



Description of Meeting:	NTTG Planning Committee
Meeting Date:	April 17, 2013
Meeting Notes Prepared By:	Amy Wachsnicht
Approved for Posting:	May 8, 2013

Attendee List:

Dave Angell – Vice Chair, Idaho Power, Class 1	John Leland – Chair, NorthWestern, Class 1
Jamie Austin – PacifiCorp, Class 1	Chelsea Loomis – NorthWestern, Class 1
Dan Bay – Black Hills, Class 1	Jerry Maio – UT PSC, Class 3
Johanna Bell – ID PUC, Class 3	Kishore Patel – PacifiCorp, Class 1
Gil Coulam – NTTG	Ron Schellberg – Idaho Power, Class 1
Robert Everett – Idaho Power, Class 1	Amy Wachsnicht – NTTG
Bill Hosie – Duke Transmission, Class 1	Scott Waples – Avista Corp., Class 1
Don Johnson – Portland General, Class 1	Dan Wheeler – Gaelectric, Class 2
Shannon Kelly – ID OER, Class 3	Tami White – Idaho Power, Class 1

1. Agenda:

- a) Welcome, Establish Quorum and Agenda Review
- b) Consent Items
 - i. March 13, 2013 Meeting Notes
 - ii. Revised 2012-2013 NTTG Study Plan
- c) Order 890 Compliance Updates
 - i. 2013 Economic Study Requests
 - ii. Response to Q5 Data Requests
- d) Regional Order 1000
 - i. Update
 - ii. NTTG Production Cost Modeling Analysis
 - iii. Order 1000 Regional Data Input Forms
- e) Remaining Planning Committee Work for 2013
- f) Round Table/Other Business

2. Discussions & Decisions:

Discussion: Welcome, Establish Quorum and Agenda Review

- It was confirmed that the quorum requirements had been satisfied.
- In reviewing the agenda, Tami White had requested that the discussion regarding the Order 1000 data input forms be moved to the beginning of the meeting.
 - There were no objections.

Discussion: Regional Order 1000

- Order 1000 Regional Data Input Forms
 - In the Order 1000 process one of the requirements is to determine if projects are qualified to submit into the transmission plan for purposes of cost allocation.
 - As the NTTG Cost Allocation Workgroup along with Planning Workgroup worked through the process they modified the data submittal form which was discussed during one of the NTTG Planning Committee meetings and developed a project sponsor qualification form with additional information for Cost Allocation.
 - These forms would become active in October if FERC accepts NTTG's regional filing and in the next cycle for the Order 1000 process.

- The two forms are posted on the NTTG website with the meeting materials are the Project Sponsor Qualification Data and the Additional Information Needed for Cost Allocation form.
- Tami White explained that in creating the forms the Cost Allocation Workgroup thought it would be a good idea to combine the form for project information with the additional information for cost allocation so that a project sponsor would fill out one form.
 - The information included in these forms was taken from the tables Planning and Cost Allocation Practice Document.
- In the discussion Dave Angell pointed out that there was an Xcel sheet for project information that would have the details of the loads that LSE's serve and resources and other data that comes in which would include the project information.
 - Tami White asked if it was a good idea to combine the project information and the additional information for cost allocation into one form or if it was better to keep them separated.
 - After discussion it was determined that this discussion should be discussed off line.
- **NTTG Sponsor Qualification Data Form**
 - The information is out of Planning and the Cost Allocation Practice Document and Tami White walked through the fields of the Sponsor Qualification form.
 - Dan Wheeler asked if a project sponsor would have to fill out a separate form for each particular project because the form had a line for the project name and it would indicate that NTTG would want one for each of the projects submitted.
 - Dave Angell indicated that the reason for the project name is so that NTTG would know the level of qualification necessary. If it is a 20 mile 230 KV line versus a 500 mile 500 kV line the qualifications the bar might be a little bit higher. Other than that the sponsor description would most likely be the same.
 - Jerry Maio inquired if there should be a sign off or something indicating that the sponsor had been accepted.
 - A suggestion was that NTTG could have a posting on the website of all the qualified sponsors.
 - It was also suggested that along with the annual updated on project information there could also be an updated on sponsor information as necessary.
 - John Leland asked if there were any other questions or comments to the Sponsor Qualification Data form or if any member needed an extension to review; if not then the Planning Committee will accept the form.
 - Hearing none John Leland Noted that Planning Committee had accepted the form hearing no further comments or asking for an extension.
- **NTTG Additional Cost Allocation Data Submittal Form**
 - Tami White walked through the additional cost allocation information fields. These would need to be filled out only if the project sponsor was requesting cost allocation.
 - She explained the first part of the form included the NTTG project information and as indicated in the discussion before the Planning Committee members need more time to think about combining that information into one form with the cost allocation information.
 - Dave Angell indicated that in looking at the Xcel and Word Document forms there is limited information on what is duplicated. On the Xcel form there is a check box for public policy, whereas the Word document had additional room for more information.
 - The Xcel form created was trying to align very closely with the TEPPC data submission information.
 - It was discussed that there is an advantage to having one form and it was suggested that if data had been submitted into WECC then NTTG could use the Word

Document form which has the project and cost allocation information and include a check box indicated they have submitted project data information to WECC and bypass filling out the Xcel form.

- By having most of things on the form that NTTG is dealing with, it allows the Planning Committee and Cost Allocation Committee to work off one set of data to inform their decisions. If NTTG has to go to WECC or other places seems like the Planning Committee would have to gather the information and send over to the Cost Allocation Committee.
 - After discussion it appeared to the Committee members that there needed to be some coordination between the two forms and at this time are not ready to make a discussion as to keep the project information and additional information needed for cost allocation together in one form.
 - John Leland suggested that the discussion be carried over to the next Planning Committee Meeting allowing members time to decide how to proceed.
 - NTTG Production Cost Modeling Analysis
 - Back in February NTTG completed the first phase of the PCM analysis. The group bench marked a 2010 back cast case which is completed and in the same process created a parsing method for tracking the benefits for cost allocation purposes.
 - NTTG has engaged E3 to preform additional work in three areas:
 - 1) Run sensitivities to see how the benefit analysis would be affected by changing input assumptions.
 - 2) Preform parsing analysis at the transmission provider level and then a market participant within the transmission provider.
 - 3) Formalize a report that may be used as an attachment as a report to FERC.
 - The sensitivities E3 are running are, a high gas price of \$10, low gas price of \$2, local and remote generation and low hydro. In addition NTTG is preforming a hurdle rate sensitivity.
 - All the production cost sensitivities have been run, and E3 is finishing a report on some of the sensitivities. The group will be starting the parsing analysis shortly.
 - The hope is to have the sensitivities and parsing analysis done by the end of the month, then have a discussion with the Cost Allocation Workgroup to develop the report back to FERC.
 - Update on Regional Order 1000
 - The common tariff language each of the regions are planning on using in their Attachment K's is complete and the regions have been working on a common filing letter.
 - There is still an open question regarding when NTTG would file, either on July 10th or earlier. There could be a possibility that NTTG, CAISO and WestConnect could file earlier but that has not been determined yet.
 - It is understood that ColumbiaGrid will be filing closer toward the July 10th deadline as they have additional work on the PEFA.
 - The regions are working on finalizing their documents and the hope is to have pens down on the filing letter by May 3rd.
 - AT this time NTTG has not seen anything from FERC regarding their regional filing.
 - WestConnect received their order in March.
 - CAISO and MISO (NorthWestern's North Dakota) filings are this month.

Decision: Consent Items

- John Leland asked if there were any changes or questions regarding the March 13, 2013 Planning Committee meeting notes or the revised 2012-2013 NTTG Study Plan which included the TransWest Express changes.
- Hearing none John Leland asked for a motion to approve both simultaneously:



- With a motion by Jamie Austin with a second by Don Johnson both the March 13, 2013 meeting notes and the Revised 2012-2013 NTTG Study Plan were unanimously approved.
 - March 13, 2013 Meeting Notes
 - Approved for posting.
 - Revised 2012-2013 NTTG Study Plan
 - Unanimously approved.

Discussion: Order 890 Compliance Updates

- 2013 Economic Study Requests
 - John Leland indicated that NorthWestern had received three Economic Study Requests but they were all determined to be local and NorthWestern will be doing the studies.
 - There have been no other requests received.
- Response to Q5 Data Requests
 - In Q5 NTTG received updates from Avista, which were discussed during the last Planning Committee meeting. There were also updates from the Power Company of Wyoming and TransWest Express but no substantive changes.
 - Since there were no material changes the Technical Workgroup is finishing up the analysis and will transition into the report writing phase.
 - The draft summary report is posted with the meeting materials. There were some comments during the last meeting and those have been incorporated into the report. No other comments have been received at this time.
 - A draft final report will be developed for the July NTTG Semi Annual Stakeholder meeting.

Discussion: Remaining Planning Committee Work for 2013

- Since the Technical Workgroup is moving forward on writing the report John Leland suggested some possible additional work this year will help in complying with Order 1000 requirements next year. That would include identifying of regional and interregional beneficiaries.
 - There were power flow methods suggested in NTTG's October filing and the group is still working on the production cost modeling effort to identify beneficiaries.
- It was suggested that through Quarter 6 and Quarter 7 the Planning Committee and Technical Workgroup could work through a method or process and get comfortable with identifying beneficiaries before Order 1000 is in effect. Assuming NTTG's Order 1000 filing is approved, it would be in effect next.
- Dave Angell suggested that before the July Semi Annual Stakeholder meeting the Technical Workgroup would focus on preparing the details of the final report and then in August the workgroup members could be available to take on the task.
 - At this time since the group does not have the results of the production cost modeling effort, members could focus on the changes in losses, reserve requirements and deferral of projects.

Discussion: Round Table/Other Business

- There was none.

3. Assignments:

Item #	Assignment	Owner	Target Date	Status
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Next Meeting: The next Northern Tier Planning Committee Meeting is scheduled for May 8, 2013 at 1:00PM Pacific.

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