



Description of Meeting:	NTTG Planning Committee
Meeting Date:	July 6, 2011
Meeting Minutes Prepared By:	A. Lynn Jesus-Olhausen
Approved for Posting:	September 7, 2011

Attendee List:

- Dave Angell – IPCO (Class 1)
- Jamie Austin – PacifiCorp (Class 1)
- Sharon Helms – NTTG
- Rhett Hurless – Grasslands (Class 1)
- A. Lynn Jesus-Olhausen – NTTG
- Don Johnson – PGE (Class 1)
- Kim Johnson – Riverbank Power (Class 2)
- Jacob Lucas - FERC

1. Agenda:

- Welcome, introductions and review of agenda
- Approval of June 1, 2011 meeting notes
- Brief review of the planning committee presentation for the July 28 stakeholder meeting (any suggestions/comments due July 13)
- Update on NTTG Biennial Planning Report schedule
- Update on budget & staffing plan discussion at Funders meeting
- Round table/Other business

2. Discussions & Decisions:

Discussion: Welcome, introductions and review of agenda

- There were no additions to the agenda.

Discussion: Approval of June 1, 2011 meeting notes

- Approval is deferred to the next Planning Committee, as quorum has not been met at this meeting.

Discussion: Brief review of the planning committee presentation for the July 28 stakeholder meeting (any suggestions/comments due July 13)

- Dave Angell reviewed the structure and development of the NTTG studies for the current biennial cycle.
- There is the Null Case which contains load growth to 2020 with the current transmission system.
- The Core Case contains the Foundational List projects within the NTTG footprint. This case is based on a TEPPC 2020 model. This case was analyzed in a production cost model and then converted to a power flow model with resources added.
- 5 hours were selected to study under 4 scenarios: adding 3000MW of wind generation in Wyoming, 3000MW of wind generation in Montana, 3000MW of wind generation in Wyoming and Montana, and 6000MW of wind generation in Wyoming.
- Contingency analysis was performed.
- Slide 5 is currently being revised and will clearly outline where the resources that were added came from. These were not NTTG resources, but resources derived from LRS and TEPPC data assumptions.
- The bubble diagrams are being revised for general clean up as well for the final presentation.



Discussion: Update on NTTG Biennial Planning Report schedule

- The end deliverable for the Planning Committee is a transmission study report for the current 2010-2011 biennial study cycle.
- Components of the report have been assigned to different Technical Work Group members and are currently in development.
- The schedule is:
 - The Technical Work Group will complete the initial draft by August 11th.
 - A technical writer will work on the draft from mid-August to mid-September to ensure the report is engaging and understandable to the standard stakeholder.
 - An initial review with the NTTG Steering Committee will be September 20th to get feedback on the content and direction of the report.
 - The draft report will be released for public comment from September 12th to September 23rd.
 - The Technical Work Group will incorporate all feedback received as appropriate.
 - The report will be presented to the NTTG Steering Committee for approval at their November 29th meeting.
 - The final approved report will be presented at the January 2012 public stakeholder meeting.

Discussion: Update on budget & staffing plan discussion at Funders meeting

- The Planning Committee is looking to fill the vacant transmission modeler position now open with Steven Wallace's departure. They are also looking to continue committee funding that is in line with previous funding cycles. There are no major changes.
- The initial discussion/presentation with the NTTG Funders was well received.
- The 2012-2013 budget is currently being developed with approval slated for the August 2011 NTTG Funders meeting.

Discussion: Round table/Other business

- None.

Next Meeting: Next Meeting: The next Northern Tier Planning Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 3, 2011 at 1:00 PM (Pacific)

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