



## *FINAL NOTES*

### **NW TRANSMISSION ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE (NTAC)**

**January 6, 2004, 8:30 AM-3:30 PM**  
**Portland, OR – Comfort Suites**

#### **Introductions, Arrangements, and Agenda Changes**

Chris Reese, PSE, NTAC Chair, presided over the meeting. The attendance list is Attachment 1. There were no changes to the agenda, which is Attachment 2. Weather related problems caused a change in the location and fluctuations in attendance.

#### **Meeting Notes – November 25, 2003**

No changes to the notes. The notes may be found on the NTAC page of the NWPP website ([www.nwpp.org](http://www.nwpp.org)).

#### **Regional Planning Updates**

##### **RTO West RRG**

In Lon Peters absence, Wally Gibson, NWPPCC, briefed the group on RRG activities. A final draft proposal was posted just before Christmas (see [rtowest.com](http://rtowest.com)). The RRG proposal would create an Independent Entity. The RRG proposal is similar to the RTO West proposal, but will require approval by stakeholders.

##### **RMATS**

No one was available to update the group on RMATS.

##### **SSG-WI PG**

No update on SSG-WI.

#### **2004 NTAC Products and Schedule**

##### *TPC/NTAC Screening Studies*

Marv Landauer, BPA, briefed the group on a BPA/NTAC proposal to the TPC. (The document was distributed previously via e-mail; the current version is available from NWPP website.) That proposal calls for the TPC do a reliability plan based on known proposals to insure they work together three to five years out. This reliability plan would form the base case for further studies. BPA now does a similar process each year for its planning but it would be better with more participants involved. Some concerns were voiced over the format, completeness, and availability of the data.

While no one present foresaw any roadblocks, the proposal would need the formal approval of the TPC. TPC members that were present saw value in a conference call to discuss the proposal prior to the next TPC meeting (January 29, 2004). A call was scheduled for Friday, January 9 from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM.

### *High Level Path System Studies*

Chris Reese adapted the TPC Screening Study Schedule to create this document. He hopes work can begin soon. Marv Landauer had added the section labeled "Possible mechanism." The goal is to find those projects that are promising and relatively low cost. Discussion continued on the screening analysis. The goal of the analysis would be a quick assessment of the costs to upgrade each path. Additional data may be needed to calculate OTC's for each path.

Marv Landauer updated the group on the spreadsheet labeled "Potential High Level Technical Study Summary". It was noted that no one has (yet) volunteered to provide study resources for some of the paths. Natalie McIntire commented that while her organization cannot provide study resources, developers may have a lot of interest. The group edited the spreadsheet. Any additional corrections or names of organizations willing to lead the study should be forwarded to Marv. He will restructure the spreadsheet and distribute it to NTAC. A meeting is planned for February 10 for those interested in further work on this document.

### *Commercial Path Analysis*

Michael DeWolf's, PAC, presentation tells of how RMATS is proceeding to do commercial path analysis and how the process is focused on deliverables.

### *Path Utilization/Path Availability Analysis*

Gordon Dobson-Mack, PWX, presented a document listing paths that might be studied. He derived the list from that compiled by Dean Perry for SSG-WI. This will be a refinement of the SSG-WI work and would feed back into that forum. Gordon would like input for any other paths that should be added. Gordon, Marv, and Chris will do some follow up work on the list.

### *Inclusion of Local Area Plans*

Chris thought there might be value in assembling the plans of various utilities for information purposes. Scott Waples, AVA, thinks the plans should also be in the base case. It could be a good sharing forum.

## **Product Completion Strategy**

Scott Waples offered the opinion that NTAC is proceeding well, that people know what we are doing. Bill Pascoe thinks that a master plan might better communicate where NTAC is headed; it would show how the pieces fit together.

## **Other Topics**

### *Work Products Paper*

Lon Peters was not available.

### *Regional Queue*

Scott has a first cut of the paper done, but nothing ready for distribution. He hopes to have another draft out next week for the small group to review and have another draft prior to the next NTAC meeting. The purpose of the paper is to provide a guide to developers (ie who to talk to, individual requirements, results of high level studies, etc.) The queue would cover the NWPP footprint only, but there would need to be some dialog with other regions.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be either February 9 or 11, 2004 in conjunction with the working meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup>.



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*FINAL AGENDA*

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**Portland, OR – RTO West Office, 5933 NE Win Sivers Dr.**

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| <b>1. Introductions, Arrangements, and Agenda Changes</b> | Chris Reese, PSE, Chair |
| <b>2. Meeting Notes – November 25, 2003</b>               | Dana Reedy, NWPP        |
| <b>3. Regional Planning Updates</b>                       |                         |
| a. RTO West RRG   | Lon Peters              |
| b. RMATS  |                         |
| c. SSG-WI PG  |                         |
| <b>4. 2004 NTAC Products and Schedule</b>                 |                         |
| a. TPC/NTAC Screening Studies                             | Marv Landauer           |
| b. High Level Path System Studies                         | Chris Reese             |
| c. Commercial Path Analysis                               | Michael Dewolf          |
| d. Path Utilization/Path Availability Analysis            | Gordon Dobson-Mack      |
| e. Inclusion of Local Area Plans (tentative)              | Chris Reese             |
| <b>5. Product Completion Strategy</b>                     | All                     |
| <b>6. Other Topics</b>                                    | Open                    |
| a. Work Products Paper Revised                            | Lon Peters              |
| b. Regional Queue   | Chris Reese/All         |
| c. Planning System Test                                   | Scott Waples            |
| d.  |                         |
| <b>7. Next Meeting – When/Where?</b>                      | Chris Reese             |