



Description of Meeting:	NTTG Cost Allocation Committee
Meeting Date:	Monday April 14, 2008
Meeting Minutes Prepared By:	Christine Draper
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Attendee List: Christine Draper, Marshall Empey, Bryce Freeman, Sharon Helms, Marcy Norby, Larry Nordell, Lou Ann Westerfield, Darrell Zlomke

Not in Attendance: Bryan Baldwin, Rich Bayless, Brian DeKiep, Marc Hellman, Jim Logan, Becky Wilson, Curt Winterfeld

1. Agenda:

- Recap of April 8th Stakeholder Meeting
- Letter writing campaign to the project developers
- How to divide up the various transmission projects to ensure CAC oversight

Discussion: Recap of Last weeks' Stakeholder Meeting- Sharon

- Q1 Data Gathering Process:
 - Responses to the NTTG Q1 data collection efforts were reviewed with stakeholders. Some data errors and/or omissions were noted. Updated information was requested to be sent to Steve Wallace.
- Data planning assumptions discussion and stakeholder input
 - Stakeholder discussions were facilitated by the Planning Chair and information was assimilated into an "Assumptions" document that has been posted on the NTTG website. Additional webinars will be conducted mid May for additional stakeholder input
- Economic study request process
 - NTTG Transmission Use Committee received three requests, all from Northwestern Energy. The Transmission Use Committee categorization resulted in the following recommendations:
 - PPL Energy Plus #1 – regional request to be submitted to WECC
 - PPL Energy Plus #2 – Does not meet definition of economic study request
 - Montana Wind Working Group #1 – Local to remain with NWE
 - NTTG will not complete economic study requests for the 2008 planning cycle. Effectively, economic study request efforts will be on hold until Q4 when work starts to prepare for the 2009 cycle.

Discussion: Letter writing campaign to the NTTG Project Developers.

- Lou Ann reviewed the need for updated project information and indicated that she would take the lead to modify a letter previously reviewed by the Committee with additional information requirements and deadlines for data submittal.
- A simple data tracking process or tool is required. Sharon agreed to discuss development of a common database with the NTTG Planning Committee Chair, as they may also want access to much of the information that the Cost Allocation Committee is asking for.

Discussion: Assigning Cost Allocation Committee oversight on transmission projects.

- The CAC Chair discussed the need to have committee members take responsibility to follow specific projects as they evolve and requirements change. Expectation is to have two members assigned to each project with responsibility to assess when sufficient information is



available from the developers to move the process forward. Would like the members of the committee to assign themselves to each of the projects.

Discussion: Agenda for next Committee Meeting

- Finalize letter for developers.
- Assess which projects have cost allocation issues, and
- Assign Cost Allocation Committee Members with responsibility for following projects as they evolve.

Next Meeting: The next Northern Tier Management meeting is scheduled for Monday April 21, at 1:00p PST/ 2:00p MST.

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