

Draft Summary

January 28-29, 2010 State-Provincial Steering Committee Meeting

January 28

The Steering Committee held a workshop on WECC transmission modeling and study results from 2008 and 2009 studies.

January 29

The Steering Committee held its second meeting. Representatives from the following states and provinces participated in person – AB, AZ, BC, CA, CO, ID, MT, NV, NM, OR, SD, UT, WA and WY. Also joining the meeting were ex-officio members from the Western States Water Council and the Western Governors' Wildlife Council, and representatives from the Department of Energy, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and the Western Governors' Association.

The Committee received reports from the three workgroups. The Scenarios Work Group presented a draft study request to be submitted to the Western Electricity Coordinating Council (WECC). The Committee heard updates and received input from WECC, the subregional planning groups, and wildlife and water ex-officio members. The Committee addressed business matters including the election of a vice-chair, nomination of members to the WECC Scenario Planning Steering Group, adoption of the charter and associated amendments, adoption of the work plan, and scheduling of the next meeting.

Presentations from the workshop and Steering Committee meeting are linked to the [agenda](#) that is available on the Steering Committee website. The meeting [sign-up sheet](#) is also posted.

The Steering Committee took the following actions:

- Approved a study request to WECC to be filed by January 31;
- Approved a Steering Committee charter;
- Approved a work plan for the Steering Committee;
- Elected Dianne Nielson as vice chair;
- Assigned variable generation integration issues to the Grid Utilization Work Group;
- Approved the following nominees to the WECC Scenario Planning Steering Group: Howard Schwartz; John Savage; Marsha Smith; Steve Ellenbecker; Jim Tarpey; and Kristin Mayes;
- Directed the Grid Utilization Work Group to develop information on potential Steering Committee participation and financial support for a cost/benefit analysis of a Southwest Power Pool type efficient dispatch method;
- Directed staff, as part of a consolidated calendar with WECC, to develop a system to highlight items of particular interest to the Steering Committee;
- Directed staff to develop immediately a short-term calendar of events (see attachment which is also posted on the [Steering Committee web site](#));

- Requested that WECC identify the top ten assumptions in transmission planning on which the states/provinces should focus their attention;
- Requested that Subregional Planning Groups reduce to writing the criteria being used to define what transmission lines are in SPG 10-year base plan;
- Directed staff to prepare an analysis of the legal implications of a Western Interconnection plan;
- Directed staff, with assistance of Steering Committee members, to draft a letter to WECC on the coordination of transmission planning and approval of transmission plans between WECC and the states and provinces. The draft will be sent to Steering Committee members for review and approval.
- Directed staff to set the next meeting to coincide with the next WIEB/CREPC/WIRAB meeting in April.

At its meeting, the Steering Committee received comment from the Western Grid Group that the Group is working to organize NGO participation in planning and is developing a common slate of nominees to the WECC Scenario Planning Steering Group. They are concerned that it does not appear that WECC's current plans call for a long-term (e.g., 20 year) transmission plan until 2013. They believe the development of a long-term plan should be part of the 2011 plan developed by TEPPC.

Temporary Calendar of Near-Term Events

Transmission planning

 Grid utilization

 Integration of variable generation

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event/action</i>	<i>Relevance to SPSC work</i>
January 29	WECC request for SPSG nominations	
January 31	TEPPC study requests due	SPSC study request filed with WECC on 1/31
February 11	WECC Studies Work Group meets in Portland	SPSC participants will advocate Steering Committee study request
February 4	1 st webinar on WWSIS (2:00 MST)	Particularly important background for work of Grid Utilization Work Group and states in WestConnect footprint
February 5	Filing with DOE of revised Topic A and Topic B applications	
Sometime week of February 8	WECC webinar for SPSC on revised TEPPC protocol	TEPPC protocol may affect many issues of interest to SPSC, including review and approval of study results
February 8-9	WECC Seams Issues Subcommittee meeting in Tempe	Will consider next steps in evaluating SPP-type Efficient Dispatch Method. Important to work of Grid Utilization Work Group
February 9	WWSIS stakeholder meeting in Albuquerque	Particularly important background for work of Grid Utilization Work Group and states in WestConnect footprint
February 11	TEPPC's Studies Work Group (SWG) meets in Portland	SWG starts review of all study request submitted to TEPPC. SPSC participants represent and advocate for the Steering Committee study request
February 12	SPSG nominations due	Six state nominees agreed to at 1/29 SPSG meeting will be sent to WECC prior to deadline
February 17	WestConnect annual meeting in Las Vegas	
February 18	2 nd WWSIS webinar (2:00 MST)	Particularly important background for work of Grid Utilization Work Group and states in WestConnect footprint
February 22-24	WECC Variable Generation Subcommittee meeting holding work group meetings (Market WG, Operations WG, Planning WG, Technology WG)	Important for work of Grid Utilization Work Group
February 24	TEPPC's Technical Advisory Subcommittee (TAS) meeting	TAS develops proposals to consolidate study requests into a plan for work in 2010. TAS also hears updates on new modeling results.
March 1	WECC announces SPSG members	
March 4	3 rd WWSIS webinar (2:00 MST)	Particularly important background for

		work of Grid Utilization Work Group and states in WestConnect footprint
March 10-12	WECC Market Interface (MIC) meeting	Potential follow up action on the Seams Issues Subcommittee regarding SPP-type Efficient Dispatch Method. Important to work of Grid Utilization Work Group
March 23	4 th and final WWSIS webinar (2:00 MST)	Particularly important background for work of Grid Utilization Work Group and states in WestConnect footprint
March 24	Subregional Planning Group Coordinating Group (SCG) meeting	SCG developing plan that stitches together all SPG transmission plans, serves as foundation for TEPPC analysis
March 25-26	TEPPC and SPSG meetings in Salt Lake City	TEPPC will review study requests and sets priorities for study plan. Important for implementation of SPSC 1/31 study request and state/provincial input into WECC scenario planning
March 30	WECC Variable Generation Subcommittee meeting	Important for work of Grid Utilization Work Group
April 2	TEPPC's Studies Work Group meeting	Develop draft study plan based on TEPPC priorities
April 16	TAS conference call	Review SWG draft study plan and forward study plan to TEPPC
Week of April 19 (dates and location not yet set)	SPSC meeting (in conjunction with WIEB, WIRAB and CREPC meetings)	
April 28	TEPPC conference call	Approve release of draft study plan
April 28-30	WECC Annual Meeting	

Please advise staff of needed corrections and additions to this calendar.