



Description of Meeting:	NTTG Planning Committee Meeting
Meeting Date:	August 19, 2009
Meeting Minutes Prepared By:	Lynn Jesus-Olhausen
Approved to Post:	August 26, 2009

Attendee List: Rich Bayless, Marshall Empey, Derrick Harris, Lynn Jesus-Olhausen, John Leland, Ryan Munson, Kip Sikes, Jim Tucker

Not in Attendance: Jamie Austin Orlando Ciniglio, Arlo Corwin, Brian DeKiep, Eric Egge, Darrell Gerrard, Sharon Helms, Bill Hosie, Paul Kjellander, Jeff Newby, Ron Schellberg, Matthew Stoltz, Steven Wallace, Darrel Zlomke

1. Agenda:

- Approve August 12, 2009 Meeting Notes for Posting
- Updates on Attachment K revisions to participating Transmission Providers' OATTs
- Review and approval of a revised Planning Committee Charter
- Roundtable

2. Discussions & Decisions:

Discussion: Approve August 12, 2009 Meeting Notes for Posting

- Approved to post.

Discussion: Updates on Attachment K revisions to participating Transmission Providers' OATTs

- A PDF of the summary of member updates is posted on the NTTG website and on member OASIS sites.
- Comparability
 - Any stakeholder can submit a transmission solution to NTTG in Q1 and Q5 of the planning cycle. All submissions will be reviewed and evaluated based on a comparison of their relative economics and ability to meet reliability criteria.
 - If a stakeholder is going to bring a solution to NTTG, they also need to provide data in regard to the problem they are looking to solve.
- Regional Participation
 - All Stakeholders can participate in and have influence on the NTTG planning process, but only those who meet the accepted criteria will have voting rights.
- Economic Study Requests
 - An alternative to the POR/POD criteria will be added with additional language to indicate that economic study requests that are geographically and electrically similar, and can be feasibly and meaningfully studied as a group will be considered in the planning process.
- Cost Allocation
 - Clarification on when an open season may not be conducted will be added. Such cases may be to proceed with upgrades to the existing transmission system, or with load service, customer requested, and/or reliability transmission projects.

Discussion: Review and approval of a revised Planning Committee Charter

- The revisions to the Planning Committee Charter are to match tariff language changes that are proposed in the pending compliance filing for Attachment K.



- With the modifications of deleting the duplicate ‘shall’ from the Q1 section on page 7 and not capitalizing “local transmission plans” in the same section, the committee approved the Charter revisions.
- The Charter will now be presented to the Steering Committee for review and approval.

Discussion: Roundtable

- Coordination with ColumbiaGrid
 - ColumbiaGrid conducts assessment studies and has identified issues within the NTTG footprint that are affecting their studies.
 - NTTG will coordinate between the local transmission provider and ColumbiaGrid. The local transmission provider is the best option to address any local issues as they are the expert for their system.
 - The DOE FOA Response submitted by WECC addresses this coordination. It proposes that the sub-regional groups will work together to review base case data prior to groups using the cases for study purposes. This should eliminate the majority of issues surfacing in studies resulting from data errors.
- Future Planning Committee Agenda Items
 - A discussion about how to execute planning work for the next cycle incorporating the lessons learned from the 2008-2009 cycle will be scheduled. Although this retrospective is factored into Q1 and Q2 of the next biennial cycle, it will be better to address it earlier.
 - Selection of a common planning tool will be a part of the discussion. The issues that resulted from multiple conversions are something that needs to be avoided for the next cycle’s work.
 - Election of the Planning Committee Chair will occur in January 2010.
 - Planning Committee Budget
 - A change that will be implemented to allow for more transparency will be to have the Planning Committee approve the committee budget for the next biennial cycle prior to submission to the Funding Committee.

3. Assignments:

Item #	Assignment	Owner	Target Date	Status
1.				
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Next Meeting: Next Meeting: The next Northern Tier Planning Committee meeting is scheduled for August 26, 2009 at 1:00PM Pacific.

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