

## MEMORANDUM

TO: State-Provincial Steering Committee (SPSC)

FROM: John Savage, SPSC Chair  
Jim Tarpey, Scenarios Work Group Chair

DATE: November 23, 2010

**SUBJECT: SPSC Input into the 10-Year Transmission Plan and Doug Larson Remarks to the WECC Board**

In September 2011, WECC will submit its first-ever 10-year regional transmission plan to the United States Department of Energy. Between now and then, the plan will be developed at breakneck speed and we want to ensure that SPSC has a significant say in what is included in the plan.

At our November 18 webinar about the 10-year plan and the draft WECC White Paper, staff outlined a proposed course of action for SPSC involvement in development of the plan. In addition, staff offered a draft outline of remarks that Doug Larson would make to the WECC board on December 9 on SPSC's behalf.

Below is a summary of staff's proposed action plan and Doug's remarks. Please review it and send the group any questions, comments, or suggestions that you have by the end of next week (December 3). In particular, let us know if you have any objections to the proposed course of action or to Doug's remarks. If you do have objections, we'll take stock, and revisit our work plan and rework what we say to the WECC board.

### **Proposed Course of Action**

1. SPSC will provide no further input on the WECC White Paper on the 10-Year Plan. Rather, SPSC will focus on shaping the development of the 10-Year Plan consistent with the interests of states and provinces. We will aim to ensure that SPSC is at the table when important decisions are made and that our recommendations about the framework and content of the 10-Year Plan are adopted.
2. SPSC will create a work group to participate actively in the relevant TEPPC's technical subcommittees and related committees that will be making important decisions about WECC's 10-Year Plan. The SPSC work group would have authority to provide input on behalf of the SPSC subject to the overarching guidance provided by the full SPSC. The work group would report back regularly to the full SPSC. We believe a small, active work group is critical to ensure that SPSC is represented at a technical level (e.g., the

Technical Advisory Subcommittee, Studies Work Group, and the 10-Year Plan Task Force) where important decisions will be made in a fast and fluid setting.

3. Through Doug Larson, SPSC will deliver a message about the 10-year plan and the SPSC role to the WECC Board at its December 9 Board meeting. Doug will convey that the states and provinces have a special role in setting the policy parameters for interconnection-wide transmission planning, that SPSC will be conducting its own independent evaluation of the 10-Year Plan, and the SPSC will be offering comments directly to TEPPC and the WECC Board on the plan.
4. At our January 11-12 SPSC meeting in San Diego, SPSC will identify its key plan issues and recommendations for how those issues should be addressed in the plan. Some of these issues were highlighted in the SPSC webinar on November 18. Those issues discussed in the webinar include the need for clear plan goals and objectives; the need for a synthesizing framework for what should be included in the plan; and the need for a clear process for identifying what recommendations to include in the plan.
5. SPSC will communicate its views to TEPPC prior to the February 24-25 TEPPC meeting.
6. SPSC will deliver comments on the 10-Year Plan to the WECC Board at its March meeting.

### **Larson Remarks to the WECC Board**

Attached are draft slides that Doug would present at the WECC board meeting. Doug would go over the points in the four slides and then talk about when and how SPSC will provide input into the plan consistent with the proposed course of action above. In effect, we would be foreshadowing some of our main issues and staking out our role.

Thank you in advance for your comments and recommendations.