

**California Transmission Planning Group Executive Committee Meeting  
Meeting Minutes  
March 4, 2010 – Ontario - 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

<b>Executive Committee - Representatives</b>			
		<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
CAISO	Keith Casey	x	
IID	Brian Brady		x
LADWP	Aram Benyamin		x
PG&E	P. J. Martinez	x	
SCE	David Mead	x	
SCPPA	Bill Carnahan	x	
SDG&E	Jim Avery	x	
SMUD	Jim Shetler	x	
TANC	Allen Short	x	
TID	Larry Weis		x
Western	Tom Boyko	x	

<b>Executive Committee - Alternates</b>			
		<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
CAISO	Gary DeShazo	x	
IID	Steve Keene	x	
LADWP	Mohammed Beshir	x	
PG&E	Steve Metague	x	
SCE	Patricia Arons	x	
SCPPA	Gary Nolf	x	
SDG&E	Linda Brown	x	
SMUD	Vicken Kasarjian		x
TANC	Jim Beck	x	
TID	Casey Hashimoto	x	
Western	Pete Garris		x

<b>Invited Guests</b>			
		<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
CAISO	Heather Sanders	x	
SDG&E	Al Pak	x	
SMUD	Mike Deis	x	
SMUD	Craig Cameron	x	
SCE	John Ruffin	x	
SCE	Tom Flynn	x	

## **SUMMARY OF ACTION ITEMS**

1. The meeting minutes for both the February 4 and February 16 CTPG meetings were unanimously approved after two minor corrections to the February 16 draft minutes. The adopted meeting minutes are attached.
2. After discussing recent correspondence with the Western Independent Transmission Group (WITG), the CTPG Executive Committee asked Jim Avery to reach out to members of the independent transmission community to arrange a special meeting to better understand their issues and concerns.
3. Jim Avery, Jim Shetler, Keith Casey, and Mo Beshir will represent CTPG at meetings with FERC staff and Commissioners on April 6 and 7 in Washington, DC.
4. Jim Avery will represent CTPG on a panel at the Governor's Renewable Energy Conference in Riverside on March 24.
5. To build on the growing cooperation between CTPG and RETI, Jim Shetler offered to work with Rich Ferguson of RETI to see if CTPG can provide language in the upcoming RETI Phase 2A update report to bridge and describe connections between CTPG studies and the RETI report.
6. After hearing a summary of stakeholder comments that CTPG has recently received, the Executive Committee authorized a CTPG Writing Team to respond to technical questions about study assumptions and results without further review by the Executive Committee. If stakeholder comments raise issues of policy, Executive Committee review will be required. The Writing Team was further asked to propose for Executive Committee review some generic answers to stakeholder request asking CTPG to do economic analysis or evaluation of specific projects.
7. Future Executive Committee meetings will include an agenda item to allow the Writing Team and Executive Committee to discuss policy level stakeholder questions or comments.
8. The Executive Committee will review the draft Phase 2 Study results at the next Executive Committee meeting. The Executive Committee asks that the draft Phase 2 Study results be available for the Executive Committee a few days in advance of the next Executive Committee meeting.
9. The next CTPG stakeholder meeting will be hosted by SMUD on April 20, 2010 in Sacramento.

10. The CTPG Executive Committee agreed to post the CTPG Membership Agreement once all members have signed. At the time of the meeting, 7 out of 11 parties in the room had executed the Membership Agreement.
11. Steve Metague and Gary DeShazo volunteered to keep the Executive Committee up-to-date on our nomination of Kevin Dasso to represent the CTPG on the TEPPC Scenario Planning Steering Group.
12. Keith Casey volunteered to prepare a strawman proposal for review by the Executive Committee on work CTPG could do after the Stage 3 Study and how to handle requests for specific projects to be considered by CTPG.
13. The Executive Committee agreed that John Ruffin will facilitate the next CTPG stakeholder meeting on April 20.

### **SUMMARY OF THE MEETING**

- The Executive Committee addressed all items on the proposed draft agenda attached.
- Jim Avery provided an update on a recent meeting with the Governor's office and described further outreach that he, Jim Shetler, Keith Casey, and Mo Beshir will do at FERC.
- Mo Beshire provided an update on CTPG activities in the last month. CTPG work is progressing smoothly. Mo requested guidance from the Executive Committee regarding how economic analysis may or may not be included in the 2010 study efforts.
- Mike Deis provided an update on the Assumptions/Scenario Team work. Important milestones included:
  1. CTPG participation in RETI Stakeholder Steering Committee meeting on February 26.
  2. CTPG obtained from RETI a scenario for inclusion in the CTPG Phase 2 Study.
  3. Worked with CTPG Technical Team to coordinate energy calculation assumptions between CTPG and RETI.
- The Assumptions/Scenario Team will continue to work with the RETI Transmission Working Group to obtain RETI scenarios for inclusion in the CTPG Phase 3 Study.

- Mike Deis reported that the CTPG and RETI Teams are collaborating and working well together.
- Executive Committee would like to help bridge the work of RETI and CTPG by providing input into the upcoming RETI Phase 2A Report update. See Action Item 3 above.
- Craig Cameron gave an update of the Study Team work. While the schedule is still tight, several utilities have come up with more resources in the last month and a lot of work is underway.
- Al Pak provided an update on Writing Team activities.
- The Writing Team is striving to respond to stakeholder comments and questions in 5 days.
- The comments CTPG has received from stakeholders fit mostly into the following 4 categories:
  - Questions about study accomplishments, tools, and results.
  - How does CTPG fit with RETI, ISO, and other planning work in California.
  - Requests for CTPG to do more work such as incorporate demand side management, analysis of ancillary service, environmental ranking, etc.
  - Concerns that stakeholders are not being given opportunity for input. Complaints in this area have diminished greatly over the last 2 months.
- Executive Team provided the following guidance to the Writing Team:
  - If a project sponsor requests that a specific project be incorporated in CTPG studies, we will respond that we do not yet have a proposal on how to incorporate those requests and are considering the issue.
  - The Executive Committee also asked the Writing Team to propose some generic answers to be used in response to requests for economic analysis or incorporation of specific projects into RETI scenarios.



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