

Meeting Notes

**BHCT 2015 Q2
Transmission Coordination and Planning Committee (TCPC)
Stakeholder Meeting
June 17, 2015 – 1:30 pm MST
BHP Service Center, Rapid City, SD 57702**

Attendees:

Attending in person:

Wes Wingen (BHC)
Jon Cichosz (BHC)
Dan Baye (BHC)
Eric East (BHC)
Jacki Welbig (BHC)

Attending by phone conference:

Ed Peper (BHC)
Tom Wenzl (BHC)
Mark Trevithick (BHC)
Tim Villarosa (OCC)

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 kicked off the meeting with introductions and an overview of the meeting agenda.

Mr. Baye discussed the regulatory efforts that the transmission planning group is involved with including recent filings. He then provided an overview of the various transmission planning groups that Black Hills is involved with on a local and regional level.

The transmission planning process and timeline for the 2015 TCPC study cycle was presented. The planned transmission system upgrades (10-Year Transmission Plan) were discussed. Wes Wingen noted that the 10-Year Transmission Plan does not include minor equipment replacements that may result in facility rating changes.

Mr. Baye discussed the 2015 Study Scope (2, 5 and 10-Year Scenarios), including the study plans to address Senate Bill 100 requirements. Resource injections from 3 different Energy Resource Zones (#2, #4, and #5) will be evaluated. Mr. Baye noted that the TCPC scope will look at system conditions before and after planned projects are expected to be in service to

validate the continued need for those projects. Sensitivity scenarios will also be evaluated to explore additional system conditions of interest to the group. The sensitivity scenarios will look at increased system demand, no generation online at Pueblo Airport Generating System, and various transfers across the Lamar DC Tie.

Mr. Baye pointed out that the 2020 heavy summer loading scenario has a lower load than the 2017 heavy summer scenario due to the termination of a temporary large single load within that timeframe.

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.

Hearing no other comments, the meeting was adjourned.