed.
 - Part of the line is going through areas of sensitive fish habitats and fowl migration paths. The environmental issues may delay this project until 2016. But as of now, the in-service date is 2014.



Discussion: Next Steps/October 6th Meeting

- The follow up on the MSTI project is tabled until October 6th.
- The update in transmission input costs is tabled until October 6th.
- Gateway Central will be the next project update. Lou Ann will contact Utah staff to ask them to present an update.
- Lou Ann will speak on the interrelationship between IRP and transmission.

3. Assignments:

Item #	Assignment	Owner	Target Date
1.	Follow Up with Sharon to see if she has received Commissioner Beyer's authorization for Matt Muldoon to participate fully as the Transmission Use Committee liaison	Lynn Olhausen	9/30/08
2.	Follow up with John Leland for MSTI update	Brian DeKiep	10/6/08
3.	Contact Utah staff for update on Gateway Central	Lou Ann Westerfield	10/2/08
4.	Post Approved 9/22/08 Meeting Notes to the Website	Lynn	10/1/08

Next Meeting: The next Northern Tier Cost Allocation Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 6, 2008 at 1:00-2:00pm Pacific time.

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