

Description of Meeting:	NTTG Joint Planning & Cost Allocation Committees
Meeting Date:	November 20, 2013
Meeting Notes Prepared By:	Amy Wachsnicht
Approved for Posting by	
Cost Allocation:	December 31, 2013
Approved for Posting by	
Planning:	December 11, 2013

Agenda:

- Welcome, establish quorum and agenda review
- Approve November 6, 2013 Meeting Notes
- Report on the sufficiency of the qualification data submitted by LS Power
- Round Table/Other Business

Discussions & Decisions:

- Quorum requirements:
 - Sixty percent (60%) of the member representatives or alternates set forth on the membership list in each class must be present at a meeting for voting to occur at the meeting.
 - **It was determined the quorum requirements had been met for the Cost Allocation Committee but NOT for the Planning Committee.**
- Voting requirements:
 - Cost Allocation Committee:
 - A majority of member representatives or alternates in each class that are present at a meeting at which a quorum is achieved.
 - Planning Committee:
 - A majority of member representatives or alternates in the Transmission Provider/Developer's Class and one other class that are present at a meeting at which a quorum is achieved.

Decision: Approve November 6, 2013 Meeting Notes

- There was a minor change in the meeting notes, "Kim Morgan" representative for the MT PSC was changed to "Kim Moran".
 - With this change the Cost Allocation Committee approved the November 6, 2013 meeting notes for posting.
 - Since quorum requirements were not met in the Planning Committee, the meeting notes will be teed up for approval at the next Planning Committee meeting on December 11th.

Discussion: Report on the sufficiency of the qualification data submitted by LS Power

- Dave Angell reviewed the sufficiency of the qualification data submitted by LS Power for Great Basin Power. Using the Table 1. Sponsor Qualification Data, an additional fourth column was added for the information supplied.
 - The items in red indicated where the three chairs, Dave Angell, John Leland and Curt Winterfeld, reviewed the information and posed questions back to LS Power and Great Basin.
- Item 1 – Project Sponsor Description
 - **Determined sufficient information was provided.**
- Item 2 – Project Summary
 - This was provided but their discussion of the project itself was for the whole SW intertie project to which only the northern portion interfaces with NTTG, the terminal,

Robinson Summit is actually in WestConnect. Another segment of the line extends from Robinson Summit south to the Harry Allen substation, near Las Vegas, (called the "ON Line"), which is anticipated to be in-service at the end of this year. There is also a third segment of the SWIP Project in the Southern Nevada intertie.

- The cost information was provided.
- For the construction period LS Power's answer was, "all approvals have been obtained for the project. Project could be in-service within two years of commencement of construction which can occur upon completions of commercial arrangements of cost recovery."
- LS Power indicated they were submitting the whole project because once it is complete then LS Power will have 62% ownership from NTTG terminals all the way down to El Dorado which would be an interface to CAISO.
 - The project that they are submitting is an interregional project between 3 regions (NTTG, CAISO and WestConnect).
- The only potential problem item from NTTG would be what the construction period is. The three chairs have not identified an in-service date, and LS Power has not identified one.
 - Though the construction period is two years, it is believed the intent of NTTG that the construction date would identify when in the planning horizon the project would be in-service.
- **LS Power will revise to indicate that SWIP North is the project.**
- Item 3 – Project Name
 - **LS Power will revise to indicate that SWIP North is the project.**
- Item 4 – Project Sponsor demonstration of technical expertise to develop, construct and own the proposed project
 - Cross Texas – 345 kV line, in-service 2013
 - ON Line – 500 kV line, projected in-service 2013
 - Developed multiple other generation facilities.
 - **Determined sufficient information was provided.**
- Item 5 – Project Sponsor financial expertise to develop, construct and own proposed project
 - Confidential information was provided and at this time no issues were identified.
 - LS Power has existed for at least 5 years, have a positive working capital, tangible assets of \$10 million.
 - An auditable annual statement of 2 years was provided.
 - **The chairs have requested a quarterly statement, unaudited from LS Power.**
- Item 6 – Proposed project financing plan
 - LS Power finances on a limited-resource basis. For example, the Great Basin is financed independent of the other projects and the debt incurred is limited to those participating in the project.
 - The no- or limited-recourse project financing model would also be used for SWIP North. At this time LS Power has not secured the financing.
 - **Determined sufficient information was provided.**
- Item 7 – Project Sponsor ability to maintain and operate proposed project
 - NV Energy will be operating the SWIP-North.
 - LS Power will be responsible for the maintenance.
 - **Determined sufficient information was provided.**
- Item 8 – Primary Project Contact
 - **Determined sufficient information was provided.**
- Item 9 – Signature
 - **Determined sufficient information was provided.**
- With a few questions needing to be answered, the initial determination of the three chairs is that for the most part the sponsor information is complete.



- Other than the deficiencies pointed out by the three chairs there were no other deficiencies identified.
- A formal decision notice with the deficiencies, if any remaining after review of the additional confidential financial information is reviewed, will be provided to the sponsor within five business days, or by November 27th.
- The project sponsor will then have until the end of January to cure any of those deficiencies.

Discussion: Round Table/Other Business

- John Leland informed the members of the Planning Committee that at the December 11th meeting the members will be voting on the 2014-2015 chair and vice chair and that it was imperative quorum requirements are met.

Attendees:

<u>NTTG Cost Allocation Committee Member Representatives</u>		
Membership Class 1		
Marshall Empey, UAMPS	Brian Fritz, PacifiCorp	Curt Winterfeld, Chair, Deseret
Robert Everett, Idaho Power	Amy Light, Portland General	

Membership Class 2		
David Lofftus, MT PSC	Larry Nordell, MT CC	
Marci Norby, WY PSC	Bela Vastag, UT OFC CS	

<u>NTTG Planning Committee Member Representatives</u>		
Membership Class 1		
Dave Angell, Vice Chair, Idaho Power	Craig Quist, PacifiCorp	
John Leland, Chair, NorthWestern	Scott Waples, Avista Corp	
Rod Lenfest, Sea Breeze Pacific		

Membership Class 2		
Marshall Empey, UAMPS	Dan Wheeler, Gaelectric	

Membership Class 3		
David Lofftus, MT PSC	Jerry Maio, UT PSC	

<u>Other NTTG Members & Guests</u>		
Phillip Augustin, Portland General	Sharon Helms, NTTG	John Tompkins, Sea Breeze Pacific
Jamie Austin, PacifiCorp	Chelsea Loomis, NorthWestern	Amy Wachsnicht, NTTG
George Culbertson, Tetrattech	Kishore Patel, PacifiCorp	
Gil Coulam, NTTG	Ron Schellberg, Idaho Power	



Next Meeting: The next Northern Tier Joint Planning & Cost Allocation Committee Meeting is scheduled for TBD.