

**California Transmission Planning Group Executive Committee Meeting  
Meeting Minutes  
April 1, 2010 – San Diego - 10 a.m. to 4 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	
PG&E	Jon Eric Thalman	x	
SMUD	Mike Deis	x	
SMUD	Craig Cameron	x	
LADWP	John Dennis	x	

## **SUMMARY OF ACTION ITEMS**

1. The March 4 CTPG meeting minutes were unanimously approved. The adopted meeting minutes are attached.
2. Keith Casey led a discussion of work that CTPG could do as part of Phase 2 Studies, Phase 3 Studies, and for the rest of 2010. The following was decided:
  - a) The Executive Committee unanimously agreed that, as part of this 2010 planning cycle, we will address alternative project study requests made by third parties.
  - b) After reviewing the current schedule for completion of the Phase 2, the CTPG decided that Phase 2 Study Plan will not be expanded to include analysis of third party proposals.
  - c) The Executive Committee agreed on the following course of action:
    - Announce and publish on the CTPG website, a notice that CTPG will be accepting proposals to study alternatives for any elements of the CTPG “least regrets” solutions.
    - CTPG will post a template by April 13 which will provide a format for submission of third party study requests.
    - All third party requests must be submitted by April 28.
    - The Technical Steering Team will evaluate the requests we receive from third parties and propose a study approach to be integrated into the CTPG Phase 3 Studies.
    - The Technical Study Team has been asked to rescope the Phase 3 Study effort and reduce the amount of work dedicated to evaluating additional scenarios, and instead evaluate alternative solutions proposed by third parties. In addition, the Executive Committee has requested TST address anticipated RETI and CPUC scenarios as part of Phase 3.
3. The Executive Committee agreed to respond to Great Basin Energy Development by requesting they fill out the template which will be available on April 13 and submit the request by April 28.
4. PG&E agreed to prepare a brief paper summarizing the benefits, commitments, and obligations should CTPG join WECC as a sub regional planning group and become a member of TEPPC. This paper will help inform the planned discussion of the matter at the May 6 CTPG Executive Committee meeting.

## **SUMMARY OF THE MEETING**

- The Executive Committee addressed all items on the proposed draft agenda attached, except for Item 8.2. The ISO billing issue will be deferred until the next meeting.
- The Executive Committee agreed to add three additional items to the agenda for the day.
  - 1) Response to third party requests for project specific studies.
  - 2) Discussion with counsel on avoiding anti competitive behavior.
  - 3) Prepare for the April 9 meeting with representatives of the independent transmission community.
- Al Pak led a discussion regarding anti competitive issues and provided helpful reminders regarding CTPG participant conduct during this meeting and in future CTPG activities.
- Nine of eleven participants have now signed the CTPG Membership Agreement. The two who have not yet signed continue to move the document through their review and approval processes.
- Keith Casey presented a draft road map for consideration by the Executive Committee to guide CTPG activities for the remainder of 2010. After a lengthy discussion, the Executive Committee agreed on certain action steps (see Action Item 2 above). The balance of issues were deferred for further action by the Executive Committee.
- CTPG needs to better define the meaning of “least regrets” transmission solutions.
- The draft Phase 2 Study which will be released on April 9. The TST will target Tuesday, April 6, for sharing a draft of the Phase 2 Study with the Executive Committee.
- The Writing Team continues to prepare generic responses to certain stakeholder related questions for further Executive Committee review.
- The Executive Committee received an update on the Scenarios and Assumptions Team. RETI and the CPUC plan to submit additional scenarios for study by the CTPG. The Executive Committee was informed that the CPUC scenario will not be ready until July, which caused concern related to the CTPG schedule. However, the RETI environmental Scenario should be available in mid April allowing sufficient time for CTPG Study.
- The Executive Committee discussion regarding third party requests for study of certain projects and solutions was discussed at length. The action items from this

discussion are shown in Action Item 2 above. In addition, the Executive Committee urged that Technical Teams be clear with any third party that (a) even if a project has been submitted into the ISO window that third party will still need to submit their project to the CTPG by April 28, and (b) CTPG will not be able to hold any study requests by third parties as confidential.

- The TST alerted the Executive Committee that they envisioned modification of Phase 3 Study scope to include third party alternatives could delay Phase 3 by a couple of weeks. The sense of the group was that it was important enough to include those 3 party alternatives that we would be willing to allow the schedule to slip by a couple of weeks.
- The Technical Steering Committee provided a general update of their work and activities related to the Phase 2 Study and the development of the Phase 3 Study Plan. A preview of the draft Phase 2 study results was provided. The Executive Committee noted that the Technical Steering Team has done an excellent job developing and preparing the Phase 2 Study.
- Jim Avery provided an overview of the March 24 Governor's Renewable Energy Policy Conference at which he was a speaker; and the Executive Committee reviewed some of the key points that Jim Avery, Jim Shetler, and Keith Casey will make in their round of visits at the FERC on April 6 and 7 and their meeting with independent transmission providers on April 9.
- The discussion of the WECC and TEPPC coordination was brief due to time limitations. However, at the May CTPG meeting, we anticipate a discussion to determine if CTPG would like to seek membership as a Sub Regional Planning Group at WECC and becoming a member of TEPPC.



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