

TO: WIEB Natural Gas Assessment Team

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SUBJECT: **Summary of July 22 Conference Call**

With representatives from three states (CA, NV, WA), three provinces (AB, BC, SK), the NWPCC and Hal Chappelle on the conference call, the Team discussed whether a reference case approach or an approach using multiple scenarios should be the starting point for modeling. The use of several scenario cases had been suggested during the June 29 workshop. The scenarios would be independent of each other. The reference case approach would involve defining an internally consistent reference case (e.g., business as usual) and then running sensitivity analysis for key variables. The pros and cons of each method were discussed at length.

The group selected the reference case approach with the understanding that the sensitivity analysis results may well be the most important part of the report. Being internally consistent and making sure the correct assumptions are used, and explained, when developing the reference case will be critical. For example, the reference case would include average weather and hydro conditions. It is expected that the reference case and sensitivity analyses will be building blocks for potential scenario analysis that could be the core of the Team's report. The team will need to decide the most important scenarios to run after developing the reference case.

Next Steps

The CEC will define the proposed reference case and list the most important factors affecting the reference case and the secondary factors. This will be sent out about a week before the next call.

The supply data tables from the NPC study and from the USGS were sent out on July 21. Each state/province should examine these tables and provide any updates to Mike Purcell. Mike can also answer any questions you have about the data. Mike's contact information is 916-654-4048 or mpurcell@energy.state.ca.us

Mark Di Giovanna at the CEC will provide the demand data in the next few days. Feedback on that data is also requested.

Next Call

The next conference call will be on Monday, August 16, at 10:00 Pacific and 11:00 Mountain.