

Description of Meeting:	NTTG Planning Committee
Meeting Date:	February 13, 2019
Meeting Notes Prepared By:	Amy Wachsnicht
Approved for Posting:	April 24, 2019

1. Agenda:

- a. Approval of November 16, 2018 NTTG Planning Committee Meeting Notes
- b. NTTG Draft Regional Transmission Plan
 - i. Stakeholder Comments & NTTG Responses
 - ii. Revisions if any, to the NTTG Draft Regional Transmission Plan
- c. Approval
 - i. **RESOLVED:** That the Planning Committee approves NTTG's response to Stakeholder Comments, and any associated revisions to the NTTG Draft Regional Transmission Plan
- d. Public Policy Consideration Study Update
- e. Round Table/Other Business

2. Discussions & Decisions:

Decision: Approval of November 16, 2018 NTTG Planning Committee Meeting Notes

- With a motion by Craig Quist and second by John Chatburn, the November 16, 2018 Planning Committee meeting notes were **unanimously approved** for posting.

Discussion: NTTG Draft Regional Transmission Plan – Stakeholder Comments & NTTG's Responses

- NTTG received one set of stakeholder comments from the Joint Parties. Chelsea Loomis walked through their comments as well as [NTTG's responses](#).
- During the walkthrough, an observation was made that many of the stakeholder comments and/or questions were asked last cycle as the current Draft Regional Transmission Plan (DRTP) is the same as the DRTP last cycle.
 - Through the discussion, it was noted that by the commenters bringing up the same questions or concerns, there could be an opportunity for NTTG to review its process for improvement going forward.
- With regards to NTTG's responses to [Comment 14](#), clarification was asked as to why wind power is considered non-dispatchable as it can be dispatched downwards.
 - NTTG study practices assumes a resource is considered dispatchable if it can be both turned on and off as needed.
- Further detail was asked regarding the lower voltage projects that were considered, mentioned in NTTG's response to [Comment 18](#).
 - It was explained that two voltage levels were considered, 345kV and 230kV projects. When looking at replacing a 500kV line with a lower voltage, the TWG would need to replace it with at least two 345kV lines or four 230kV lines, assuming the distance is short. Reason being is that the longer the distance, the less reliable the lines are.

Discussion: NTTG Draft Regional Transmission Plan – Revisions to the NTTG Draft Regional Transmission Plan

- Chelsea Loomis walked through the changes made to the DRTP based on stakeholder comment received.
- The TWG, included a [Preface](#) as suggested by the stakeholder comments to retain the assumptions and caveats language similar to the 2016-2017 Regional Transmission Plan.



- Other changes include clarifying [PacifiCorp's 2017 Actual Load, Figure 3](#) updated to indicate the table is net resource changes and Footnote 9's language updated to indicate the net resource change for Wyoming includes the retirement of Dave Johnson units 1 through 4.

Decision: Approval

- **RESOLVED:** That the Planning Committee approves NTTG's response to Stakeholder Comments, and any associated revisions to the NTTG Draft Regional Transmission Plan
- With a motion by Craig Quist and second by Jared Ellsworth, the above resolution was **unanimously approved** by all three classes.

Discussion: Public Policy Consideration Study Update

- The TWG began its study work in January and have most of the technical analysis completed. Following today's meeting, the TWG will perform any follow up analysis, if necessary and then begin to draft the report with the goal of completing the draft by the next Planning Committee meeting in April.
- The study request was for NTTG to study the retirement of additional coal that wasn't being considered in its 10-year planning window. The study plan proposed studying Case F, Case D and Case C with Jim Bridger 1 and Naughton 1 & 2 off-line in each case.
 - Subsequent to that, the TWG dropped Case D from its studies and was replaced with Case G and Case I.
- In their IRP process, Idaho Power planned to make-up power from the Bridger 1 retirement by importing additional power via Boardman to Hemmingway from the Northwest.
- PacifiCorp in their IRP process does not have any additional information on the make-up power. Therefore the TWG chose to perform [three bracket scenarios](#) of make-up power. While solar resources were considered, three of the four selected cases were during night conditions.
 - The three scenarios were then ran for each of the four selected cases creating a total of [12 cases to apply the contingency analysis to](#).
 - Ron Schellberg walked through the [results of the contingency analysis](#) as well as the [TWG's observations](#)
- As Ron Schellberg indicated prior, unless there is additional study work the TWG needs to perform, their efforts will be on drafting the report to have ready for review by the April NTTG Planning Committee Meeting.

Discussion: Round Table/Other Business

- Chelsea Loomis reminded attendees that the Annual Interregional Coordination Meeting is being held on February 19th in Salt Lake City, UT and will be hosted by NTTG.

3. Assignments:

Item #	Assignment	Owner	Target Date	Status
1.				
2.				
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Next Meeting: The next Northern Tier Planning Committee Meeting is scheduled for April 24th at 1PM Pacific.

- Dial: **(626) 425-3121**
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Attendees:

NTTG Planning Committee Member Representatives

Membership Class 1		
Ian Beil, Portland General	Younglae Kim, MATL	Craig Quist, PacifiCorp
Jared Ellsworth, Vice Chair, Idaho Power	Chelsea Loomis, Chair, NorthWestern	Bob Smith, TransCanyon

Membership Class 2		
Marshall Empey, UAMPS	Rhett Hurless, Absaroka	

Membership Class 3		
Daney Brauchie, WY PSC (Proxy)	John Chatburn, ID OEMR	Bob Decker, MT PSC

Other NTTG Members & Guests

Justin Bieber, UAE	John Leland, NTTG	Ron Schellberg, NTTG
George Lynch, ID OEMR	Kishore Patel, PacifiCorp	Amy Wachsnicht, NTTG
Sharon Helms, NTTG		