



Description of Meeting:	Cost Allocation Committee Meeting
Meeting Date:	September 28, 2009
Meeting Minutes Prepared By:	Lynn Jesus-Olhausen
Approved to Post:	October 5, 2009

Attendee List: Brian DeKiep, Marshall Empey, Bryce Freeman, Lynn Jesus-Olhausen, Matt Muldoon, Marcy Norby, Larry Nordell, Lou Ann Westerfield, Curt Winterfeld, Darrell Zlomke

Not in Attendance: Rich Bayless, Marc Hellman, Sharon Helms, Sam Liu, Jim Logan, Joni Zenger

1. Agenda:

- Review Notes from the September 21, 2009 Cost Allocation Meeting and Approve to Post
- Update on Cost Allocation Recommendation
- Cost Allocation Committee Budget for 2011-2012
- Next Steps/Next Call

2. Decisions / Discussions:

Discussion: Review Notes from the September 21, 2009 Cost Allocation Meeting and Approve to Post

- Approved to post as-is.

Discussion: Update on Cost Allocation Recommendation

- Portland General Update
 - Lou Ann Westerfield emailed Frank Afranji in regard to PGE's update. As of today's meeting, she had not received a response.
 - There have been some changes in the Southern Crossing project.
 - The project is now known as Cascade Crossing.
 - The site and study of the project will be for a double circuit 500kV line with a potential rating of 2200MW. This is dependent on partnerships forming for additional capacity.
 - Projected in service date is Q2 2015.
 - Lou Ann Westerfield will contact Frank Afranji regarding these additional updates.
- TransCanada
 - There will be a slow down on the Northern Lights project due to the Alberta ISO granting the North/South line to other parties.
 - There will be an open season in Las Vegas, NV for the Chinook and Zephyr projects.
 - There will be bidder conferences on October 14th for Zephyr and October 15th for Chinook.
 - The open season will be for 5 weeks.
 - The anchor tenant is unknown to date.
- MATL Line
 - The contractor must be an American corporation to qualify for the \$160 million loan. MDU Resources will be the contractor for building the line. Tonbridge Power is a funder of the project. This is the first DOE loan granted in our region.
- MSTI Project



- It is still unknown if there will be an open season this fall.
- The Planning Committee is currently completing the final draft of the transmission plan report.
- A meeting of the Committee Chairs is pending to coordinate committee efforts for the transmission plan report.

Discussion: Cost Allocation Committee Budget for 2011-2012

- There is a request for submission of a budget for the Cost Allocation Committee.
- The western region planning process will be starting in 2010. The plans will start to emerge on an interconnection basis in the latter part of 2010 and early 2011.
- A contingency for hiring a consultant to perform cost allocation analysis, if needed, would be beneficial. The committee members’ bandwidths do not allow for the work required for the depth of study that would be required with all the projects in the transmission plan involved.
 - A contingency for an NTTG footprint analysis and also a western region-wide analysis should be included.
 - The Cost Allocation Committee supports participating in a region-wide analysis and believes it is important to be prepared to participate, but does not support one group funding the majority of study work. The study should be collaborative and not governed by one sub-regional entity.
- National Labs has an extensive role proposed in the Topic B portion for the DOE FOA Application. Their bandwidth will most likely be limited for other study work. National Labs does utilize outside consultants for study work, if necessary, but holds sole responsibility for the work performed.

Decision: The Cost Allocation Committee will request a \$150,000 contingency for the 2011-2012 budget for possible cost allocation study work within the NTTG footprint and within the Western region. These funds will only be used if needed.

Discussion: Next Steps/Next Call

- There will not be a call on October 12th, 2009 in observance of Columbus Day.

3. Assignments:

Item #	Assignment	Owner	Target Date	Status
1.	Follow Up with Frank Afranji regarding cascade Crossing project updates.	L. Westerfield	10/05/09	

Next Meeting: Next Meeting: The next Northern Tier Cost Allocation Committee meeting is scheduled for October 5th, 2009 at 1:00PM Pacific.

- Voice Conference Mtg. **503-813-5600** (toll free #800-503-3360)
- Meeting ID **688444** and password **123456**

