

## **Meeting Notes**

### **BHCT 2016 Q1 Transmission Coordination and Planning Committee (TCPC) Stakeholder Meeting April 14, 2016 – 10:00 am MDT Pueblo Convention Center, Pueblo, CO 81003**

#### **Attendees:**

##### ***Attending in person:***

Wes Wingen (BHC)  
Jon Cichosz (BHC)  
Ebi Kazemi (BHC)  
Seth Boutilier (BHC)  
Ed Peper (BHC)

##### ***Attending by phone conference:***

Kenna Hagan (BHC)  
Nathan Peters (WAPA)  
Eric East (BHC)  
Mike Fredrich (BHC)  
Matt Jester (BHC)  
Jim Farby (BHC)  
Mike Lundy (BHC)  
Charles Shue (BHC)  
Kevin Pera (XCEL)  
Dan Alsup (BHC)  
Chris Neil (OCC)

#### **TCPC Stakeholder Meeting Agenda:**

- Welcome and Introductions
- Transmission Planning Process
- BHCE Updates
- Ten-Year Transmission Plan
- 2016 Planning Study Scope
- Stakeholder Input & Questions

#### **TCPC Meeting Notes**

Jon Cichosz gave the presentation which included an overview of the TCPC and CCPG study groups, electrical power delivery system, ongoing Colorado regulatory efforts, a definition of Transmission Planning and the type of planning studies performed. Also the 2016 TCPC study scope was also presented outlining the study years, seasons, and sensitivities that will be studied along with the 10-year plan, LGI Queue, process for requesting scenarios and alternatives, and the data collection deadline.

Stakeholder comments:

*Question: Describe the 'future load growth scenarios' and how those are determined. Ebi Kazemi (BHC).*

*Response: The future load growth scenarios are determined from the load forecast issued annually by our Resource Planning group. The load forecast includes speculative loads that are scaled by a confidence interval. Transmission Planning may modify those confidence intervals for a specific sensitivity scenario. Alternatively, we may look at a large spot load addition in a constrained part of the system. The future load growth scenarios that are evaluated can be driven by stakeholder input when available.*

*Comment: The Desert Cove-Fountain Valley proposed rebuild can probably be done in 2018 as part of the West Station-West Canon transmission project.*

*Response: That was somewhat reflected by the similar in-service dates.*

*Comment: It was noted that some of the West Station substation upgrades will begin on the east side of the sub in 2017. The remainder will take place in 2018 Ebi Kazemi (BHC).*

*Response: That will be reflected in the 2016 Rule 3206 filing.*

*Comment: Nathan Peters: A lot of solar generation development is shown within Black Hills' generation interconnection queue. What is the method of addressing the drop off in resources at night?*

*Response: There is not a good method of addressing them as a whole within the LGI process. Subsequent requests evaluate projects that are higher in the queue, but on a regional basis there is not a well-defined process for that. It is an issue that the DEEP group within CCPG is also wrestling with. With network resource requests, there will typically be sufficient on-system resources to balance against. Off-system transfers of energy resources are handled differently.*

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