

**California Transmission Planning Group Executive Committee Meeting  
Meeting Minutes  
January 6, 2011 – San Francisco - 9 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	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	

<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	
TID	Larry Gilbertson		x
Western	Pete Garris	x	

<b>Invited Guests</b>			
		<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
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	
PG&E	Jon Eric Thalman	x	
LADWP	Tim Wu	x	
CAISO	Neil Millar	x	
CAISO	Keoni Almeida	x	

<b>Public Participants</b>			
		<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
IEP	Steven Kelly	x	
IEP	Gary Mirich	x	
ENE	Silvia Yanez	x	

### **SUMMARY OF ACTION ITEMS**

1. The draft meeting minutes from the December 2, 2010 CTPG Executive Committee meeting were adopted subject to a grammatical correction. The final and corrected meeting minutes are attached.
2. The Executive Committee (EC) asked the Technical Steering Committee (TSC) to draft a letter for CTPG to submit in the TEPPC Study Request Window which closes on January 31, 2011. The EC advised that TSC letter to TEPPC should be relatively brief, describe the CTPG statewide plan and request that CTPG participate in the 2011 TEPPC regional planning cycle. The EC further asked that the TSC share the draft letter to TEPPC with the EC by January 24 to allow sufficient time for EC review and comment.
3. For the EC meeting on February 3, 2011, TSC was asked to present the: (1) the draft 2011 CTPG Study plan methodology, approach and assumptions, and (2) the resources that will be needed for CTPG planned work in 2011. The EC will provide guidance on the CTPG 2011 study plan. The sense of the group is there should be fewer, but more strategic studies accomplished in 2011.

4. The agenda for the February CTPG meeting will allow time to discuss the CTPG Membership Agreement and determine if it needs to be modified to reflect the evolving nature of CTPG and the work planned for 2011.
5. The EC agreed to the attached schedule of EC monthly meetings in 2011.

## **SUMMARY OF THE MEETING**

- All items on the January 6, CTPG Executive meeting agenda were discussed. That Agenda is attached.
- Jim Avery announced this was the first CTPG open meeting. For the benefit of the non member attendees, he asked EC Members and all other attendees to introduce themselves. After which he summarized the work and history of the CTPG organization and its objectives.
- Keith Casey provided an update on the ISO's plans to move forward with the Revised Transmission Planning Process (RTPP), now that the FERC has issued an order conditionally accepting the ISO tariff amendments. Keith noted that one challenge the ISO is facing is to make sure that the CAISO completes the conceptual plan as envisioned as Phase 1 in the RTPP without holding up the CAISO's ongoing Phase 2 work.
- Steve Metague provided the following update on WECC/TEPPC activity:
  - The TEPPC Study Request Window for 2011 remains open until January 31<sup>st</sup>. Generally, TEPPC submissions can be project based, resource based or policy based. CTPG is eligible to submit a request. Steve recommended CTPG submit a request and participate in the WECC regional planning process during 2011 and 2012.
  - If CTPG is not prepared to submit the Statewide plan on January 31<sup>st</sup>, a very short placeholder submittal would "get us into" the WECC planning process for further participation.
  - The next TEPPC meeting will be February 24 and 25, 2011 and Steve Metague will attend on behalf of CTPG. Steve may also attend the January 25<sup>th</sup> TEPPC Technical Advisory Sub Committee meeting. Steve and Vicken Kasarjian will coordinate attendance at TEPPC meetings.
- Mike Deis provided an update of TSC activities in the last month. Highlights included :

- Conducted several conference calls in December regarding the Phase 4 Study report and the Statewide plan.
  - Posted the Draft Phase 4 Study report on December 30th
  - Posted the Draft Statewide plan on January 4th
  - Prepared for CTPG Stakeholder meeting to be held in San Francisco on January 7th
- Jon Eric Thalman provided an overview of study results for the West of River Stress study. The results showed which existing transmission lines were impacted and identified some potential mitigation.
- Mike Deis provided an overview of TSC findings regarding out of state renewable resource potential. The TSC found that several states strongly support export of renewable energy. Several states have renewable generation interconnection in their queues that are well beyond their RPS needs. In conclusion, additional study is required before deciding whether and which, transmission upgrades associated with the significant renewable energy out of state should be designated as high potential.
- Mike Deis described the 2010 Draft CTPG Statewide Transmission plan and how the Phase 4 study results will be reflected in the 2010 plan.
  - TSC identified three high potential transmission corridors in the Phase 4 Study which could access out of state renewable resources: the Pacific North West, North West Nevada and the Southwest.
  - The TSC recommends the high potential transmission corridors warrant future study by CTPG in 2011
  - Mike described the selection criteria used in identifying high potential transmission corridors and those criteria generally are related to: (i) the level of support that other sub regional planning groups outside of CTPG are showing for the development of additional transmission into California, (ii) the ability to offer geographic and weather diversity, (iii) where out of state resources that are planned for development beyond the renewable resource needs of the host state, and (iv) the potential to provide access to areas where there is a successful record of renewable resource development.
- Jon Eric Thalman summarized the recommendations in the draft statewide plan:

- For the high potential transmission needs, transmission developers, balancing authorities, regulatory bodies and state agencies should focus on the high potential transmission needs identified by CTPG. Solutions to those needs should be submitted to the appropriate implementing entities for regulatory approval and environmental authorizations.
- For medium potential transmission needs further study in ongoing transmission planning processes among the utilities and balancing authorities is recommended in 2011.
- For the high potential transmission corridors, further study by CTPG is recommended for 2011.

### **SUMMARY OF PUBLIC COMMENTS**

1. Steven Kelly of IEP expressed support for CTPG and the need for new transmission. He emphasized the importance of knowing transmission will be there for generation projects to develop.
2. Steven proposed that the CTPG form an advisory committee that would allow an opportunity for direct input into CTPG activities. The Executive Committee agreed to take this under advisement.

### **CTPG EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Executive Committee adjourned the public session and continued the meeting in Executive Session. Executive Session matters are limited to discussing matters in litigation, receiving advice of counsel, and discussing personnel issues.



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