

TO: Scenario Work Group
FROM: Jim Tarpey, Chair
DATE: December 14, 2009
SUBJECT: **Actions from today's Scenario Work Group conference call**

Joining today's call were: Jim Tarpey/Sharon Podein/Duane Braunagel (CO PUC); John Savage/Kelcey Brown (OR PUC); Jack Buchanan/ Oswald Dias (B.C. Ministry); Marsha Smith (ID PUC); Prem Bahl (ACC); and Tom Carr/Doug Larson (WIEB).

The Work Group discussed scenario suggestions from John Savage, Tom Carr and Doug Larson. Agreement was reached to focus on three initial scenarios that might be proposed during WECC's open season study request period that ends January 31:

- (1) Sum of IRPs;
- (2) Low carbon future (which might include greater energy efficiency and natural gas use);
and
- (3) Transformational technology (which would evaluate the transmission implications of a range of technology changes that could increase or decrease the need for wires).

Regarding discussions with utilities on these (and other scenarios), the Work Group recommends that a meeting of LSE and state/provincial resource planners be held in March (assuming DOE announces FOA awards shortly).

The Work Group agreed on the following next steps:

- By December 30, develop more detailed descriptions of the three scenarios that could be submitted to WECC by January 31 for study in 2010. The descriptions will include a discussion of what we expect to learn from the scenarios. John Savage, Kelcey Brown and Tom Carr will take the lead in developing the descriptions.
- Hold a Scenarios Work Group conference call on January 6 at 2:00 p.m. PST / 3:00 p.m. MST to review the scenario write-ups and agree on a package that should be sent to the Steering Committee. To connect to the conference call dial 1.866.866.2244; participant code 4290832.
- Ask Steering Committee members to review the three scenario descriptions and offer comments by January 20
- Submit to WECC a study request by January 31.
- After January 31, expand work on scenarios at a meeting of the State-Provincial Steering Committee. This would be the beginning of a robust discussion of the Committee's input into the WECC Scenario Planning Steering Group.

- Propose to WECC and the State-Provincial Steering Group a meeting of LSE and state/provincial resource planners in March to discuss scenarios.

Please inform staff (tcarr@westgov.org; dlarson@westgov.org) of any changes needed to this summary.

In keeping with the Steering Committee's desire for an open process, I will be asking staff to post this summary of the January 6 conference call on the Committee's web site and will ask John Savage to include notice of the call in correspondence with the Steering Committee

Thanks.