



Description of Meeting:	Cost Allocation Committee Meeting
Meeting Date:	November 16, 2009
Meeting Minutes Prepared By:	Lynn Jesus-Olhausen
Approved to Post:	December 1, 2009

Attendee List: Brian DeKiep, Marshall Empey, Sharon Helms, Lynn Jesus-Olhausen, Matt Muldoon, Marcy Norby, Larry Nordell, Lou Ann Westerfield

Committee Members Not in Attendance: Rich Bayless, Bryce Freeman, Marc Hellman, Sam Liu, Jim Logan, Curt Winterfeld, Joni Zenger, Darrell Zlomke

1. Agenda:

- Review Notes from the November 09, 2009 Cost Allocation Meeting and Approve to Post
- Comments on Biennial Plan and Cost Allocation Recommendation
- NTTG States: Possible Response to FERC NORC
- WIRES Petition on Cost Allocation
- Roundtable/Next Steps

2. Decisions / Discussions:

Discussion: Review Notes from the November 09, 2009 Cost Allocation Meeting and Approve to Post

- Approved to post as-is.

Discussion: Comments on Biennial Plan and Cost Allocation Recommendation

- No comments have been received, other than notice that Joni Zenger will have some comments correcting the configuration in Gateway South. Joni's comments are forthcoming.

Discussion: NTTG States: Possible Response to FERC NORC

- Filing of any comments from the NTTG States will occur after the initial Nov 23rd filing date when NTTG will be filing their comments.
- The States comments will be more general in nature. There will not be much cross-referencing with NTTG's comments.
- Lou Ann Westerfield will draft language regarding support from the States not determining preapproval of any particular issue or outcome.
- Larry will draft language addressing that there are cost allocation processes in place in the NTTG footprint that is supported by the States.
- Lou Ann Westerfield will review the conclusion section and revise as deemed appropriate.
- Staff for the States will develop signature blocks, pending approval of the Commissioners for participation in the comments.
 - Each state will decide who should sign on their behalf per their processes and business practices.
- The Montana Consumers Counsel is currently reviewing the document and may participate in signing the comments.



- Washington State has been invited to participate. No decision has been made if they will join in the comments to date.
- Matt will coordinate signature blocks, and will send a courtesy notification to the Commissioner of FERC of the intent to file comments, upon approval of the comments by the NTTG States.
- All revisions are due by COB Wednesday for submission to State Commissions for review and approval.

Discussion: WIRES Petition on Cost Allocation

- The Working group for Investment in Reliable and Economic electric Systems (WIRES) has submitted a petition to FERC for issuance of a rulemaking for adoption of generic rules governing cost allocation allowed by the Federal Power Act.
- There was no notification of the intent to file this petition to affected regions, or opportunity to comment on the content of the petition.
- Placing cost allocation rules at the FERC level could preempt the States in the region. This is not a preferred policy for the region.

Discussion: Roundtable/Next Steps

- There will not be a call next week.

3. Assignments:

Item #	Assignment	Owner	Target Date	Status
1.	Draft language for State Comments	L. Westerfield, L. Nordell	11-18-09	
2.	Coordinate signature blocks for State Comments	M. Muldoon	12-7-09	

Next Meeting: Next Meeting: The next Northern Tier Cost Allocation Committee meeting is scheduled for Nov 30th, 2009 at 1:00PM Pacific.

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