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| Description of Meeting: | NTTG Planning Committee Meeting |
| Meeting Date: | October 14, 2009 |
| Meeting Minutes Prepared By: | Lynn Jesus-Olhausen |
| Approved to Post: | October 28, 2009 |

Attendee List: Jamie Austin, Rich Bayless, Eric Egge, Marshall Empey, Derrick Harris, , Lynn Jesus-Olhausen, John Leland, Ryan Munson, Jeff Newby, Ron Schellberg, Kip Sikes, Steven Wallace, Darrel Zlomke

Guests: Jeff Miller

Not in Attendance: Orlando Ciniglio, Arlo Corwin, Brian DeKiep, Darrell Gerrard, Sharon Helms, Bill Hosie, Paul Kjellander, Matthew Stoltz, Jim Tucker

1. Agenda:

- Approve to Post September 9, 2009 Meeting Notes
- Regional Activities Update – Rich Bayless
- Planning Committee Charter modifications – Kip Sikes
- Transmission Plan Final Report draft for discussion – Steven Wallace
- Results of Light Autumn studies and additional steps – Steven Wallace & Ryan Munson
- Roundtable

2. Discussions & Decisions:

Discussion: Approve to Post September 9, 2009 Meeting Notes

- Approved to post as-is.

Discussion: Regional Activities Update

- PCC/TEPPC
 - A task force has been formed to look at the structural changes needed between PCC and TEPPC. Parties interested in serving on this task force need to notify the task force by October 23rd.
 - There will be a 45 day public comment period on the revised PCC charter. The revisions are not major changes, but more general clean up.
- FERC Technical Conference Comments
 - FERC is looking for additional comment on issues that were identified as common to all regions from the three technical conferences conducted in September 2009.
 - Rich Bayless, Kip Sikes and Lou Ann Westerfield are drafting initial comments for the NTTG perspective. This first draft will be submitted to the Management Committee for review and guidance on October 19th. Final comments are due by November 13th.
- Wind Coordination Group
 - The group met and there was a presentation on what led FERC to hold the Technical Conferences on planning.
 - Although Order 890 is heading in the direction FERC would like to see, it is not adequate. FERC is looking to initiate more dialogue across the entire Interconnection on what FERC believes is needed in regarding to planning processes.

- WECC Board Meeting
 - The Bulk Electric System Definition Task Force has been assigned to develop a proposal on how to define the Bulk Electric System and present the proposal for approval at the March 2010 OC meeting.
 - The current default is 200kV. There are parties that favor reducing the default to 100kV. This reduction can have a large impact on transmission providers.
 - Comments on this topic are due to the Task Force by November 7th.
 - NTTG's Management Committee has reviewed this topic and provided guidance that NTTG will not submit comments, but will act as a conduit to exchange individual member comments so all members can review.
- WIST
 - The REZ group will demonstrate the application of their model work.
 - National will give an update on their modeling work.
 - Ron Schellberg will present results from his simplified two-bus analysis of remote versus local wind generation.
 - The group will also be looking at the Dynamic Schedule Limits Study and how it may relate to the DSS from the Joint Initiative.
- Northwest Planning and Conservation Council
 - Their northwest regional plan is currently out for public comment. Historically there has not been much input from transmission providers in their plan.
 - NTTG will need to determine if they think it is prudent to provide comments on regional transmission.
- Wyoming Legislature
 - A report has been released by a legislative task force for Wyoming that looks at the projects needed in Wyoming in relation to meeting needs for wind energy. Steven will forward to the committee.

Discussion: Planning Committee Charter modifications

- There is a proposal to introduce a Vice Chair position, to be elected annually. The Vice Chair would hold this position for one year and then assume the Chair role for the following year.
- This structure allows for sharing the Chair duties, more actively involving committee members in the operation of the committee and facilitating knowledge transfer and a smooth leadership transition. This structure is conducive to the biennial planning cycle.

Decision: The committee unanimously approved the proposed revisions to the Planning Committee Charter introducing a Vice Chair position.

- The revised charter will be forwarded to the Steering Committee for approval.

Discussion: Transmission Plan Final Report draft for discussion

- Steven Wallace has distributed a draft to date of the final transmission plan report. The members are asked to review and submit comments to Steven.
- Although there is intention that the transmission plan report can stand alone in content, it will also be part of a more comprehensive report that will include information on NTTG participation in regional activities. The Cost Allocation Report will be similarly included. The Transmission Use Committee will also provide a summary of their activities in the report.

- There is feedback to find an alternative photo for the front cover. Please submit possible photos to Steven.
- To clear up potential confusion, verbage will be added that explains the NTTG process and why there appear to be transmission projects within the NTTG footprint, but are not included in the final report. It would be prudent to also include a list of known projects that meet this circumstance.

Discussion: Results of Light Autumn studies and additional steps

- A table of violations has been circulated and each engineer has reviewed. All violations are a result of model-related or minor local issues.
- Work on the additional export studies, and the light autumn case as a whole, is now complete.

Discussion: Roundtable

- Consultant assistance in the 2010-2011 study work
 - The request for \$200,000 for a consultant’s assistance with the study work has been submitted to the Funders Group. Discussions on the NTTG budget are on-going in that group.
 - Once a budget amount is approved, the allocation formula will be applied. A timeline throughout the biennial cycle for payments can be detailed at that time.
 - There is consensus within the Planning Committee that spending the money to hire a consultant to do the study work for all providers has higher value than each individual provider hiring their own consultant.
 - Committee members are encouraged to consult internal resources to support approval of the \$200,000.
- TEPPC monthly call
 - The call is the 2nd Tuesday of every month. Rich Bayless is asked to report on the Planning Committee progress.
 - Rich requests input from the committee to provide guidance as to what he should include in his progress report.

Decision: The committee will add an agenda item for this progress report at the meeting prior to the monthly TEPPC call.

3. Assignments:

| Item # | Assignment | Owner | Target Date | Status |
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| 1. | Distribute reports (Wyoming Legislative Report on Wind, Conservation Council Report, etc) to committee | Steven Wallace | 10-15-09 | |
| 2. | Submit comments on final report draft to Steven Wallace | All | 10-23-09 | |

Next Meeting: Next Meeting: The next Northern Tier Planning Committee meeting is scheduled TBD.

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