

QUARTERLY CUSTOMER MEETING—Tuesday, May 12, 2009
2WTC River Room

Attendees:

PGE T&RS: Michelle Robinson, Carole Rockney, Kathy Davies, Matt Richard, Frank Afranji, John Walker, Matt Spencer
PGE Legal: Don Light
PGEM: John Morton, Jerry Thale, JJ Jamieson, Connie Colter
BPA Power Services: PaulGarrett

I. Introduction: Michelle Robinson passed out the agenda and gave an overview; attendees introduced themselves and their organization.

II. Changes to OASIS Posted Paths : Matt Richard explained “the Colstrip to Townsend transmission path will be renamed to become the Colstrip to Garrison path. Likewise the Broadview to Townsend path will be renamed to become the Broadview to Garrison path. The process to do this involves posting both pairs of old and new path names for a period of time to allow for the transfer of all reservations to the renamed paths. The new path names will begin to be used on June 1, 2009. At that time the old path names will be deactivated.” This is being done to eliminate confusion associated with the naming of OASIS reservations compared to etags. A notice was posted to OASIS announcing this on 5-6-2009.

PGEM Question: Will tagging be affected?

PGE T&RS Answer: Tagging will not be affected by this OASIS change.

Note from the OASIS posting notice: “All reservations, obligations, rights and requirements of the original paths are transferrable to the new paths [Matt R:this last statement, though posted on OASIS, was not stated during the meeting].”

III. Designated Network Resource Business Practice (Matt R.): Matt Richard explained Revision 3 was posted to OASIS in the Draft Business Practice folder, and it is planned to take effect June 15th. The format of the Business Practice is changed including a section on the end describing all of the changes made in Revision 3. One change to note is the requirement for attestation to be submitted with the designation.

PGEM Question: 4.1.7. How and where should we “monitor” the status of NITS requests?

PGE T&RS Answer: By monitoring the TSR.

PGEM Question: Concerning 4.1.9: How can we ensure the transmission capacity when we undesignate and make a new designation? There is a slim possibility of losing the capacity after undesignating.

PGE T&RS Answer: You will need to submit a new TSR and add a comment noting the replacement of the old TSR.

PGEM Question: Concerning 4.2.2.1: What documentation would be sufficient to confirm external transmission systems are firm?

PGE T&RS Answer: The OASIS reservation number or contract number has been sufficient in the past.

PGEM Question: Do you actually screen this information to confirm?

PGE T&RS Answer: Yes, we do the best we can. And we also assume the customers are following this practice.

PGEM Question: Concerning 4.3.1.2: Should the text read “Designated Network Resources”?

PGE T&RS Answer: Yes, we’ll add “Designated” to the text for clarification.

PGEM Question: Concerning 4.4.4: Why can’t we make temporary terminations within the hour? PGEM has been following the market participants’ movement towards in-hour designations and undesignations.

PGE T&RS Answer: We will follow this also, but we don’t have the software capability to offer this now. Also we want to point out that PGE has participated with the NW Owners Group to include terminations for hour-ahead. This did not include intra-hour terminations.....(Matt discussed this)

PGEM Question: Concerning 4.4.5: Can you explain this further?

PGE T&RS Answer: Yes, the attestation is required in accordance with our OATT.

PGEM Question: Concerning 4.4.6: What type of transmission capacity will be released?

PGE T&RS Answer: The type of capacity released depends on the duration of the period. Month = Firm, Daily = Firm or Non-Firm, Hourly = Non-Firm.

IV. Tariff Filing: Carole Rockney advised filing to FERC will be made on Friday May 15 and posted to OASIS on the same day. Highlights of the changes include:

- Changes made to Schedule 2 regarding charges for Colstrip

- Attachments E & I, reflecting updated customer lists to be filed quarterly in the EQR which will be more frequent than tariff filings.
- Attachment D – System Impact Study
- Attachment C: ATC Methodology
- Schedules 7, 8, & 9: FERC Annual Charges are included in our retail revenue requirement, so this language will be removed.
- Plus several other ‘housekeeping’ changes

V. Standards of Conduct Update: Carole Rockney described how there was a change in classification of some Transmission employees in March to ‘undesigned’. There was training on FERC Order 717, and an update on the Transmission Function Employee (TFE) job postings on OASIS.

PGEM Question: How do we know who is officially classified in what capacity?

PGE T&RS Answer: The online PGE phone book is official designation. Jobs descriptions are listed, but not names on the OASIS website.

VI. Transmission Planning Updates

NTTG Update: Carole Rockney reported on behalf of Jeff Newby, T&RS Transmission Planning Engineer and NTTG participant. The window closed on March 31 for economic study requests; however there were no requests filed. NTTG has announced public stakeholders webinar on 5/27 and on July 22 a public stakeholder meeting will be held in Boise. Frank Afranji added that PGE has signed with NTTG to collaborate on a Dynamic Scheduling System for in-hour scheduling capability.

Local Transmission Carole Rockney reported that the local transmission plan (with Near-term and Long-term cases) will be presented at the next quarterly meeting—August 11th.

VII. Upcoming 2009 Quarterly Customer Forum Meetings

August 11th
November 10th

Times will be 1:00pm to 2:30pm

VIII. Q&A:

PGEM Question: The PGEM real time traders have experienced difficulty getting ATF tags approved, typically with dynamic tags. PGEM has a goal of getting ATF approvals within one hour after flow. It occurs sporadically, but PGEM experienced it today for hours 7, 8, & 9. They have also seen it on HE 24.

PGE T&RS Answer: We will investigate and report back.

BPA Power Services, Paul Garrett may email Matt with questions on the DNR Business Practice.