



**PRELIMINARY NOTES OF MEETING**  
**NWPP TPC/NTAC, COGR, NTTG MEETING**  
**FERC ORDER 890**  
**April 6, 2007 – Portland, OR**

### **Introductions and Administration**

Chris Reese coordinated the meeting. The Agenda is Attachment 1. The Attendance List is Attachment 2.

### **Brief Background on the Planning Requirements of Order 890**

Chuck Durrick's presentation is Attachment 3. There is a short timeline to develop a proposal.

### **Northwest Sub-regional Planning Groups – Quick Background**

#### *Northern Tier Transmission Group (NTTG)*

Kip Sikes presentation is Attachment 4. Kip pointed out the ways NTTG complies with the nine planning principles from order 890. He believes that WECC/TEPPC should play a key role as a central planning agency and data repository. Kip encourages ongoing dialogue.

#### *Columbia Grid (COGR)*

Paul Arnold's presentation is Attachment 5. He discussed COGR Planning and Expansion Functional Agreement (PEFA) (available from [www.columbiagrid.org](http://www.columbiagrid.org)), which became effective on April 4. Paul outlined how the PEFA meets most of the nine planning principles. Other areas have yet to be addressed. WECC would do the large scale studies but there is a need for more regional studies. COGR is not looking to reinvent processes but does have obligations under PEFA, which provides an independent planning staff and uses a single system planning approach to coordinate with affected parties.

#### *Northwest Transmission Assessment Committee (NTAC)*

Chris Reese's presentation is Attachment 6. Chris reviewed NTAC's history, accomplishments and planned activities. He notes that most of the work is done by volunteers from the utilities.

#### *Northwest Power Pool (NWPP)*

Jerry Rust's presentation is Attachment 7. Jerry reviewed the structure of NWPP noting that there are two entities known as NWPP – a corporation and a membership. He emphasized that each committee drives its own agenda. The NWPP Board serves a fiduciary function with respect to staff issues, budgets, etc. Jerry pointed out that Reserve Sharing is possible only because of the interconnected transmission system. Without Reserve Sharing, the NWPP members would require an additional 4000 MW for reserves. He also pointed out the relative sizes of the NWPP members and of COGR and NTTG noting that 40+%, by load, of the NWPP utilities are not part of either organization.

### **Redispatch Options and Conditional Firm, Planning Perspective**

Rich Bayless's presentation is Attachment 8. Rich notes that because of the potential for large fines, it is imperative for utilities to cooperate on planning issues. He discussed some of the specific issues of dealing with Order 890 including Conditional Firm Transmission, Re-dispatch costs, posting requirements, constraints, etc. NTTG has some proposed solutions.

## **Planning Coordination between NWPP Functions, NTTG, and Columbia Grid**

Marv Landauer's presentation is Attachment 9, which illustrates the "strawman" proposal. Each utility is responsible for its own plan for meeting the nine principles.

The group discussed various issues of planning and seemed to agree that they desired efficiency and efforts should be coordinated. There is some disagreement as to exactly what that looks like.

## **Questions to Resolve, Ideas for Solutions – from flip chart**

Issues to resolve include the following:

Individual plans or consolidated

Composition of steering group

Triage Process - open

Key Objectives

- Robust Objectives, no falling thru the cracks
- Efficiency
- See Roles for NTAC & WECC

Think about formal process for accepting requests, assigning to groups, maintaining,

Triage

- Formal process
- Adopt Request, log?
- Assign owners
- Cluster
- Prioritize
- Open Process

## **Action Items**

Rich Bayless will lead item 5 in a somewhat separate and focused effort.

NWPP will post all presentations on [www.nwpp.org/ntac](http://www.nwpp.org/ntac) under Meeting Notes.