

Description of Meeting:	NTTG Planning Committee Meeting
Meeting Date:	May 20, 2009
Meeting Minutes Prepared By:	Lynn Jesus-Olhausen
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Attendee List: Jamie Austin, Rich Bayless, Eric Egge, Marshall Empey, Lynn Jesus-Olhausen, Lisa La Bolle, John Leland, Jeff Newby, Matt Roy, Kip Sikes, Jim Tucker, Steven Wallace, Darrel Zlomke

Not in Attendance: Orlando Ciniglio, Arlo Corwin, Brian DeKiep, Darrell Gerrard, Derrick Harris, Sharon Helms, Bill Hosie, Paul Kjellander, Ryan Munson Ron Schellberg

1. Agenda:

- Regional update [Rich and Kip]
- FERC OER presentation [Kip]
- NERC System Assessments [Rich]
- Biennial Planning Studies updates [Steven]
 - Power flow studies
 - Economic studies
- Roundtable

2. Discussions & Decisions:

Discussion: Regional update [Rich and Kip]

- There will be a May 27th meeting/conference call with FERC OER.
- TEPPC
 - Draft 3 of WECC's DOE response white paper is due anytime. Rich will distribute for review.
- SPG Caucus
 - Regional sub-regional groups will be meeting next week to discuss the sub-regional role in the WECC response to DOE's proposal. This meeting is to align on the input and presence of SPG's in WECC's framework on their proposal.

Discussion: FERC OER presentation [Kip]

- Kip walked through the presentation slides that will be presented.
- Transmission providers are the responsible parties for determining reliability per the established standards. It will be relayed to FERC OER that the responsibility lies within the transmission providers, not with NTTG.
- Any mention of system assessment studies will be deferred to the individual transmission providers.
- Please submit any comments to Rich and Kip by COB Thursday.

Discussion: NERC System Assessments [Rich]

- ColumbiaGrid performs assessments studies that impact others in the region as they want to contact individual transmission providers if they discover issues on their paths.
- It has been the consensus that NTTG's position is that as a sub-regional group, ColumbiaGrid needs to contact a fellow sub-regional group (e.g.: NTTG) and then the sub-regional group will contact their own members directly.
- ColumbiaGrid utilizes WECC studies that often have incorrect data within the study, which subsequently renders ColumbiaGrid's study data incorrect. Regional coordination will need to be further developed to try and accommodate the work of neighboring sub-regional groups.
- It has been ColumbiaGrid's stand that they will correct the data in the studies, rather than rely on WECC to perform this service. This is a service that will eventually come at a cost for other entities.



- There is concern over which party – sub-regional or regional, might be the appropriate party to correct data on behalf of the base studies.
- One option is to perhaps utilize DOE funds to refine and correct data issues at the WECC level.

Discussion: Biennial Planning Studies updates [Steven]

- Power flow studies
 - Over a dozen variations are being reviewed between the light autumn and heavy summer cases.
 - The imports will be decreased between the northwest and Canada to address the region’s variations.
 - In the desert southwest, there will be a 50/50 reduction in the Pale Verde plant and Las Vegas areas. This is still currently be reviewed by WestConnect.
- Economic studies
 - All the transmission projects are entered into the models.
 - GridView studies have been run.
 - Jamie walked through her the presentation on her preliminary study results.
 - The study started with the TEPPC 2017 PC1A case. This is a wind heavy scenario.
 - Loads and resources were not modified.
 - Many of the paths in the NTTG footprint resulted in lowered congestion when the projects are added to the base case.

Discussion: Roundtable

- None.

3. Assignments:

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Next Meeting: Next Meeting: The next Northern Tier Planning Committee meeting is scheduled for May 27th, 2009 a 1:00PM Pacific.

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