



**4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Customer Meeting  
&  
Annual Network Operating Committee Meeting**

**November 10, 2009**

Attendees:

PGE Power Operations: Jerry Thale, John Morton  
BPA Power Services: Paul Garrett

PGE Legal: Don Light, CeCe Coleman  
PGE FERC Compliance: Adam Menendez  
PGE Transmission & Reliability Services: Raul Madarang, Brad Pederson, Frank Afranji, Mike Ryan, Jeff Newby, Matt Richard, George Hutcherson, Carole Rockney, Kathy Davis, John T. Walker (scribe)

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**II. Business Practice Activity**

**Intra-Hour Requests for Interchange, draft posted  
Intra-Hour Transmission Reservations, draft posted**

Matt Richard: PGE Transmission is participating in the Joint Initiative Group with representatives from Columbia Grid, NTTG, and WestConnect. The drafts posted by PGE Transmission are consistent with other regional utilities and with the BPA pilot program for Intra-Hour scheduling. At this time PGE Transmission has not set a date when these business practices will become effective because we intend to make a change to our OATT to allow for Intra-Hour scheduling. OATT Section 13.8 Scheduling Firm Point-to-Point (PTP) Transmission Service and Section 14.6 Scheduling Non-Firm PTP Transmission Service will be modified. PGE's business practice limits customers to one transaction per hour.

Jerry Thale: We want to be able to handle the highly volatile facilities like wind resources. Are your tools planned to be more robust?

Matt Richard: Through the Joint Initiative Group we are proceeding in that direction slowly.



John Morton: Is this in response to the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) pilot program?

Matt Richard: PGE has reviewed the BPA Intra-Hour Scheduling pilot program.

Mike Ryan: Wind is coming with its huge variability. We may shorten the schedule interval. PGE Transmission is participating in the Dynamic Scheduling System development group with multiple other WECC utility participants.

Paul Garret: A question of the changing in the tariff language – will it be a minor or major change?

Matt Richard: It is going to be the addition of one sentence and others in the Joint Initiative Group will have similar language.

Don Light: PGE Transmission has written its language but has not filed it yet.

Matt Richard: This will not be a joint filing because other utilities had other priorities while others may not file.

### **Designation and Termination of Network Resource, Revision 4 draft posted**

Matt Richard: This revision includes language permitting DNR submittals *without* resubmitting applications for existing customers if the application information has not changed.

Jerry Thale: The language says re-submission of the customer application is necessary if the original application has changed. Our application is very dated and has changed.

Carole Rockney: The implication is if the application is still accurate, re-submission is not required.

Don Light: We can change the language from “original” to “most current” application to be more accurate.

### **Annulment of Pre-Confirmed Transmission Service Request, draft posted**

Carole Rockney: Following language in FERC Order No. 890 and NAESB, Annulments are limited to inadvertent errors by the customer for near-term requests. In practice, PGE Transmission has handled annulment requests by having the customer email Mike Ryan for his determination. This practice was used to reduce the possibility of treating requests difficult and to remove the operators from deciding whether an inadvertent error has occurred. However this is not a written practice. PGE Transmission determined it would be prudent to have a written business practice for annulments. The posted draft calls for allowing no annulments on pre-confirmed transmission service



requests unless there are schedule system problems or OASIS problems. We have not received any comments.

Paul Garrett: Would PGE's proposed Annulment Business Practice apply to requests for network service?

Carole Rockney / Don Light: Order 890 provides FERC's policy with regard to the prohibition on withdrawing pre-confirmed non-firm and short-term firm Point-to-Point (PTP) transmission service requests, reference Paragraph 1403. NAESB's Implementation Guide, Version 1.5 – WEQ-013 also discusses annulments of pre-confirmed requests for short-term firm or non-firm PTP service. For both FERC and NAESB, the focus is on requests for annulment of pre-confirmed PTP service. However, a request for network service could be pre-confirmed, and, if it was pre-confirmed, PGE's Annulment of Pre-Confirmed Transmission Service Request Business Practice would apply.

### III. Transmission Planning Updates

#### Cascade Crossing Transmission Project (Cascade Crossing) Update

Frank Afranji:

- A. Mike Mikolaitis (Manager of the Cascade Crossing Transmission Project) and his team are out of the office attending "open houses". So far the open houses have received mostly favorable feedback from attendees although they have been lightly attended. There were some questions pertaining to farm lands around the Salem area where the path may pass to avoid residential areas. Some of the farm lands may be deeded to the American Farmland Trust, and this group may object to the path.
- B. The WECC path rating process is moving forward and close to completing Phase I. However we have received consistent comments from BPA objecting to PGE studying this project as a "stand-alone." BPA thinks this should be studied as an addition to the existing West of Cascades South path. We hope to move the process into Phase II soon, and respond to BPA's comments at that time.
- C. We are in discussions with BPA about the use of their existing Right of Ways (ROW) for the Cascade Crossing path. BPA is completing negotiations with the Confederate Tribes of Warm Springs. After this is settled, PGE will engage BPA in further discussions on ROW.
- D. Tetra Tech has been hired as the environmental consultant and Kerns & West has been hired as the Public Relation firm. There was a recent meeting (primarily educational meeting) with the county planners for all counties touched by the Cascade Crossing route. All participants were pleased to be included. Most of the eastern counties are very supportive of these types of projects because of the tax revenue implications.



- E. There is an open house planned for Portland on Thursday Nov 12<sup>th</sup> from 4pm to 8pm at the Hilton Hotel.

**NTTG Update**

Jeff Newby:

- A. We are nearing the end of the 2008-2009 biennial report. The draft biennial plan has been posted to the NTTG website and comments will be received until Nov 17<sup>th</sup>.
- B. A 2008-2009 Cost Allocation recommendation has been posted to the NTTG website also with comments being received until Nov 16<sup>th</sup>.
- C. Approval of the plan by the NTTG Steering Committee is expected in December, and shortly afterwards the approved biennial plan will be posted.
- D. January 28, 2010 is the date of the next stakeholder meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah.

**PGE Local Transmission Plan**

Jeff Newby: PGE's Transmission & Distribution Planning group is the owner of this plan. PGE's Longer Term Local Transmission Plan was presented at the Q3 2009 Customer meeting and this version remains current. It is posted on OASIS, and if you have comments please submit as this plan will be finalized in December.

**IV. Upcoming 2010 Quarterly Customer Meetings**

Raul Madarang: We intend to maintain the schedule of meeting the second Tuesday of the second month of each calendar quarter, just as we have done in 2009. We also intend to use the same meeting time (1pm) and same place (2 World Trade Center, River Room). The dates for 2010 calendar are as follows:

- February 9<sup>th</sup>
- May 11<sup>th</sup>
- August 10<sup>th</sup>
- November 9<sup>th</sup>

**V. Other Discussion**

John Morton: Regarding dynamic tags, WECC says the actual value needs to be updated within 60 minutes. PGE Merchant (PGEM) has been frequently seeing updates coming in 3 or 4 hours later and we would like to see improvements.

Mike Ryan: This is probably most frequent on the Middle Columbia (Mid-C) dynamic tags and we are a slave to the Mid-C. The after hour numbers are not used by the



Balancing Authority (BA) but we pass this on to PGEM when we receive these values. The scheduled amount is based on a real time signal from the Mid-C. Then Grant County sends us their after hour actual but not always within 60 minutes.

John Morton: Should PGEM call Mid-C?

Mike Ryan: If the Mid-C values change after hour, the BA will call PGEM to notify.

Discussion followed on energy purchases under Schedule B from WSPP and the associated reserves.

### **Annual Network Operating Committee Meeting**

Raul Madarang: No comments were received from last year's meeting.

Raul Madarang: All network customers are expected to submit each year their 10-year Load and Resource Forecast by December 31<sup>st</sup>. The forms are on the OASIS. We would prefer to have these by December 1<sup>st</sup> if possible.

Raul Madarang: Next year's meeting will be held on November 9, 2010.