



Description of Meeting:	NTTG Planning Committee Meeting
Meeting Date:	May 5, 2010
Meeting Minutes Prepared By:	Lyndee Restad
Approved to post:	May 19, 2010

Attendee List: Rich Bayless, Eric Egge, Rhett Hurlless, Don Johnson, John Leland, Jacob Lucas, Lyndee Restad, Kip Sikes, Jim Tucker, Steven Wallace

1. Agenda:

- Approval of the NTTG ESR Procedures
- Webinar discussing development of Northern Tier's 2010-2011 Study Plan
 - Framework provided by Planning Committee Charter
 - Economic study in second quarter
 - Development of the Study Plan – proposed framework
- Other issues and questions

2. Discussions & Decisions:

Discussion: Approval of the NTTG ESR Procedures

- The Economic Studies Process was reviewed and adopted by the Planning Committee on a unanimous vote
 - Members of classes 1 and 2 casted votes
 - There were not any members from Class 3 on the call

Discussion: Webinar discussing development of Northern Tier's 2010-2011 Study Plan

- Steven Wallace described the Economic Studies process that will be undertaken by Northern Tier in quarter 2.
- Kip Sikes reviewed the NTTG 8-quarter study process and the steps the Planning Committee and its work groups will be taking this year to develop a transmission plan
 - The goal will be to study the adequacy of the transmission system to service known loads and resources, not to provide justification for specific transmission projects.
- Kip described an approach that will be different from that used in the last biennium
 - The first year's planning ranges across a number of load and resource scenarios and relying on higher-level DC power flow analysis to screen potential transmission additions to find the reduced set of alternatives that will be studied in the second year in greater detail – with AC and contingency analyses, looking at available projects.

Discussion: Other issues and questions

- Future meetings will continue to focus on Wednesday afternoons
- The next Planning Committee meeting will be held on May 19, 2010
 - This meeting will also be conducted as a webinar,
 - Agenda items will include:
 - Review of first quarter data submittals
 - Study plan outline
 - Further discussion of work schedule and resources



3. Assignments:

Item #	Assignment	Owner	Target Date	Status
1.	Cancel the Planning Committee meeting on May 12 th	L. Restad	Completed	

Next Meeting: The next Northern Tier Planning Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 19th at 1pm Pacific.

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