

TO: State-Provincial Steering Committee
Committee on Regional Electric Power Cooperation

FROM: John Savage, Chair

DATE: October 31, 2011

SUBJECT: **Follow-up from Monterey meetings**

Thanks to you all for very productive meetings in Monterey. Here are our action items:

Order 1000 task force

CREPC and the SPSC established a task force on implementation of Order 1000. Jim Tarpey (CO PUC), Larry Nordell (MT Consumer Counsel), Jason Marks (NM PRC), Howard Schwartz (WA DOC), Rebecca Wagner (NV PUC), Ric Campbell (UT PSC), and Vijay Satyal (OR DOE) have joined so far. The task force will address the following issues:

- How states can finance their participation in transmission planning;
- How public policies should be incorporated into transmission planning;
- What issues are of particular interest to states/provinces and what issues cut across subregions;
- and
- The areas in which coordination will pave the way to intraregional and inter-regional agreements.

The task force will conduct its work by email/phone/webinar and report to CREPC and the SPSC in January. Please contact Doug (dlarson@westgov.org) if you want to join the task force.

Regional energy efficiency cooperation

The Monterey panel highlighted several market transformation initiatives ripe for regional participation and coordination (cooling systems, cool roofs, TVs and other consumer electronics, and industrial energy management). Contact Lisa Schwartz (lschwartz@raponline.org) if you wish to take part in these initiatives. Also, pass along this opportunity to your utilities.

Draft WREZ 3 report

Comments on the [draft report](#) are due to Lisa Schwartz (lschwartz@raponline.org) by November 18.

Energy Imbalance Market

CREPC and the SPSC adopted a [statement](#) on a Western Energy Imbalance Market that will guide future state/provincial work. That statement is on the WIEB and SPSC websites.

If you want assistance in calculating the benefits of an EIM for your state/province or for a given balancing authority, please contact Victoria Ravenscroft (WIEB) (vravenscroft@westgov.org). DOE has provided funds to NREL to do such analysis upon request. The NREL will run the “roadmap” analysis provided by WECC and E3 and/or estimate benefits derived from reserve savings.

Joint Initiatives

CREPC and the SPSC approved a [letter](#) to the parties participating in the Joint Initiatives asking that they provide information on participation in and analysis of the intra-hour schedule, dynamic scheduling and ITAP. We will report on Joint Initiatives implementation participation at our next meeting.

EPA coal plant regulations

We will ask Susan Ackerman (OR PUC) (susan.ackerman@state.or.us), president of the Western Conference of Public Service Commissioners, to coordinate feedback from Western Commissions to EPA on the impact of standards on existing power plant operations and the reliability of the grid. This topic will be discussed at the next NARUC meeting.

Transmission Technology Forum

CREPC and the SPSC will sponsor a forum on transmission technologies and institutional reforms that could benefit the Western Interconnection. Staff will flesh out this proposal and seek co-sponsors (e.g., DOE, WECC, EPRI, SPGs)

Next Resource Planners’ Forum

CREPC will sponsor a third Resource Planners’ Forum in 2012. Staff seeks volunteers for a planning group, including resource planners, to organize the Forum. Please contact Steve Ellenbecker or Tom Carr (sellenbecker@westgov.org; tcarr@westgov.org) if you want to join the planning group.

Message to DOE on its 2012 transmission congestion study

The SPSC adopted a [position](#) on the next DOE congestion study. We will convey this position when DOE seeks comments.

DOE is sponsoring workshops in Portland, OR, on December 13 and San Diego, CA on December 15. The two Western meetings, and two similar meetings in the Eastern Interconnection, will focus questions in the attached notice release by DOE today.

SCG 2022 Common Case transmission assumptions

On October 28, Steve Ellenbecker (WIEB) emailed to the SPSC a memo on SPSC comments on the SCG's Common Case Transmission Assumptions report. The draft report proposes a list of transmission projects that WECC should assume will be in service by 2022. Steve's email (attached) conveys instructions on how to provide input to WECC. Also, by Monday November 7, give staff your answers to questions below (sellenbecker@westgov.org; tcarr@westgov.org).

- Does the draft 2022 CCTA report reflect a transparent, repeatable and well documented process in selecting transmission projects?
- Are the project selection criteria/indicators on point and reasonable?
- Do states and provinces agree that the selected projects have a high probability of being built in the 10-year time frame? Please include comments on projects in your state and projects that serve load in your state.

On Wednesday, November 9, staff will circulate proposed SPSC comments. Our aim is to file comments by the November 14 deadline.

Identification of what states/provinces want from future WECC plans

Brad Nickell (WECC) asked states/provinces what they want to see in the next 10-year and 20-year transmission plans. A logical starting point is the "gaps" in WECC's first plan identified in [SPSC comments filed August 1](#). Staff will circulate a memo outlining our next steps and set up a webinar to gather SPSC feedback.

Innovation and institutionalization of load, DSM, DG, DR assumptions in WECC planning

The SPSC agreed to continue to work closely with LBNL to develop the transmission planning assumptions on loads, demand-side management, distributed generation and demand response. Staff will pursue appropriate modifications of WECC data requests to improve planning assumptions.

2012 study requests to TEPPC

Study requests for TEPPC's 2012 study cases are due January 20. Staff will circulate ideas to the SPSC for consideration. If you have any ideas on potential study requests, please send them to Tom Carr (WIEB) (tcarr@westgov.org).

SPSC consulting funds

The SPSC considered six proposals for use of available consulting funds. The SPSC rejected one proposal (technology breakthrough scenarios for fossil generation with CCS, nuclear, and storage and advanced sensors). Staff was directed to work with interested SPSC members to flesh out the remaining proposals. Attached are the proposals. If you have

comments on the proposals or are interested in assisting staff in fleshing out the proposals please contact Doug Larson (WIEB) (dlarson@westgov.org).

SPSC budget modification

The SPSC approved staff's proposed transfer of some funds from staff and state travel to staff, overhead and "other" (e.g., webinar cost). The modification continues spending in these categories at the spending rate of the past 12 months. WGA and DOE must approve the proposed reallocations.

Please let staff if there are any actions taken in Monterey not reflected in this summary.

Presentation slides are posted at <http://www.westgov.org/wieb/meetings/crepcf2011/10-11agen.htm>. A recording of the first day's meetings is available at <http://westgov.adobeconnect.com/p7s2h7sgtqg/>. A recording of the second day's meetings is at <http://westgov.adobeconnect.com/p1qf9iua4v7/>.

Thanks.