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California Transmission Planning Group Executive Committee Meeting
Meeting Minutes
December 2, 2010 – San Diego - 9 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	Mark Johnson	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	

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 Nolf	x	
SDG&E	Linda Brown	x	
SMUD	Vicken Kasarjian	x	
TANC	Jim Beck		x
Western	Pete Garris	x	

Invited Guests			
		Present	Absent
LADWP	Mohammed Beshir	x	
SDG&E	Al Pak		x
SMUD	Mike Deis		x
SCE	Bob Woods	x	
SCE	Tom Flynn		x
TANC	Bryan Griess	x	
IEP	Gary Mirich		x
PG&E	Jon Eric Thalman	x	

SUMMARY OF ACTION ITEMS

1. The draft meeting minutes from the November 4, 2010 CTPG Executive Committee meeting were adopted subject to a minor correction to Action Item Number 2. The final and corrected meeting minutes.
2. At the request of CEC Commissioner Jeff Byron, the EC will provide a recommendation regarding the future role of RETI. The sense of the EC is that RETI has been helpful and supportive of CTPG studies. In preparing a recommendation a sub team will contact CPUC and CEC commissioners to better understand their view of RETI. The EC asked the following to prepare the recommendation on RETI: Jim Avery, Jim Shetler, Bill Carnahan, John Eric Thalman and Karen Edson (CAISO).
3. The EC asked the Technical Steering Committee (TSC) to respond to the Sierra Club letter of November 19, 2010. The response should acknowledge that in the draft CTPG Phase 4 studies Westland's output was modeled at 2,000 MW and CTPG will do a qualitative assessment of the transmission impact of Westland's output at 5000 MW. Jon Eric Thalman will work with Al Pak in preparing the response to the Sierra Club.
4. The EC discussed the study results emerging from the CAISO transmission planning activities and CTPG's statewide plan. The EC recognized that the CAISO and CTPG studies appear to have reached conclusions that do not map one to the other. However, the EC recognizes that neither study is right or wrong. To the extent the study outcomes differ it is largely a result of using different assumptions. The EC asked the TSC to convey this message in the CTPG Statewide Transmission Plan.
5. The EC discussed the schedule for the Phase 4 study and statewide plan and agreed to hold a special meeting in San Diego on January 21, 2011, to review the

- draft Phase 4 study and statewide plan. SDG&E will host a dinner for EC members who are able to attend on the evening of January 20, 2011.
6. The EC asked Steve Keene and Al Pak to draft a response to the WITG letter of November 11, 2010. Jim Avery will send the letter to WITG on December 10, 2010.
 7. CTPG decided starting January 1, 2011 future monthly Executive Committee meetings will be open to the public. The review of CTPG studies, TSC presentations, assumptions and study plans will all be done in an open session. Non- members will have an opportunity to comment during a portion of the meeting.
 8. Jim Avery will call Steve Rogers at FERC and give him a heads up that starting January 1, 2011 CTPG Executive Committee meetings will be open to the public.
 9. Steve Metague will reserve a room large enough to accommodate stakeholders at the January 6 EC meeting in San Francisco.

SUMMARY OF THE MEETING

- All items on the December 2, 2010 EC meeting agenda (attached) were addressed, plus an additional agenda item regarding Commission Byron's request related to RETI.
- Jim Avery described a conversation he had with CEC Commissioner Jeff Byron. In the context of the State's 2011 budget, the legislative staff is interested in feedback and input regarding the role of RETI going forward. After discussion Action Item Number 2 above was endorsed.
- Keith Casey provided an update on the CAISO 2010 transmission planning cycle and provided a summary of information being shared the same day at the December 2 CAISO stakeholder meeting.
- The EC discussed differences between the CAISO and the CTPG study methods, assumptions and preliminary results. The EC concluded that in the work done to date the CAISO and CTPG transmission plans for 33% RPS used different tools and assumptions and found different results. Neither approach is right or wrong.
- LADWP reinforced that each planning authority must decide how to incorporate CTPG input into its planning process.
- Keith Casey reported that at the December 15th CAISO Board meeting he will make a presentation on the CAISO Transmission plan for meeting 33% RPS.

- Mo Beshir provided an overview of Technical Steering Committee activities during the month of November. Key TSC accomplishments include:
 - Conducted several meetings in November to address issues such as: high potential transmission needs for 33% RPS, the 2010 CTPG California Statewide Transmission plan approach, and Phase 4 study schedule changes
 - Participated in a conference call with WITG
 - Posted Phase 4 revised study schedule and noticed the CTPG Stakeholder meeting scheduled for January 7, 2011
 - Posted 13 responses to stakeholder comments
 - Worked with WITG members to identify two “Case F” studies
 - Made a presentation to TEPPC on CTPG study progress
- The EC confirmed the current schedule for the CTPG Phase 4 report and Statewide Transmission plan. Key dates include:
 - December 30 - draft Phase 4 Study and draft 2010 Statewide Plan posted
 - January 7 - Stakeholders’ meeting in San Francisco,
 - January 14 - stakeholders’ comments due
 - January 31 - final Phase 4 Study Report and Statewide Plan posted
- Mo Beshir provided an overview of the approach TSC is using to create the 2010 CTPG Statewide Transmission plan. The EC provided comments and in general fully supports the approach being used by the TSC.
- The EC discussed the 2011 Study plan for CTPG and observed that the study plan should not redo the 2010 planning work but instead might include: stability studies, developing “Lessons Learned” from the 2010 Study plan, investigate in more detail the re-dispatch assumptions, and/or investigate the operational feasibility of the 2010 Study plan.

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- Gary Ackerman of WITG joined the Executive Committee and discussed the issues raised in the November 11, 2010 letter that Gary sent to Jim Avery.
- The EC thanked Gary for his very thoughtful comments and suggestions.

- The Executive Committee agreed to formally respond to Gary Ackerman and WITG in a letter by December 10, 2010.



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