

## Notes

### Joint WestConnect Steering & Planning Management Committee (Steering Committee Meeting #81)

November 17, 2011  
8:00 – 11:00 MST

PERA Club  
1 E. Continental Drive  
Tempe, AZ

Dial-In #: (800)-490-7515  
Meeting No. \*1470222\*

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1. Introductions/Arrangements – All
2. Determination of a Quorum – Smith & Belval  

A quorum was present.
3. Approval of Agenda – All  

The Agenda was approved.
4. Approval of Steering Committee Meeting #80 Notes – Reinhold  

The notes were approved.
5. Approval of November 3, 2011 PMC Meeting Notes - Belval  

The notes were approved.
6. Finance Report – Gardanier  

Steering Committee expenses remain under budget for the year. One member invoice is outstanding.

Planning expenses remain on a fixed price basis. Two member invoices are outstanding.
7. Annual Planning Meeting Debrief – All

The Annual Planning Workshop and the SWAT meeting the previous day were well attended. There was active participation by those present at both meetings.

The deadline for economic study requests to be submitted TEPPC have been moved up. Requests need to be in to WestConnect by December 16 to be able to make a submittal to TEPPC by its January 20, 2012 deadline.

Vote Solar made a request for SWAT to perform some east of river studies to dovetail with west of river studies proceeding in the California CTPG process. Vote Solar will be providing a study plan for consideration within the SWAT process.

## 8. Order 1000

### A. October 24 Meeting Results – Henke/All

Robert Henke provided an overview of the meeting and documentation already provided by ICF. Robert also provided an overview of Order 1000 activities and potential ICF roles.

- Time is short – only 228 days from today until the October 11, 2012 compliance date for Order 1000 regional issues.
- ICF currently provides collaboration and consultation services for a WestConnect stakeholder process, including documentation of the process followed.
- Potential additional value ICF could add:
  - Develop an overall 2012 Order 1000 work plan.
  - Identify discrete tasks, potentially in a task management summary table format.
  - Potential coordination with other planning regions in WECC.

The essence of the potential additional role for ICF is a project management approach with Order 1000 paragraph references, responsibilities and due dates.

Reinhold reported on an initial discussion with Columbia Grid and Northern Tier Transmission Group earlier in the week. The groups met briefly by conference call to explore the desire to periodically coordinate efforts. Reaction was positive and the following assignments were agreed upon:

1. Reinhold (WestConnect), Sharon Helms (NTTG) and Kristi Wallis (Columbia Grid) were asked to determine a schedule for periodic meetings
2. Reinhold, Wallis & Jeff Miller (Columbia Grid) to create a preliminary plan for an educational forum for members and stakeholders of all three SPGs on planning and cost allocation methodologies being used throughout the country
3. Reinhold, Wallis & Miller to develop a preliminary definition of inter-regional planning and cost allocation requirements

Reinhold was requested to provide detailed notes of the call with NTTG and CG and all such future discussions.

## B. Task Force Activities – Myford

Myford reviewed the document prepared by the Task Force (Copy attached).

The combined Steering and Planning Management Committees agreed on a proposal to accept recommendations 1 & 2 of the Task Force Report, starting with the assumption of WestConnect as the region with existing SPGs as planning zones.

Governance for Order 1000 activities (i.e. governance of the activities defined by the Order 1000 compliance filings at FERC) remains to be defined. The governance must ultimately be determined as some combination of the Steering and Planning Management Committees. A subgroup was suggested to work on details and bring a detailed proposal back to the combined groups. That group will be chaired by Bob Smith and populated primarily by WCSC & PMC members with additional participation by other stakeholders encouraged. There was a general sense to limit representation to a small enough number to get things efficiently done. Selection criteria for membership was discussed, including the need to have each SPG represented, jurisdictional/non-jurisdictional balance, state regulatory jurisdictions representation, and general equity principles. The membership on this Governance Work Group will be proposed by Bob Smith soon.

Decision making for the near term development of the Order 1000 compliance efforts also needs to be defined. Laurel Whisler, Ray Myford & Charles Reinhold were tasked with drafting a proposal for decision making. One potential that was discussed would establish 30 votes (one for each of the WCSC members and one for each of the PMC members) and require more than a majority of votes for decisions. An 80% level of votes of the entire membership/voting pool was discussed.

The Order 1000 Task Force proposal also recommended the establishment of other task forces. Such task forces would be chaired by a person designated by the combined SC & PMC and populated by broad stakeholder participation. The task forces identified are:

Planning Task Force/Management Committee: Chaired by Sue Henderson (Xcel) to put together the process and population of the remaining task forces. Ron Belval (TEP), Bob Easton (WAPA), Charlie Pottey (NV Energy), Eric Egge (Black Hills) and Steve Cobb (SRP) were identified as initial members from the WestConnect entities. Peter Esposito (Tres Amigas) was also identified as an independent developer representative. Responsibilities of the Planning Task Force will include development of planning processes and project evaluation methodologies.

Cost Allocation Task Force: Chaired by Charlie Pottey (NV Energy). EPE, BEPC, WAPA, PSCO, TSGT, and Black Forest indicated a desire to be on the task force and will submit names of specific representatives.

Compliance Task Force: Chaired by Ray Myford (APS). EPE, TEP, and PNM indicated a desire to be on the task force and will submit names of specific representatives.

Communications Task Force: Chaired by Charles Reinhold. Robert Henke (ICF) will assist. Reinhold will solicit names of individuals desiring to participate. The task force may need outside help with communication.

The group also discussed the need to create a name for the combined Steering & Planning Management Committee effort. All were asked to submit suggestions for that name.

#### C. Next Steps – All

Initial reports from each of the task forces on organization, task definition, deliverables and timelines will be prepared for the December 20 meeting.

#### D. Future Meetings:

##### 1. Stakeholder Meetings

None identified at this time.

##### 2. Joint Steering/Planning Management Committee Meetings

December 20, 2011 at WAPA Offices in Phoenix

##### 3. PMC Meetings

December 14, 2011 Conference Call

#### 9. Action Items – Reinhold

- Reinhold to document Order 1000 discussions with Columbia Grid and NTTG.
- All to provide suggestions to name the combined WCSC PMC group.
- Henke & Reinhold to put together an overall proposal schedule.

#### 10. Adjournment



Attachment 1

**Proposed WestConnect Steering Committee Meeting 2011 Schedule**

<del>January 19</del>	<del>Tucson</del>
<del>February 15</del>	<del>Las Vegas</del>
<del>March 15</del>	<del>Sacramento</del>
<b>April 19</b>	<b>Teleconference</b>
May 17	Phoenix (APS)
<del>June 21</del>	<del>San Diego</del>
<del>July 19</del>	<del>Denver (Xcel)</del>
<del>August 19</del>	<del>Teleconference</del>
September 20	El Paso
October 18	Albuquerque
November 17	Phoenix (SRP)
<b>December 20</b>	<b>Teleconference</b>



Attachment 1 (Proposed)

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January 18	Denver (Xcel)
February 16&17	Las Vegas
March 20	Phoenix (APS)

April 17	Albuquerque
May 15	Denver (Tri)
June 19	Las Vegas
July 17	Phoenix (SRP)
August 21	Albuquerque
September 18	Denver (Xcel)
October 16	Las Vegas
November 20	Phoenix (WAPA)
December 18	Albuquerque

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***WestConnect Order 1000 Task Force  
November Steering Committee Meeting Report***

Goal: Summarize action plan for Order 1000 implementation following initial stakeholder meeting in Denver on October 24, 2011 for approval at November Steering Committee meeting.

1. Define Order 1000 Region
  - a. The Steering Committee has agreed to begin the Order 1000 implementation effort at the WestConnect region level, although each transmission provider will ultimately need to affirm its decision to join a region.
2. Define Order 1000 Region governance structure (Steering and Planning Committees)
  - a. Option 1?
  - b. Option 2?
  - c. Option 3?
3. Identify task forces to develop principles and strawmen proposals. Each task force must be staffed and will develop a timeline for completion of their portion in coordination with the Compliance Task Force. Each task force will also need to document their efforts in developing Order 1000 compliant processes.
  - a. Planning Management Committee
    - i. Augment existing processes and establish new planning processes to meet compliance with Regional and Interregional requirements
    - ii. Define or develop processes to consider Public Policy Requirements
    - iii. Develop and implement procedures that provide for sharing of info, potential solutions, identification and evaluation of interregional alternatives
    - iv. Develop procedures for neighboring TPs to identify and jointly evaluate transmission facilities that are proposed to be located in both regions
  - b. Task Force (Cost Allocation)
    - i. Identify and develop methods to define benefits and beneficiaries
    - ii. Establish cost allocation method strawman or alternative options
  - c. Task Force (Project Evaluation)
    - i. Develop qualification criteria for determining an entity's eligibility to propose a project in regional plan for cost allocation
    - ii. Identify information required from prospective developer and date it must be submitted. Must be the same info as others in planning region
    - iii. Develop evaluation process for regional project selection (projects eligible for regional cost allocation)
  - d. Task Force (Compliance)
    - i. Develop OATT language common to Region members
    - ii. Develop common compliance filing language when needed
    - iii. Develop website language for Public Policy Requirements
    - iv. Develop website language for Interregional communication requirements
  - e. Task Force (Communications)
    - i. Develop plan to engage stakeholders
    - ii. Develop meeting announcements and website information
    - iii. ?