



<b>Description of Meeting:</b>	<b>NTTG Planning Committee</b>
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	<b>December 12, 2012</b>
<b>Meeting Notes Prepared By:</b>	<b>Amy Wachsnicht</b>
<b>Approved for Posting:</b>	<b>January 9, 2013</b>

**Attendee List:**

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| Dave Angell – Chair, Idaho Power (Class 1) | John Leland – NorthWestern (Class 1)     |
| Jamie Austin – PacifiCorp (Class 1)        | Jerry Maio – UT PSC (Class 3)            |
| Gil Coulam – NTTG                          | Amy Wachsnicht - NTTG                    |
| Marshall Empey – UAMPS (Class 2)           | Dan Wheeler – Gaelectric, LLC (Class 2)  |
| Sharon Helms – NTTG                        | Wes Wingen – Black Hills Power (Class 1) |
| Don Johnson – Portland General (Class 1)   |  |

**1. Agenda:**

- a. Introductions, Establish a Quorum and Agenda Review
- b. November 14, 2012 NTTG Planning Committee Meeting Notes
- c. NTTG 2012 Economic Study Request Results and Report
- d. NTTG Planning Committee Chair Nominations Due the 14<sup>th</sup>
- e. NTTG Biennial Study Status Update
- f. Order 1000 Interregional Planning Coordination Update
- g. Next Steps
  - i. Upcoming Order 1000 Interregional Stakeholder Meetings
  - ii. Biennial Study Plan stakeholder review and data update
- h. Round Table/Other Business
- i. Next Meeting

**2. Discussions & Decisions:**

**Decision: November 14, 2012 NTTG Planning Committee Meeting Notes**

- Approved for posting with minor edits made during the meeting.

**Decision: NTTG 2012 Economic Study Request Results and Reports**

- Prior to conducting a vote, it was confirmed that the quorum requirements had been satisfied.
- Dave Angell requested a motion to approve the NTTG 2012 Economic Study Report
  - Jamie Austin – So Moved
  - John Leland – Second
- Approval of the NTTG 2012 Economic Study Report
  - Class 1 (Transmission providers/developers)
    - Black Hills Power – Agreed
    - Idaho Power – Agreed
    - NorthWestern – Agreed
    - PacifiCorp – Agreed
    - Portland General – Agreed
  - Class 2 (Transmission users)
    - UAMPS – Agreed
    - Galelectric – No response
      - Gil Coulam suggested that since Dan Wheeler was the requester of the study he be contacted to ensure his approval.
      - Dave Angell will follow up with Dan Wheeler via email.

- At the end of the meeting during round table Dan Wheeler agreed with the approval of the Economic Study Report (See Round Table/Other Business)
  - Class 3 (Regulators and other state agencies)
    - UT PSC - Agreed
- The Economic Study Report has been approved and will be posted on the NTTG website. The results of the report will be incorporated into the Biennial Transmission Report.

**Discussion: NTTG Planning Committee Chair Nominations Due December 14<sup>th</sup>**

- Dave Angell nominated John Leland as Chair of the Planning Committee.
  - John Leland indicated that he had support from his management and accepted the nomination.
- Sharon Helms suggested there should also be a nomination for Vice-Chair given the changes with Darrell Gerrard.
- John Leland nominated Dave Angell for Vice-Chair.
  - Dave Angell accepted the nomination and indicated he has support from his management team.
- Other nominations are due to Dave Angell by Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup>.
- The vote for Chair and acceptance of the Chair will take place during the January 2013 Planning Committee meeting.
  - During the first meeting NTTG will make the transition of Chairs and Dave Angell most likely will facilitate the January 2013 meeting and after that meeting the new Chair will take over. .

**Discussion: NTTG Biennial Study Status Update**

- The Technical Workgroup is on schedule and has finished the contingency analysis for the 5 core cases along with the null case.
- Gil Coulam is planning on having a high level summary for the January 2013 Planning Committee meeting which would include a high level report on the null case.
- Dave Angell's understanding from the last Technical Workgroup meeting was that the group did a full system analysis of the core cases and the contingency studies were ran but a few of the cases did not have the required modifications .
  - Gil Coulam indicated that those have been re-run and are now done with the second run through.
- With regards to the TransWest Express study, the intent is to start those this week or possibly next week and could have them finished by the end of the year.
  - Gil Coulam was under the impression that the Technical Workgroup would leave that study until the 1st Quarter or next year before they looked at the results and make the report.
  - Dave Angell indicated that he though the cases were built and are ready to run for analysis.
    - Gil Coulam agreed.
- The next Planning Committee meeting will be the second week of January 2013 and it is possible that the summary may not be ready for that meeting. As soon as the summary is finished it will be sent out the Committee to for review. Depending on when the summary is finished it will either be discussed during the January 2013 or the February 2013 meeting.

**Discussion: Order 1000 Interregional Planning Coordination Update**

- NTTG transmission provider members have received comments and requests for intervention. FERC also uses the language of "protest" with regards to the regional filing.
  - Not all transmission providers have received the protests from all entities but collectively all 4 transmission providers have been named.

- NTTG's main focus is interregional coordination with CAISO, WestConnect and ColumbiaGrid.
- Sharon Helms gave a high level overview on the activities of the different committees.
- The Interregional Coordination group is comprised of the 4 regional planning entities and has developed workgroups based upon subject matter expertise.
- There is a workgroup focused on the transmission planning coordination for compliance with the interregional requirements. A separate workgroup is focusing on putting the processes in place to comply with the cost allocation procedures.
- The groups have developed a mission statement and principles with the goal of filing by the compliance deadline and to strive to reach common tariff language rather than having bilateral agreements between neighboring regions.
- The next stakeholder meeting is on December 19<sup>th</sup> in Las Vegas, NV at the NV Energy office.
  - The Interregional Coordination Team will provide an update on the decisions that have been made at this point taking into account stakeholder input the group has received so far as well as Order 1000 principles.
  - Draft proposals on the interregional planning coordination and cost allocation will be presented and the workgroup will be seeking stakeholder input on those.
  - Stakeholder comments received from the last meeting will be reviewed as well then opening the meeting up to further stakeholder questions or comments.
  - The meeting has been scheduled from 8:30am – 4:30pm.
- Sharon Helms encouraged those who are interested in participating to do so. Participation via web conference will be available.
- After the December 19<sup>th</sup> stakeholder meeting the groups will continue to work on negotiating agreement on proposals for cost allocation and transmission planning, taking stakeholder input into account.
- Stakeholder comments from the December 19<sup>th</sup> meeting are due January 7<sup>th</sup>.
- A final stakeholder meeting has been scheduled for January 30<sup>th</sup> in Folsom, CA hosted by CAISO.
- The intent for the January 30<sup>th</sup> stakeholder meeting is to discuss comments received from the December 19<sup>th</sup> meeting and they were incorporated, or if not, why, in a final draft proposal.
- The groups are also working to develop a tariff drafting team in the first part of next year with the goal of starting in January to initiate work on drafting common tariff language..
- Sharon Helms requested that if anyone on the Committee is not on the NTTG stakeholder distribution list and would like to receive the stakeholder information to send her or Amy Wachsnicht a note.
- During the last Planning Committee meeting in November there was a discussion about how NTTG does their cost allocation.
  - The Interregional process looks at the regional planning assessment. All regions are in agreement that each region would be looking at their own regional planning assessment to determine if an interregional project is the most efficient and cost effective transmission solution.
- With regard to cost allocation the regions realized that they need to come up with cost assignment between the regions on an interregional project and then the cost allocation would take place within that region.
- The workgroups are working through high level details about what information is exchanged, if a joint interregional team should be formed, or if the interregional project would evaluate between regions cooperatively through their own regions.
- Stakeholders expressed a concern that interregional projects could provide benefits that wouldn't be assessed in regional processes and are lobbying for an interregional project evaluation process which would be on top of the regional process.
  - At this time the regions believe it is in the best interest of the regions not to create another layer of process for interregional projects.
- The documentation and materials is on the ColumbiaGrid website.

- Currently posted is the Draft Cost Allocation Proposal and Draft Planning Committee proposal.
- Additional materials to be posted are the Framework for Order 1000 Compliance as well as the presentations.
  - The remaining materials will be posted Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup> or Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at the latest.

**Discussion: Next Steps**

- Upcoming Order 1000 Interregional Stakeholder Meetings
  - The next meeting is scheduled for December 19<sup>th</sup> in Las Vegas, NV.
- Biennial Study Plan Stakeholder review and data update
  - A summary will be released the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter in January 2013.
  - NTTG will also be looking for any updates in loads and resources, project updates, and any other changes.
  - Dave Angell will have a letter out either in December 2012 or the first part of January 2013 soliciting project and TP updates.
- John Leland mentioned that in the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter NTTG will also be accepting Economic Study Requests.
  - A letter pertaining to new Economic Study Requests will also be sent out by Dave Angell.

**Discussion: Round Table/Other Business**

- Sharon Helms suggested that before the meeting is closed that Dave Angell circle back to see if Dan Wheeler is back on the call and if he approves the Economic Study Report.
  - Dan Wheeler indicated that he was back on the call and agrees with the Economic Study Report of the report approval.
  - Sharon Helms asked that the meeting minutes reflect that Dan Wheeler approved the Economic Study Report.
- Dave Angell found a typo in the Economic Study Report and will send to Amy Wachsnicht for posting.
- The next NTTG Semi-Annual Stakeholder meeting is scheduled for February 7<sup>th</sup> in Salt Lake City, UT hosted by UAMPS.
- Dave Angell suggested that the February 6<sup>th</sup> Planning Committee meeting be conducted during the Semi-Annual Stakeholder meeting the same as the August 1<sup>st</sup> meeting was done.

**Discussion: Next Meeting**

- Given the Holiday Dave Angell suggested the next Planning Committee meeting be scheduled for the second week in January 2013 and proposed the same time starting at 3:00 pm (Pacific)/4:00 pm (Mountain).
  - There were no objections to this proposal.

**3. Assignments:**

Item #	Assignment	Owner	Target Date	Status
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**Next Meeting:** The next Northern Tier Planning Committee Meeting is scheduled for January 9, 2013 at 3PM Pacific.



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