



<b>Description of Meeting:</b>	<b>NTTG Cost Allocation Committee</b>
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	<b>July 29, 2013</b>
<b>Meeting Notes Prepared By:</b>	<b>Amy Wachsnicht</b>
<b>Approved for Posting:</b>	<b>September 5, 2013</b>

**Attendee List:**

Curt Winterfeld - Chair, Deseret	David Lofftus - MT PSC
Michel Beck - UT OFC of Consumer Services	Marci Norby - WY PSC
Johanna Bell - ID PUC	Larry Nordell - MT CC
Sharon Helms - NTTG	Amy Wachsnicht - NTTG
Sam Liu - UT PSC	Laura Yetter - WY PSC

**1. Agenda:**

- a. Agenda Review
- b. Approval of July 16, 2013 Meeting Notes
- c. Draft 2012-2013 Cost Allocation Committee Report Review
- d. NTTG Cost Allocation Committee Charter Revisions
- e. Round Table/Other Business
  - i. Next Meeting

**2. Discussions & Decisions:**

**Decision: Approval of July 16, 2013 Meeting Notes**

- Curt Winterfeld asked members to review the notes and send revisions or comments to Amy Wachsnicht by close of business.
  - If no revisions or comments are received the notes will be considered approved and ready for posting.
  - If there are revisions or comments, Amy Wachsnicht will distribute the notes to the Committee to review and they will be added to the agenda for approval at the next Cost Allocation Committee meeting.

**Discussion: Draft 2012-2013 Cost Allocation Committee Report Review**

- The Committee reviewed the newest draft of the 2012-2013 Cost Allocation Committee Report and members had suggested edits:
  - Committee Introduction:
    - Paragraph under the list of entities – the paragraph did not appear to be written for the 2012-2013 cycle but for the 2010-2011.
      - A suggestion was to strike the three paragraphs of the 2010-2011 cycle and write a paragraph summary being clear in the text that it is in the past.
    - Michelle Beck pointed out that the UT Office of Consumer Services was not listed as a member and noted that the 2012-2013 is the first cycle they became a member.
    - First paragraph in the section it was suggested to characterize the states in which NTTG is formed under in the footprint and have a footnote which points to the definition of the NTTG footprint.

- Since the report will be finalized and accurate for the current NTTG Cost Allocation Committee Charter for Order 890, it was suggested to add a footnote indicating the charter is being revised for Order 1000.
- The chair needs to be changed from being elected every two years to annually, as that is the current practice.
  - It was also noted that the term “chairperson” is not consistent throughout the document and should be.
- Since the Cost Allocation Committee meetings are open the report should indicate that in addition to the open meetings a minimum of two open stakeholder meetings are held per year.
- Table and Descriptions of Transmission Projects:
  - Before the draft report is finalized and posted for stakeholder review and comment it was suggested that the project sponsors of the listed projects should be contacted to verify if the information in the “status” column of the table and the project description are accurate.
  - Since the target date for posting the report for stakeholder comment and review is August 5<sup>th</sup>, Sharon Helms suggested that a cutoff date for project sponsor input should be August 1<sup>st</sup> in order for an updated draft to be sent to Committee members by August 2<sup>nd</sup> for review and approval on August 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Other Committee Activities:
  - During the last Cost Allocation Committee meeting Larry Nordell took the action item to develop language describing the Committees activities in the Order 1000 Regional and Interregional processes.
    - His write up included the details of the process and the substance of the policies of the proposals leading up to the filings.
  - Curt Winterfeld made edits to Larry Nordell’s language and shortened in items of process and substance.
    - The reason for this is that Curt felt that by the time the report is finalized the transmission providers making the filings will have made changes that are significantly different than what is in the report and the information would no longer be accurate.
    - Another concern is that since the transmission providers making the filings are not a part of the Committee there is sensitivity in accurately representing their positions and what is in the Attachment K filing.
  - Curt Winterfeld asked the Committee members what their preference was, 1) keep the original language with the details, or 2) the summary of the activities.
    - Michele Beck – Preference is the summary.
    - Larry Nordell – Preference is the summary.
    - Johanna Bell – Preference is the summary.
    - David Lofftus – Preference is the summary.
    - Sam Liu – Preference is the summary.
      - Also indicated he would like to speak with Joni Zenger about her preference as well.
  - Hearing the general consensus of the Committee was to have the summary version Curt Winterfeld asked David Lofftus to make the additional edits for review at the next meeting.
- David Lofftus will make the changes to the draft report suggested during the meeting along with the input from project sponsors and will send out to the Committee members by Friday August 2<sup>nd</sup> for review and approval at the next Cost Allocation Committee meeting on August 5<sup>th</sup>.

- Sharon Helms asked if the Cost Allocation Committee intended to have the same process as the Planning Committee in terms of the stakeholder review and comments, which is they commit to tracking the comments received, incorporate any comments or changes that are appropriate and if comments or edits are not incorporated the Planning Committee will get back with the stakeholder and explain why they were not incorporated.
  - Curt Winterfeld indicated that the Cost Allocation Committee will also follow the same process.

**Discussion: NTTG Cost Allocation Committee Charter Revisions**

- Much of the description of governance is described in the Committee charters and FERC is requiring it to be in the OATT.
  - Tyson Kade made changes to the charters to comply with this requirement as well as mirroring the membership and voting criteria of the Planning Committee. His intent was to have the Cost Allocation and Planning Committee charters as similar as possible.
- The Committee reviewed the changes and had suggested edits:
  - Purpose:
    - There was a concern Purpose 2 did not follow what is required of the Cost Allocation Committee in the Attachment K. The Committee is preparing a cost allocation and this indicates the Committee is preparing a recommendation.
    - A suggestion was to possibly delete the word “recommendation”.
  - Principles:
    - Tyson Kade had revised the principles to be more consistent with those in the Planning Committee charter.
    - In reviewing members had concerns that some of the principles did not make sense for cost allocation.
    - Since the principles are listed in the Attachment K it was suggested that they did not need to be duplicated in the charter and possible language could indicated that the principles are set forth in Attachment K.
  - In terms of purpose and principles there were concerns with the potential over lap and insistency between the Attachment K and the charter. Since the Attachment K is the governing document, it was felt that those items already listed should not be duplicated in the charter. If there are gaps in the Attachment K that the Committee felt was appropriate to add to the charter then those should be added.
  - Committee Membership:
    - This section has the most substantive changes as there are changes in membership, voting criteria and chair elections.
      - As discussed last meeting there would be three classes of members, transmission providers/transmission owners, transmission users, and state regulators and other state agencies.
    - For the state regulatory and other state agencies the other state agencies is a broader membership than what the Committee currently has.
    - In having members limited to one representative for one class it was suggested that the language needs to make clear that (i) a vertically integrated entity that is both a transmission user and a transmission provider can only join in one class or the other, or (ii) be more restrictive and specify a transmission provider can only join as a transmission provider.
      - If an entity is not a transmission provider they can join only as a transmission user.
        - What needs to be decided is if when the entity is given the choice is that choice permanent or can they change classes at a certain point in time.

- There was concern with having the language of “state agencies” being too broad.
      - After discussion it was suggested that the language should indicate “state regulators, state transmission siting agencies, and state consumer advocates.”
      - The members also noted that this should be discussed with Planning during the August 12<sup>th</sup> Joint Order 1000 Workgroup meeting.
  - Committee Membership Withdrawal:
    - The Planning Agreement was modified to become the Planning and Cost Allocation Agreement. Entities can become members of either the Planning or Cost Allocation Committee or both. By signing the agreement they agree to the decisions of the Steering Committee and to the dispute resolution process of NTTG.
    - Tyson Kade had added this section on how members would withdraw their membership.
    - Curt Winterfeld indicated that his preference would to have the membership withdrawal in the agreement as the entity would have certain obligations laid out in the agreement.
  - Committee Chair:
    - The four year commitment that is incorporated in the charters is different from what is currently in the Committee Charters. The language says an election will be held every 2 years and then the vice chair becomes the chair.
      - While both committees felt this is a good approach there were concerns that some companies may not be able to commit their members for that many years.
    - Sharon Helms asked the committee members if they felt the chair should be those parties who have an Attachment K obligation and are utilizing NTTG to comply as they would be vested in the decision making.
      - Michele Beck had a concern with the fact that Class 1 and Class 2 could become the chair or vice chair but Class 3 was excluded.
        - It is understandable that there could be an issue of prejudging and it may not be appropriate for a Commissioner to be elected however there should not be any disqualifying of members.
- Sharon Helms indicated the feedback from Planning was more minimal than the feedback received from Cost Allocations and any written comments would be helpful.
  - Sharon will also incorporate comments on the charter and send a new version to Tyson Kade.
  - The discussion on the revised charter will be deferred to August 12<sup>th</sup> during the Order 1000 Joint Workgroup meeting.
  - Michele Beck noted that she would not be able to attend the August 12<sup>th</sup> meeting and would write up bullet points on her opinion and reaction for discussion during that meeting.

**Discussion: Round Table/Other Business**

- Next Cost Allocation Committee Meeting will be held on August 5<sup>th</sup> starting at 2:00pm (Pacific)/3:00pm (Mountain)
  - The agenda topic for the meeting is to review and vote for approval on the 2012-2013 Cost Allocation Committee Report.
  - A letter from the chair for the process will be drafted and distributed to stakeholders along with notification the report has been posted.



3. Assignments:

Item #	Assignment	Owner	Target Date	Status
1.	Incorporate edits and project sponsor comments on their specific projects in the report.	D. Lofftus B. Kolb	8/02	Complete
2.	Incorporate comments on the Cost Allocation Charter and send to Tyson Kade for revision.	S. Helms	7/31	Complete
3.	Draft stakeholder comment letter to accompany 2012-2013 Cost Allocation Committee Report.	A. Wachsnicht	7/30	Complete
4.	Send out calendar invites for August 5 <sup>th</sup> Cost Allocation Committee meeting.	A. Wachsnicht	7/30	Complete

**Next Meeting:** The next Northern Tier Cost Allocation Committee Meeting is scheduled for August 5<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm Pacific.

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