

Colorado River Transmission Committee

February 9, 2011

Meeting Notes

1:00 PM – 4:30 PM Phoenix Time

Arizona Public Service 502 Building - Level 3 Conference Room
502 2nd Avenue
Phoenix, AZ 85003

Following are final meeting notes for the February 9, 2011 CRT meeting. They are organized in accordance with the meeting agenda. Please provide any comments you have to these notes by March 15th. Comments will be incorporated into the final notes and posted on the WestConnect website. The presentations, referenced in the following notes, will also be posted to the website.

Introductions

Josh Johnston (WAPA) indicated that the CRT e-mail distribution list is still evolving. If anyone has any changes to the list, please send the request to jjohnston@wapa.gov.

Please refer to the attendee list, posted along with these meeting notes, for a list of the individuals in attendance at the meeting.

- It was recommended and Josh agreed to add the Eldorado Valley Study Group (EVSG) as an agenda item for future CRT meetings

6th BTA Summary (Josh Johnston)

- Arizona Corporation Committee requested RMR Studies for both Yuma and Mohave County at the 5th BTA
- The studies were coordinated through CRT and presented at the 6th BTA last summer
- The resulting BTA report indicated that the previous ACC concerns were satisfactorily addressed in the study work
- It is time to kick-off the next round of ACC related study work
- **Action Item** – Josh Johnston to kick-off subcommittees for next round of Mohave and Yuma RMR ACC studies in March, 2011.

Sonoran-Mohave Desert Renewable Transmission (SMRT) Project Results (Kaicheng Chen)

- See attached presentation for details regarding SMRT Preliminary Feasibility Study Results

- The project studied how to best collect renewables along the Colorado River, not necessarily how California's system will respond to the inclusion of the injections. That study effort is handled by the CTPG study.
- The Las Vegas – Los Angeles sensitivity will be coordinated through El Dorado Valley Study Group in the future.
- Deral Danis stated Clean West Energy Partners currently studying transmission from NM to Mira Loma, CA and will send Project Coordination Review Process information to Josh Johnston to forward on to CRT. The project study work will be coordinated through CATS.

APS Yuma 230kV Ring Circuit Technical Study Summary (Vincent Thor)

- See attached presentation for details regarding APS Yuma 230kV Study.
- Concern was raised that the study may not provide the optimal solution for addressing the needs of the Yuma area. One example would be that projects could be combined to reduce the infrastructure needed in the area.
- This study was done by APS to address the load serving needs of APS and coordinated through CRT.
- If there is interest in study work to address optimal solutions for the Yuma area, a separate study could be initiated. APS and Western indicated an interest in providing support for this effort if needed.
- There will be one final meeting with the ad hoc APS Yuma 230 kV Ring Study Group, and the possibility of additional study work can be discussed at that meeting. Anyone with interest in the discussion is welcome to attend.
- **Action Item** – Josh Johnston will schedule a final study group meeting

North Gila – Imperial Valley #2 Transmission Project Introduction (Mark Etherton)

- See attached presentation for details regarding the North Gila – Imperial Valley #2 Project.
- PDS will be coordinating a Project Coordination Review Group in the next couple of months

Additional Project Updates

- Doug Fant provided an update on a legal decision against the DOE concerning the Southwest National Interest Electric Transmission Corridor (NIETC) which covers a large area from Arizona to California. The 9th Circuit Court ruled against the DOE NIETC which effectively eliminates the right of way designation and has implications on Federal eminent domain rights.
- David Barajas provided an update on two IID projects. IID filed an interconnection request with SCE for a line from Midway to Devers. Also, IID wants to upgrade Path 42 from a single conductor to a bundle.

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