

<b>Description of Meeting:</b>	<b>NTTG Joint Planning &amp; Cost Allocation Committees</b>
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	<b>October 13, 2015</b>
<b>Meeting Notes Prepared By:</b>	<b>Amy Wachsnicht</b>
<b>Approved for Posting by</b>	
<b>Cost Allocation:</b>	<b>April 22, 2016</b>
<b>Approved for Posting By</b>	
<b>Planning:</b>	<b>November 18, 2015</b>

## 1. Agenda:

- A. Welcome, establish quorum and agenda review
- B. **Approval:**
  - i. September 9<sup>th</sup> NTTG Planning Committee Meeting Notes
  - ii. August 29<sup>th</sup> NTTG Cost Allocation Committee Meeting Notes
  - iii. September 9<sup>th</sup> NTTG Cost Allocation Committee Meeting Notes
- C. Project Sponsor Pre-Qualification for Cost Allocation Process Review – D. Angell
  - i. **Approval:** That the Member Representatives of the NTTG Planning and Cost Allocation Committees designate the Committee Chairs and Vice Chair(s) with authority to review the qualification data submitted by any Project Sponsor, including any data marked as critical energy infrastructure information or privileged, and to determine whether the Project Sponsor has satisfied the qualification data requirements for submission of the project as described therein for the 2016-2017 NTTG Regional Transmission Plan.
- D. Review Stakeholder Comments and NTTG's Draft Responses – J. Leland
  - i. **Approval Item:** NTTG's response to stakeholder comments received from NW Energy Coalition and the associated modifications to the 2014-2015 NTTG Regional Transmission Plan.
- E. Review Revised NTTG 2014-2015 Regional Transmission Plan based on Stakeholder Comments Received
  - i. **Approval Item:** Support to send NTTG 2014-2015 Regional Transmission Plan to NTTG Steering Committee for vote to approve.
- F. Round Table/Other Business

## 2. Discussions & Decisions:

### Decision: Approval of Past NTTG Committee Meeting Notes

- September 9<sup>th</sup> NTTG Planning Committee Meeting Notes
  - With a motion by Dave Angell and seconded by Chelsea Loomis the meeting notes were **unanimously approved** by all 3 classes.
- July 29<sup>th</sup> NTTG Cost Allocation Committee Meeting Notes
  - It was noted that the agenda reflected the incorrect date of August 29<sup>th</sup> for the meeting notes. The correct meeting date was July 29<sup>th</sup>.
  - With a motion by Ray Brush and second by Amy Light, the meeting notes were **unanimously approved** by Class 1 & Class 2.
- September 9<sup>th</sup> NTTG Cost Allocation Committee Meeting Notes
  - With a motion by Bela Vastag and seconded by Joni Zenger the meeting notes were **unanimously approved** by Class 1 & Class 2. Ray Brush abstained.

**Discussion: Sponsor Pre-Qualification for Cost Allocation Process Review**

- Dave Angell reviewed the sponsor pre-qualification process timeline for a project sponsor wanting to submit a project for purposes of cost allocation.
- Project Sponsors seeking cost allocation will need to submit the Project Sponsor Pre-qualification data by October 31, 2015. Approved sponsors will need to submit their project data within the first quarter of the planning process. Project sponsors that are not approved, will have through January 31, 2016 to cure any deficiencies.
- NTTG is in the process of putting in place NDA's for the 2016-2017 planning cycle. The NDA's will need to be signed and in place by October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015.
- A joint Planning and Cost Allocation Committee meeting will be scheduled sometime in November 2015 to review the evaluation of the sponsor pre-qualification data.
  - Sharon Helms added there will need to be a small group of the Committee Chairs and Vice-Chairs elected for the evaluation and review of the sponsor pre-qualification data. Per the NDA agreement, Sharon Helms is required to give the project sponsor a list of the names of individuals that have signed the NDA and that will have access to the sponsor's confidential data.
- Dates will be added to the NTTG calendar for Cost Allocation and Planning Committee meetings in November 2015.

**Decision: Sponsor Pre-Qualification for Cost Allocation Process Review**

- **Approval:** *That the Member Representatives of the NTTG Planning and Cost Allocation Committees designate the Committee Chairs and Vice Chair(s) with authority to review the qualification data submitted by any Project Sponsor, including any data marked as critical energy infrastructure information or privileged, and to determine whether the Project Sponsor has satisfied the qualification data requirements for submission of the project as described therein for the 2016-2017 NTTG Regional Transmission Plan.*
- With a motion by Ray Brush and second by Marshall Empey, the motion was **unanimously approved** by all 3 classes of the NTTG Planning Committee and both Class 1 and Class 2 of the NTTG Cost Allocation Committee.

**Discussion: Review Stakeholder Comments and NTTG's Draft Responses**

- John Leland reviewed the stakeholder comments received, and NTTG's draft responses.
- Fred Heutte indicated that with regard to his comment and NTTG's response on page 8/line 138 regarding the Technical Workgroup representation, he suggested having extended and more in depth discussions within the Planning Committee and felt this would help move NTTG forward and alleviate the issues encountered in previous comment periods.
- Marshall Empey indicated that the response to the stakeholder comment for page 7/line 100 needed better clarification. John Leland concurred with Marshall Empey's request for clarification.
  - Sharon Helms had the proposed modification "or as required by the transmission service providers Open Access Transmission Tariff" added to NTTG's response.

**Discussion: Review Revised NTTG 2014-2015 Regional Transmission Plan based on Stakeholder Comments Received**

- John Leland presented the proposed changes to the Regional Transmission Plan based on the stakeholder comments received.
- Marshall Empey inquired if appendices were included as it had been discussed in previous meetings that they would be removed. Sharon Helms referred to the version of the Plan that

- was posted on the NTTG website for stakeholder review and confirmed that appendices and links were included.
- It was noted that the document that had been modified with stakeholder revisions and posted for this meeting did not include the listed appendices.
  - Sharon Helms indicated that the proposed changes, if approved, will be incorporated into the version of the Plan that includes the appendices and is posted on the NTTG website.
  - Marshall Empey further expressed his opposition to having Appendix F included in the Regional Transmission Plan. Craig Quist indicated a discussion regarding the study in Appendix F is a topic for a meeting scheduled with UAMPS in November 2015 which he hoped should resolve Marshall Empey's concerns.
  - John Leland suggested to remove Appendix F from the report.
  - Based on Marshall Empey's concern Dave Angell discussed which appendices could be removed from the draft Regional Transmission Plan and those that would stay.
    - Appendices to Remain: A, B, C, D, E, H, & I
    - Appendices to Remove: F & G
  - With the removal of Appendix F & Appendix G, the Regional Transmission Plan page of the NTTG website also needs to be updated reflecting the change.
  - John Leland suggested on page 23 of the draft Regional Transmission Plan renaming the term "appendices" to "supporting documentation/materials" and also renaming the listed supporting documents by removing "Appendix" and only have the title of the supporting document.
  - Gill Column noted a correction needed on Appendix A to show 2014-2015.
  - Joni Zenger inquired if due to renaming the appendices, whether additional references to the appendices would need to be modified.
    - Dave Angell responded that the appendices are not referenced at this time in the draft report.
  - Sharon Helms reviewed the Action items and proposed changes discussed.
    1. Incorporate stakeholder revisions to the Regional Transmission Plan into the version that includes the appendices and was previously posted on the NTTG website for stakeholder comments.
    2. Appendix F and Appendix G are to be deleted from the Regional Transmission Plan, and removed from the Regional Transmission Plan page on the NTTG website.
    3. On Page 23 of the Regional Transmission Plan, the term "Appendices" is to be replaced with "Supporting Materials."
    4. The list of appendices on Page 23 of the Regional Transmission Plan will be renamed to only the document title, removing the term "Appendix"
    5. The title of the Draft Final Regional Transmission Plan supporting document needs to be corrected so that it shows "2014-2015".

#### **Decision: Review Stakeholder Comments and NTTG's Draft Responses**

- **Approval Item:** *NTTG's response to stakeholder comments received from NW Energy Coalition **as amended during the October 13<sup>th</sup> Joint Planning and Cost Allocation Committee meeting** and the associated modifications to the 2014-2015 NTTG Regional Transmission Plan.* (Red text shows amendment to the motion)
- With a motion by Ray Brush and seconded by Marshal Empey the motion was **unanimously approved by Class 1 & Class 2** and an abstention from Dave Walker in Class 3 from the NTTG Planning Committee and **unanimously approved in both Class 1 & Class 2** of the NTTG Cost Allocation Committee.



**Decision: Review Revised NTTG 2014-2015 Regional Transmission Plan based on Stakeholder Comments Received**

- **Approval Item:** Support to send *the* NTTG 2014-2015 Regional Transmission Plan, *with the changes discussed during the October 13, 2015 Joint Planning and Cost Allocation Committee meeting and any additional non-substantive revisions that may be subsequently recommended by the Technical Writer to improve readability, to NTTG's Steering Committee for approval.* (Red text shows amendment to the motion)
- With a motion by Don Johnson and second by Chelsea Loomis, the motion was **unanimously approved by Class 1 & Class 2** and an abstention from Dave Walker in Class 3 from the NTTG Planning Committee.
- Following adjournment of the meeting it was realized voting of the proposed motion by the Cost Allocation Committee was inadvertently missed. An email vote of the NTTG Cost Allocation will be sought for the above motion.

**Discussion: Round Table/Other Business**

- Dave Angell reminded the group of the data submission for the first quarter. A date will be scheduled in November 2015 for a Planning Committee meeting to discuss pre-qualification items.
- Shay LaBray will coordinate with Sharon Helms to schedule a meeting to discuss next steps within the Cost Allocation Committee.
- Marshall Empey informed the group of the CAISO & PacifiCorp benefits study on integration has been released. Shay LaBray further mentioned there will be a webinar held by CAISO on October 16, 2015 9:00 am – 11:00 am to discuss the study.

**3. Assignments: See Action Items**

Item #	Assignment	Owner	Target Date	Status
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				

**Next Meeting:** The next Northern Tier Joint Planning and Cost Allocation Committee Meeting is scheduled for November 2015



**Attendees:**

**NTTG Planning Committee Member Representatives**

Membership Class 1		
Dave Angell, Chair, Idaho Power	Chelsea Loomis, NorthWestern	Jim Tucker, Deseret
Don Johnson, Portland General	Craig Quist, PacifiCorp	Scott Waples, Avista Corp

**Membership Class 2**

Marshall Empey, UAMPS	Rhett Hurless, Absaroka Energy	
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**Membership Class 3**

Johanna Bell, ID PUC	Jerry Maio, UT PSC	Matt Wiggs, ID OER
Bob Decker, MT PSC	David Walker, WY PSC	

**NTTG Cost Allocation Committee Member Representatives**

**Membership Class 1**

Ray Brush, NorthWestern	Shay LaBray, PacifiCorp	Courtney Waites, Idaho Power
Marshall Empey, UAMPS	Amy Light, Portland General	

**Membership Class 2**

Johanna Bell, Idaho PUC	Marci Norby, WY OFC CA (Proxy)	Bela Vastag, UT OF CS
Bob Decker, MT PSC	Jamie Stamatson, MT CC	Joni Zenger, UT Div. PU
Marci Norby, WY PSC		

**Other NTTG Members & Guests**

Robin Arnold, MT PSC	Sharon Helms, NTTG	Kim McClafferty, NorthWestern Energy
Gil Coulam, NTTG	Fred Heutte, NW Energy Coalition	Kishore Patel, PacifiCorp
Bob Davis, UT Div. PU	John Leland, NTTG	Amy Wachsnicht, NTTG