

Meeting Notes

BHBE 2016 Q1 Transmission Coordination and Planning Committee (TCPC) Stakeholder Meeting April 6, 2016 – 9:30 AM MDT

Attendees:

Attending in person:

Wes Wingen (BHC)
Mike Lundy (BHC)
Dan Alsup (BHC)
Eric East (BHC)
Mark Carda (BHC)
Chad Kinsley (BHC)
Kenna Hagan (BHC)

Attending by phone conference:

Dan Bridges (Gillette)
Brandon Riddle (PREC)
Shawn Carlson (BEPC)
Mike Fredrich (BHC)
Rosemary Henry (WMPA)
Larry LaMaack (WMPA)
Bill Hosie

TCPC Stakeholder Meeting Agenda:

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Meeting Policies
3. Ten-Year Transmission Plan
4. Review 2015 Study Results
5. Review 2016 Planning Study & Data Requests
6. Stakeholder Input & Questions
7. Next Steps

TCPC Meeting Notes

Mike Lundy gave the presentation which included the following:

- TCPC Meeting Policies including FERC Standards of Conduct, anti-trust policy and confidentiality issues.
- Overview of the transmission planning process and the TCPC
- Review of the CUS transmission system and the study area

- Summary of the projects in the 10-Year Transmission Plan
- Review of the 2015 Local Transmission Plan Study Results
- Discussion of the 2016 LTP Study Scope, including base scenarios as well as sensitivity scenarios.
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A question about the sensitivity scenario involving the retirement of the Wyodak plant was raised. Wes indicated that the scenario was identified in a general sense due to the fact that the Wyodak and Dryfork plants are the two largest voltage sources in the area, Dryfork being the older of the two. With all of the unknowns surrounding the Clean Power Plan and other public policy requirements, retirement of the Wyodak plant was selected as a potentially disruptive sensitivity scenario for further analysis.

Shawn Carlson asked about who the 2016 data request went to within Basin Electric. Michael Lundy to follow up with Shawn after the meeting in order to ensure the appropriate people received the 2016 data request.

Dan Bridges: Where are things at with regard to the Wyodak transformation report? Wes indicated that we are finishing up the reporting and formalizing the solution of choice. It was estimated that the report would be complete in approximately two weeks.

The group discussed the biannual meeting schedule. It was asked if biannual meetings will happen every year going forward. Mike indicated that this year is considered a “pilot” year and formalizing the plan moving forward will take place sometime after this year’s “pilot” TCPC process is complete.