

SWAT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

March 4, 2004

**PNM Headquarters Building
La Estrella Conference Room
Albuquerque, New Mexico
9:30am to 3:00pm**

1. Introductions/Arrangements/Agenda changes- Peterson
 - Harlow announced his retirement at the end of April
 - Added new item 9 to agenda – Top transmission challenges over next ten years.
 - Charlie report on regional planning group conf. call – meeting next Monday on RMATS group is in conflict with STEP meeting. Need for participation in discussion of future import / export issues. There will be quarterly coordination meetings held by SSG-WI between the subregional groups. The first will be on April 5 & 6 in Portland. The 5th will be traditional SSG-WI pwg meeting and the 6th will be subregional updates meeting. Concern mentioned regarding number of meetings that will be occurring. Study efforts of SWAT are contemplated to be done by entities that are members of SWAT. RMATS looking at four options for their area. First two look at developing resources within region for their own needs. The second two look at developing resources over and above their regional needs for export. Looking to other regions for needs relative to the second two items. Question raised “was that not the purpose of SSG-WI”? Group agreed coordination should take place at the SSG-WI level. John from Western will be attending the RMATS meeting and should provide feedback at next meeting. At the next SSG-WI pwg meeting (April 5) issue of representative reporting by subregions should be discussed as opposed to individual opinions of only those present at the meeting.
 - Harlow mentioned SRP is working on logo for group

2. Note taker- Malone (not present – Lorin Black volunteered to take notes)

3. Review Organizational Document- Peterson
 - Reviewed document for comments – one additional item that could be added to responsibilities would be coordination with Federal agencies regarding updates of transmission plans (results of study work).
 - Issue of old Western Corridor study was mentioned and that study is being updated by the Western Utility Group (WUG)
 - The utilities need to assist in updating and keeping these studies in the forefront of planning agencies and SWAT may be key in moving this along.
 - AZ representative to WUG is Dan Hawkins of SRP
 - NM representative to WUG is
 - WUG internet web site resides within the BLM web URL. The internet access is:
 - The Western Utility group (WUG) was organized in 1977 as a subset of Western Systems Coordinating Council (WSCC) resulting from the implementation of the Federal Land Policy Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA) which governs the granting & administration of rights-of-way on public lands for electric generation, transmission, distribution & communication facilities.
 - It is an ad-hoc committee comprised of utilities from eleven Western States...Over the years, the group has reviewed & commented on federal land use legislation, policies or regulations, as they arise, and has been instrumental in getting transmission line corridor planning & environmental related issues approved by joint federal agencies (BLM, Forest Service etc.) throughout the region. Support for WUG's interests have gone directly to top officials from these agencies in Washington, D.C. who often participate & attend WUG meetings.
 - If anyone has any comments please respond to Harlow by March 12.
 - SRP will add language to Organizational Document and resend

4. Website Proposal-Kondziolka/Reinhold
 - Rob will send out powerpoint presentation which deals with WestConnect proposal
 - SWAT would need ability to post to website in timely manner
 - Reviewed potential website content
 - WestConnect will cover costs of website and provide needs of group.
 - Concern that this ties SWAT to WestConnect which has a long time horizon for development and possibly might never form.
 - Group wants separate URL for SWAT.
 - Link from WestTrans site to the SWAT site.
 - Probably 2 to 3 month process to get website in place
 - Use SRP CATS site (www.azpower.org) temporarily until WestConnect server is up and running

5. Technical Committee Report- Romero
 - a. Study areas
 - Five areas identified:
 - 1) Colorado River Trans. Subcommittee- Bagley
 - February 19th - first meeting
 - Coordinate Trans. Planning with Western Arizona and southern Nevada
 - 15 attendees at first meeting
 - Next meeting March 31, 10:00 a.m. AZ pwr authority

 - 2) Central Arizona HV Subcom.- Linssen
 - Handout
 - Review Western 115kV upgrades to 230kV
 - Overall planning study between Phoenix and Tucson
 - Plan to develop regional forecasts for area
 - Appears only additional 100mw of capability will result from upgrades to 230kV

 - 3) Eastern Arizona/Western New Mexico EHV study- Etherton
 - Handout

- First meeting will be March 25 with joint meeting of Four Corners Task Force @ Pinnacle West learning center, 641 Van Buren
 - Reviewed proposed agenda on handout
 - STEAG has made 1400mw interconnection request
- 4) Southern New Mexico Load Area Study-
- Conference call on February 17 – handout of notes from call
 - Possibly report on issues related to Wind generation at future SWAT meeting.
 - Anyone interested in participating in future efforts – contact Dave Eubank at PNM
- 5) SWAT Regional transfer to STEP Study-Romero
- Old Cats study group
 - Previous studies looked at moving resources from Palo Verde to Phoenix or Tucson Electric Power Co.
 - Need to look at moving resources from eastern Az to loads
- b. Organization SRP will take lead on coordination of information to create a map for use by SWAT
- c. Schedule/Meetings monthly meetings might be valuable from an accountability standpoint. End of April have study plans laid out. After study plans are defined the steering group could begin meeting quarterly.
6. Northeast August 14, 2003 Blackout Investigation
Implication for SWAT- Kondziolka
Three Ts – trees, training, tools
NERC will strive to insure compliance with standards
Power Point Slides
7. SSG-wi Planning Committee- Peterson
- a. Results of Economic Studies
 - b. Proposed Study Work for This Year

8. Project Reports
 - a. PV-TS5 and TS 5-Raceway projects- Smith
 - b. Palo Verde-Pinal West- Kondziolka
 - c. Other

9. Top Transmission Challenges over next 10 years - Kondziolka

10. Action Items

9. Next Meeting- April 15 or 22- APS Next meeting April 28, Phoenix, following meeting Denver, August 5, following Las Vegas, October 27.

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