

Meeting Notes

**BHCT 2015 Q1
Transmission Coordination and Planning Committee (TCPC)
Stakeholder Meeting
March 20, 2015 – 2:30 pm MDT
BHP Service Center, Rapid City, SD 57702**

Attendees:

Attending in person:

Wes Wingen (BHC)
Jon Cichosz (BHC)
Jim Farby (BHC)
Eric East (BHC)

Attending by phone conference:

Chris Neil (Office of Consumer Counsel)
Ann Hendrickson (BHC)
Kenna Hagan (BHC)
Mark Even (BHC)
Amanda Thames (BHC)
Nathan Peters (WAPA)
Denton McGregor (BHC)

TCPC Stakeholder Meeting Agenda:

- Welcome and Introductions
- BHCE Updates
- Transmission Planning Process
- Ten-Year Transmission Plan
- 2015 Planning Study Scope
- Stakeholder Input & Questions

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Dan Baye gave the presentation which included an overview of the electrical power delivery system, ongoing Colorado regulatory efforts, a definition of Transmission Planning and the type of planning studies performed.

Mr. Baye discussed the planned system upgrades (10-Year Transmission Plan) and the 2015 Study Scope (2, 5 and 10-Year Scenarios). The typical scope looks at system conditions before and after planned projects are expected to be in service to validate the continued need for those projects. Sensitivity scenarios are also evaluated to explore additional system conditions of interest to the group.

Dan reaffirmed that the goal of the TCPC process is to encourage active stakeholder comments and suggestions. Dan also discussed the official form for stakeholders to submit requests for study scenario and project alternatives. The form and associated requests are received by the

Colorado Coordinated Planning Group, who then review and redirect the request as necessary to ensure it is properly considered and responded to.

Dan discussed the tentative dates for the remaining 2015 quarterly meetings.

Stakeholder comments:

Question: Will we be looking at solar additions in the SB-100 analysis? Chris Neil (OCC)

Response: The SB-100 will look at resource injections from ERZ 4 and ERZ 5. The generation technology will not have an impact on the results. These zones could conceivably see wind and/or solar development.

Comment: The 60 MW of wind in the BHCE RFP is somewhat up in the air at this point. There have been 4 RRR filings with the commission regarding this. How will you model this in your studies? Chris Neil (OCC)

Response: Currently we are waiting for the outcome of the RRR filings and we are anticipating another RFP bid process. The 60 MW of wind could be looked at as a sensitivity.

Comment: FERC Order 1000 mentions consideration of non-transmission alternatives. How do you plan on addressing this? Chris Neil (OCC)

Response: The TCPC process can certainly look at non-transmission alternatives. The identification of some specific alternatives may be better suited for our Energy Resource group. This will be better addressed in our Q3 meeting once initial study results are in and preliminary system upgrades have been identified.

Comment: Can you describe the West Station-Canon City project in greater detail? Nathan Peters (WAPA)

Response: The project is a 115 kV line from the West Station to West Canon substation with a new 115 kV substation at North Canon to provide an additional resource injection into the area. There is also the potential for a joint project with Public Service of Colorado. This could be a 230/115 kV double circuit with the 230 kV line going from MidwayPS to West Canon as one example.

Dan Baye asked for further questions or comments from the meeting participants. There being none, the TCPC meeting adjourned.