

**California Transmission Planning Group Executive Committee Meeting  
Meeting Minutes  
October 7, 2010 – Sacramento - 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	Casey Hashimoto	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	John Dennis		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	
Western	Pete Garris	x	

<b>Invited Guests</b>			
		<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
LADWP	Mohammed Beshir	x	
PG&E	Jon Eric Thalman	x	
SDG&E	Al Pak	x	
SMUD	Mike Deis	x	
SMUD	Craig Cameron		x
SCE	Dave Larson		x
SCE	Bob Woods	x	
SCE	Tom Flynn	x	
TANG	Brian Greiss	x	
WITG	Perry Cole	x	
WITG	Ziad Alawan	x	
WITG	Ali Niramadi	x	
WITG	Jenny Lueller	x	
WITG	Sandid Arora	x	
WITG	Rex Waite - Nevada Hydro	x	
WITG	David Kayes - Nevada Hydro	x	

### **SUMMARY OF ACTION ITEMS**

1. The draft meeting minutes from the September 2, 2010 CTPG Executive Committee (EC) meeting were adopted with SCPPA and CAISO abstaining. The adopted final meeting minutes are attached.
2. The EC discussed the comments submitted by other parties in the FERC Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NOPR) proceeding on transmission planning and cost allocation. The EC asked Al Pak to convene the CTPG Legal Committee and recommend if CTPG should file reply comments on November 12. If so, Al should circulate a draft of CTPG reply comments in time to allow EC review prior to the next EC meeting on November 4.
3. The LADWP Board has approved LADWP membership in CTPG. Once we have a fully executed Membership Agreement, the EC asked PG&E to post:
  - 1) A signed copy of the CTPG Membership Agreement
  - 2) The ISO CTPG participation letter, and
  - 3) The Western Area Power Administration addendum.

4. The EC asked Keith Casey, Jim Avery, Mo Beshir, Jim Shetler, and Steve Metague to have conversations with TEPPC and WECC staff to further explore the commitments and expectations related to CTPG participation at WECC as a Sub Regional Planning Group (SPG). The sense of the EC is that CTPG should become an SPG as long as the ISO can also remain a fully participating SPG. Steve Metague will work directly with Scott Cauchois, TEPPC Chair, to find a time for the CTPG to discuss joining TEPPC as an SPG.
5. The EC discussed certain understandings reached in December 2008 when most current CTPG members met with FERC staff at Western offices in Folsom. The EC asked Keith Casey to confirm that a transmission line that is jointly developed and owned by both ISO and non ISO members will be subject to case-by-case determination regarding which Balancing Authority (BA) has scheduling and operational control of the line. The POU's especially want the ISO to confirm that a jointly developed transmission line could be under the operational control of a POU BA with scheduling rights available to the ISO for the portion of the line receiving TAC treatment. Keith Casey agreed to report back if that is also CAISO's understanding.
6. EC members are encouraged to send suggestions to TSC Chair, Mo Beshir, regarding items that should be included in the Phase 4 Study Plan.
7. The EC asked the TSC to present a straw man draft of the 2011 study plan at the EC in November.
8. The EC held the scheduled open meeting starting at 1 p.m. Members of the ITC community participated. Following the open meeting, the EC unanimously agreed that certain concerns expressed by ITC representatives should be addressed immediately and accordingly have agreed to the following modifications to CTPG protocols and to take the following steps:
  - a) TSC was asked to conduct a face-to-face meeting with ITC participants to share an early draft of the base case for the Phase 4 studies and discuss the 2011 study plan.
  - b) The EC agreed to hold an open meeting at the end of all future EC meetings to allow stakeholders the opportunity to directly address the EC. Non CTPG members who would like to participate will be asked to identify in advance issues they would like to discuss with the EC.
  - c) The EC agreed to investigate the membership restrictions and requirements for other transmission planning groups in the west to learn if there is a successful governance model that allows broader stakeholder representation on their executive or steering committees
  - d) Steve Metague and Al Pak have been asked to prepare a letter for Jim Avery to send to Gary Ackerman to describe the CTPG procedural changes that have been adopted by the EC in response to feedback from ITC representatives.

9. The EC agreed that when the CTPG Membership Agreement (MA) is executed by LADWP, Section 6 of the MA should be implemented. Specifically, all members are to contribute \$5,000 to support the ongoing activities of the CTPG. Jim Shetler offered that SMUD will set up an account to manage CTPG funds.
10. The EC agreed that the November 4 CTPG EC meeting in Pomona will start at 9 a.m. and conclude at 2 p.m. with time available for an open meeting from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

### **SUMMARY OF THE MEETING**

- All items on the October 7, 2010 EC meeting agenda (attached) were addressed.
- LADWP reported that their board has approved LADWP's membership in CTPG. LADWP has been asked to submit a signed version of the Membership Agreement to Al Pak. Al will notify Steve Metague when he receives the LADWP signed copy so that PG&E can post the Membership Agreement, ISO Letter Agreement, and Western Addendum on the CTPG website.
- The EC discussed CTPG participation as a Sub Regional Planning Group (SPG) at WECC. See Action Item No. 4 above.
- Mo Beshir is scheduled to provide TEPPC with an update on CTPG activities at the TEPPC meeting on November 10 and 11 in Phoenix.
- Mo Beshir provided an update on TSC activities in the last month. Highlights included:
  - Held several meetings in September to finalize the Phase 3 report and further develop the Phase 4 study plan.
  - Participated in conference calls with WITG.
  - Participated in several RETI TWG meetings.
  - Posted the final Phase 3 study report on September 10.
  - Posted the Phase 4 study plan on September 16.
  - Conducted a stakeholder conference call on September 30.
  - The TSC continues to work with RETI to define out-of-state resource scenarios.
- Jon Eric Thalman presented the results of TSC's analysis regarding how much of the state's RPS goal can be accommodated if transmission projects are developed to address the high priority needs identified in the CTPG Phase 3 study. In summary, the TSC concluded that the state could achieve delivery of an approximately 23% renewable portfolio assuming new transmission projects are built to address the high potential transmission needs identified in the CTPG Phase 3 Study.

- Keith Casey presented a description of the work the CAISO is doing in its transmission planning process in support of the 33 percent RPS goal by 2020. The EC found Keith's presentation very helpful. However, the EC urged the ISO and the TSC to each be clear when describing what portion of the 33 percent RPS goal can be accommodated if transmission projects are developed to meet the high priority needs identified in the CTPG Phase 3 study.
- The TSC reported that they will be prepared to hold the next stakeholder meeting in early December.
- At 1 p.m., the CTPG EC held an open meeting with members of the Western Independent Transmission Group and others. A productive conversation occurred wherein the ITCs were able to offer suggestions and explain concerns regarding CTPG and the EC was able to clarify its role, responsibilities, and activities. Specific issues raised by ITC members include:
  - A request that the EC be expanded to accommodate ITC members.
  - A suggestion regarding how EC meetings might be conducted if ITCs were included as members. Specifically, ITCs could be asked to hold their comments until at the end of the meeting.
  - CTPG should look at other transmission planning groups' procedures regarding open membership.
  - It is important for ITCs to be involved early as base cases are being set up.
  - One ITC suggested that they are willing to offer resources to support CTPG TSC work.
- Jim Avery provided a verbal description of the CTPG EC role and responsibilities, emphasizing that the CTPG strives to prepare unbiased technical planning studies and neither CTPG nor the EC picks which transmission projects should be developed.
- The EC continued discussions regarding ITC concerns and suggestions after the open meeting ended. The Executive Committee agreed unanimously that certain steps be taken and procedural changes occur immediately based on input provided by the ITC members who attended the open meeting (see Action Item No. 8 above).
- The EC briefly discussed Section 6 of the Membership Agreement which anticipates that members will each contribute \$5,000 annually to support CTPG activities. SMUD will provide leadership in creating an account to collect and administer disbursement of CTPG funds. The EC agreed that one of the uses of CTPG funds will be to pay for a facilitator at future stakeholder meetings.



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