

<b>Description of Meeting:</b>	<b>NTTG Planning Committee</b>
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	<b>March 8, 2017</b>
<b>Meeting Notes Prepared By:</b>	<b>Amy Wachsnicht</b>
<b>Approved for Posting:</b>	<b>April 12, 2017</b>

**1. Agenda:**

- a. Approval of February, 8 2017 NTTG Planning Committee meeting notes
- b. Deseret Power's out of time comments on NTTG 2016-17 Draft Regional Transmission Plan (DRTP) & NTTG Draft Responses
- c. NTTG Draft Regional Transmission Plan Revisions
- d. **RESOLVED:** that the NTTG Planning Committee approves
  - i. The NTTG draft responses to stakeholder comments, comprehensive of and including those submitted during the open comment window and those submitted out of time; and
  - ii. the resulting modifications to the NTTG Draft Regional Transmission Plan.
- e. Round Table/Other Business
  - i. Upcoming Meetings

**2. Discussions & Decisions:**

**Decision: Approval of February, 8 2017 NTTG Planning Committee meeting notes**

- Following roll call, it was noted that quorum requirements were met in both Class 1 and Class 3, but not met in Class 2. With quorum met in Class 1 and one other Class, approval of the past meeting notes could move forward.
- With a motion by Chelsea Loomis and seconded by Don Johnson, the February 8<sup>th</sup> NTTG Planning Committee meeting notes were **approved** for posting in Class 1 & Class 3.

**Discussion: Deseret Power's out of time comments on NTTG 2016-17 Draft Regional Transmission Plan (DRTP) & NTTG Draft Responses**

- NTTG received out of time comments from Deseret Power on the DRTP. Chelsea Loomis explained that while there is a formal window for submitting comments, NTTG allowed these comments to come in, due to the fact that they did not hinder the Technical Workgroup (TWG) from staying on time for getting the study work completed and the DRTP submitted.
- Prior to walking through Deseret Power's comments and NTTG responses, Chelsea Loomis informed attendees that the comments were Deseret Power's comments only, and not the larger set which was previously discussed at the last NTTG Planning Committee meeting.
- [Deseret Power's comments](#) focused on the four non-committed projects chosen in the DRTP, the high Wyoming wind case, a request for additional language in the DRTP for clarification and questions regarding possible deviations from past planning cycle processes to the current cycle.
- Jared Ellsworth added clarification that the four projects were not just identified as being required because of the Wyoming wind. B2H, for example, is required because of other cases. Portions of Gateway West and South and the entire Antelope project is needed because of the nuclear project at Antelope.

**Discussion: NTTG Draft Regional Transmission Plan Revisions**

- Paragraphs and language were added throughout the DRTP regarding the Wyoming wind to add clarification and address the stakeholder comments. The TWG discovered the 887 MW of incremental wind resources submitted by PacifiCorp were inadvertently omitted from the NTTG analysis. Additional analysis will be done in Quarter 5 and Quarter 6 to address this issue.



- A footnote was added in the “Executive Summary” to further clarify the development and purpose of the null case.
- A list of resource additions and removals made to the change cases were added in Appendix A. Appendix B, a list of selected path flow from a subset of the cases developed was also added.
- Other edits included various non-substantive changes for readability and for additional clarification.

**Decision: RESOLVED: that the NTTG Planning Committee approves**

- *The NTTG draft responses to stakeholder comments, comprehensive of and including those submitted during the open comment window and those submitted out of time; and*
- *the resulting modifications to the NTTG Draft Regional Transmission Plan.*
- Chelsea Loomis motioned to approve the resolution as stated and was seconded by Don Johnson. The resolution was **approved** by the majority of Class 1 members present and Class 3.
  - It was noted that Deseret Power opposed the resolution and TransCanada abstained from voting.

**Discussion: Round Table/Other Business**

- Sharon Helms reminded attendees that March 31<sup>st</sup> is the deadline for submitting updated data information to projects submitted in Quarter 1. March 31<sup>st</sup> is also the deadline for submitting Economic Study Requests (ESR). Anyone wanting to submit an ESR and is not already a member of NTTG’s Planning Committee, can apply for membership or sign the ESR Agreement which is Exhibit A of any NTTG member’s Attachment K.
- NTTG had originally scheduled its Quarter 5 Stakeholder Meeting on April 12<sup>th</sup> and cancelled the Planning Committee meeting. WIRAB & CREPC has scheduled their Annual Meeting on April 12<sup>th</sup> in Boise, Idaho therefore, NTTG’s has moved the Stakeholder Meeting to April 19<sup>th</sup>.
  - NTTG will now be holding its Planning Committee meeting on April 12<sup>th</sup> to review the Public Policy Consideration study results.
- The April 19<sup>th</sup> NTTG Stakeholder Meeting will be held in Portland, Oregon at the Sheraton Portland Airport Hotel. Amy Wachsnicht sent a notice this morning regarding discounted guest room rates and registration information. Sharon Helms asked members to please respond by registering so Amy Wachsnicht can make the proper facility arrangements.
- The next NTTG Steering Committee meeting is being held on April 20<sup>th</sup> in Salt Lake City, Utah. All NTTG Committee meetings are public and stakeholders are encouraged to attend.
- Nathan Powell thanked the Planning Committee and TWG for considering Deseret Power’s out of time comments.

**3. Assignments:**

Item #	Assignment	Owner	Target Date	Status
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**Next Meeting:** The next Northern Tier Planning Committee Meeting is scheduled for April 12<sup>th</sup> at 1PM Pacific.

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**Attendees:**

**NTTG Planning Committee Member Representatives**

**Membership Class 1**

Jared Ellsworth, Idaho Power	Chelsea Loomis, Vice Chair, NorthWestern	Craig Quist, Chair, PacifiCorp
Bill Hosie, TransCanada	Michael Manarovici, MATL	
Don Johnson, Portland General	Nathan Powell, Deseret	

**Membership Class 2**

Rhett Hurless, Absaroka Energy		
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**Membership Class 3**

Bob Decker, MT PSC	Gene Fadness, ID PUC	Morgan Fish, WY PSC
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**Other NTTG Members & Guests**

Travis Allen, MATL	Sharon Helms, NTTG	Ron Schellberg, NTTG
Jamie Austin, PacifiCorp	John Leland, NTTG	Chuck Stigers, USE
Justin Bieber, UAE	Kishore Patel, PacifiCorp	Amy Wachsnicht, NTTG