

**California Transmission Planning Group Executive Committee Meeting
Meeting Minutes
September 2, 2010 – San Francisco - 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

Executive Committee - Representatives			
		Present	Absent
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	

Executive Committee - Alternates			
		Present	Absent
CAISO	Gary DeShazo	x	
IID	Steve Keene	x	
LADWP	John Dennis	x	
PG&E	Steve Metague	x	
SCE	Patricia Arons	x	
SCPPA	Gary Nolff		x
SDG&E	Linda Brown	x	
SMUD	Vicken Kasarjian		x
TANC	Jim Beck	x	
TID	Casey Hashimoto		x
Western	Pete Garris	x	

Invited Guests			
		Present	Absent
CAISO	Heather Sanders	x	
PG&E	Jon Eric Thalman	x	
TANC	Bryan Griess	x	
LADWP	Mohammed Beshir	x	
SDG&E	Al Pak	x	
SMUD	Mike Deis	x	
SCE	Tom Flynn	x	
SCE	Robert Woods	x	
WITG	Gary Ackerman	x	

SUMMARY OF ACTION ITEMS

1. The draft meeting minutes from the August 5 CTPG Executive Committee (EC) meeting were adopted unanimously, subject to minor edits. The adopted final meeting minutes are attached.
2. The EC asked Al Pak to circulate a final version of CTPG comments for submission to FERC as part of the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NOPR) on Transmission Planning and Cost Allocation. Al was asked to circulate the final draft to EC members for comments on September 10. If any CTPG member feels that issues raised in the draft are significant and require additional discussion, that member is encouraged to arrange a conference call of the Executive Committee to discuss and finalize the comments.
3. The Executive Committee decided CTPG should not submit comments to the FERC on September 8 in the California ISO's Revised Transmission Planning Process proceeding, Docket ER10-1401. The EC agreed that San Diego will prepare a description of CTPG and its activities for filing as part of San Diego's submittal to FERC on September 8. Members are encouraged to comment on the draft San Diego language which will be circulated on September 5 and for members who are making filings at FERC, indicate concurrence with the CTPG description provided by San Diego.
4. The EC asked the TSC to conduct stakeholder outreach to help shape the CTPG 2011 study plan.
5. The EC had a productive conversation with Gary Ackerman of Western Independent Transmission Group (WITG) and will implement the following actions that emerged from the discussion:

- The EC will provide a forum for ITC representatives to meet directly with the Executive Committee. ITC members will be invited to the afternoon portion of the next Executive Committee meeting which will be held on October 7 in Sacramento.
 - The Executive Committee will consider establishing a regular monthly conference call with ITC representatives.
 - CTPG responses to stakeholder questions and requests should continue to be posted on the website; but in addition, CTPG will respond directly to the parties who submit letters or requests.
6. The EC agreed to delay the Phase 3 report in order to complete the section of that report which will describe an estimate of the range of how much of the net short could be met if upgrades addressing the transmission needs identified in the Phase 3 report were in place. The new Phase 3 targets are:
 - September 8 – Draft of new section of report out to EC
 - September 9 – EC comments back to TSC
 - September 10 – Phase 3 report issued
 - September 17 – Stakeholder meeting
 7. The EC agreed to extend dates for the Phase 4 study plan development as follows:
 - September 10 – Draft study plan posted
 - September 17 - Stakeholder call to review and collect input
 - September 22 –Stakeholder comments due
 - October 1 – Second draft study plan posted
 8. The CTPG Executive Committee agreed that the Phases 1 through 4 studies completed in 2010 should produce the statewide plan wherein high and medium priority statewide needs will be identified. That phase 4 studies are expected to identify an additional transmission needs beyond those identified in Phase 3.
 9. At the October 7 Executive Committee meeting, we will discuss the net short GWH amount CTPG will use for 2011 study purposes. That discussion will include consideration of a CEC offer to provide the net short amount.
 10. The Executive Committee asked the TSC to review the various planning cycles of its members and the ISO and propose a CTPG 2011 study time line that allows CTPG study results to be used by the ISO and the other members' planning processes in 2011. A proposed schedule for 2011 studies is to be presented to the Executive Committee on October 7.

11. The October 7 Executive Committee meeting in Sacramento will begin at 9 a.m. and the Executive Committee meeting will then be opened to ITC representatives from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

SUMMARY OF THE MEETING

- All items on the September 2 CTPG Executive Committee meeting agenda (attached) were discussed, except for TEPPC membership.
- The members of the EC who were at the August 24 FERC Technical Conference on the ISO's RTPP provided a report out on that conference with special emphasis on discussions of CTPG that occurred. CTPG members who participated agreed that there was significant confusion and misunderstanding among FERC staff regarding the roles and responsibilities of CTPG. While some of FERC staff's questions were addressed by Steve Metague, Linda Brown, and David Mead at the conference, the sense of the group is that FERC would benefit from additional clarification regarding what CTPG does. Comments prepared by SDG&E will be submitted to FERC on September 8. See Action Item No. 3 above.
- LADWP reported the CTPG Membership Agreement is on its city council meeting agenda for September 14. LA representatives hope that they will have authority to sign the CTPG Membership Agreement by the end of September.
- Gary Ackerman (WITG) joined the CTPG EC meeting during the lunch hour. A good discussion occurred largely related to how CTPG is communicating and coordinating with stakeholders, especially ITC representatives and where there are opportunities for improvement. In summary, CTPG still has a way to go to gain the faith and trust of the ITC community but better communication and direct face-to-face meetings between the EC and ITC representatives would help.
- Mo Beshir, Jon Eric Thalman, and Mike Dies provided updates to the Technical Steering Committee activities. Highlights included.
 - Conducted several meetings in August regarding the Phase 3 report.
 - TSC members held conference calls with WITG.
 - Continued to respond to stakeholder comments
 - Announced Phase 4 Study Plan.
- The EC discussed the Phase 3 results and provided guidance to the TSC in several areas. The EC Phase 3 report should include definitions for: "needs," "elements," "upgrades," and "projects." The TSC agreed that the CTPG report should be clear that the Phase 3 report does not identify projects or propose projects, but instead identifies needs and upgrades that could meet those needs.

- The TSC reported on the continued work in progress to define the amount of the net short that could be met if transmission upgrades were in place to address the Phase 3 needs. The technical study team requires more time to finalize that section of the Phase 3 report and, consequently, the EC agreed to postpone the phase 3 schedule by approximately 1 week (see Action Item No. 6 above).
- The Phase 4 study plan was previewed. The first task is to collect sufficient data on renewable energy resource potential for the Pacific Northwest, Northern California, and the Dessert Southwest. RETI has been asked to help develop those resource assumptions and encouraged to provide results by the end of September.
- The EC discussed the need for coordination between the ISO process and the work of CTPG members who are not part of the ISO. All agreed that it would be helpful for CTPG to issue a statewide plan before planning authorities such as the ISO decide which transmission projects should be built. The group discussed the potential for planning processes to diverge and the importance of continued CTPG activities to support coordinated statewide planning.



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