

TO: State-Provincial Steering Committee

FROM: John Savage, Chair

DATE: September 15, 2010

SUBJECT: **Next steps from SPSC meeting**

Below is a summary of actions taken at the September 14-15 SPSC meeting.

- **Execution of SPSC 2010 study requests**
 - The SPSC's Scenario Work Group was assigned the task of fleshing out concepts, approaches, criteria, and considerations for moving from TEPPC's case studies to a 10-year transmission plan.
 - The SPSC will request that TEPPC drop the Steering Committee's January request for a 2020 Technology Breakthrough case. This decision is based on a recognition that the scale of technology breakthroughs by 2020 may not be sufficiently great to generate significant transmission impacts. The SPSC will focus on its requested 2030 Technology Breakthrough case.
 - The SPSC approved the approaches to executing the SPSC-requested High DSM, High Load Growth, and Low Carbon studies proposed by the chairs of the DSM and Scenario Work Groups. As the study work proceeds, the DSM and Scenario Work Groups will continue to consult with SPSC members on the details in the execution of these cases.
- **Potential SPSC 2011 study requests**
 - The SPSC agreed to consider potential 2011 study requests due to TEPPC by January 31, 2011.
 - Staff will capture suggestions made at the meeting and circulate the suggestions/observations to the SPSC.
 - SPSC members agreed to provide feedback to staff on potential study requests and the philosophy on prioritizing requests.
- SPSC members agreed to provide **feedback to staff on potential targets of opportunity for the SPSC** to advance its three tasks: input into transmission expansion planning; lowering the cost of integrating variable generation; and increasing utilization of the existing grid. The SPSC agreed to review new opportunities at its next meeting.
- The SPSC **approved \$25,000 for securing consulting services to drill down on transmission flows, schedules and Available Transfer capacity on specific paths** in the interconnection.
- The SPSC directed staff to send a memo to the SPSC early next week **further explaining and providing background on staff's proposed allocation of \$25,000 for assistance in**

sorting through federal regulatory tariff issues related to the concept of an Energy Imbalance Market. This work will support tasks assigned to the Grid Utilization Work Group. The email will ask SPSC members to vote by September 23 on the proposed allocation of consulting funds.

- Regarding the **next SPSC meeting**, staff was directed to send a Doodle to SPSC members to determine availability to hold a meeting of the SPSC the second or third week of January 2011.

I want to thank SPSC members for a productive meeting.