

**California Transmission Planning Group Executive Committee Meeting  
Meeting Minutes  
March 3, 2011 – Folsom - 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

<b>Executive Committee – Representatives</b>			
		<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
CAISO	Keith Casey	x	
IID	Steve Keene	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	Neil Millar	x	
IID	David Kolk		x
LADWP	John Dennis		x
PG&E	Steve Metague	x	
SCE	Bob Woods	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	
SCE	Tom Flynn	x	
CAISO	Gary DeShazo	x	
SMUD	Mike Deis	x	

<b>Public Session</b>			
		<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
IEP	Gary Mirich	x	
Clean line Energy Partners	Julia Souder	x	
CEERT	Rich Ferguson	x	
CAISO	Keoni Almeida	x	
Cal Energy	Randy Keller	x	

### **SUMMARY OF ACTION ITEMS**

1. The draft meeting minutes from the February 3, 2011 CTPG Executive Committee (EC) meeting were adopted subject to a minor edit. The final approved version of the meeting minutes is attached. PG&E was asked to post the February 3, 2011 meeting minutes as soon as they are final.
2. In response to stakeholder input, the EC asked that the CTPG website be updated to be sure that we have the following: (a) A list of all of the committee members, (b) an easy to find "Contact Us" button on the website, and (c) make sure we have a process for CTPG to respond to stakeholder questions submitted on the website. In addition, Al Pak was asked look at the website from the perspective of the Legal Committee and send any additional proposed modifications to the website to PG&E. Finally, PG&E was asked to report on the website changes made and/or planned at the April CTPG meeting.
3. In response to stakeholder input, the EC asked that the CTPG 2011 Study plan include the following tasks: (1) CTPG will review the transmission plans that each members Balancing Authority (BA) completes in 2011 and help coordinate

the BA expansion plans from a state wide perspective, and (2) CTPG will support the development of coordinated base cases used in transmission studies done by each of the BAs in California.

4. Stakeholders asked that CTPG conduct cost benefit analysis in 2011 and evaluate transmission and non transmission alternatives. After discussion, the EC decided the requested work is beyond the scope of CTPG and should not be part of the CTPG 2011 Study Plan
5. Steve Metague will invite Scott Cauchois (TEPPC Chair) and Brad Nickell (WECC Staff) to the next CTPG EC meeting. If they are able to attend, the EC April meeting agenda will include time for Scott and Brad to report on TEPPC activity and have a discussion with CTPG Members.
6. Recognizing the stakeholder request for close coordination between the CEC and CTPG, the EC will reach out to the CEC in 2011 and TSC will work closely with the CEC on issues such as the net short assumption.
7. The EC approved the CTPG 2011 Study Plan proposed by TSC subject to certain adjustments requested from stakeholders (see action items above).
8. The EC discussed CTPG leadership and concluded that the current Chair and Vice Chairs for both the EC and the TSC will remain. A potential change in leadership will be revisited in six months.

#### SUMMARY OF THE MEETING

- All items on the March 3, 2011 CTPG EC Meeting agenda (attached) were discussed.
- Jim Avery asked all participants at the meeting introduce themselves and welcomed the stakeholders who were in attendance.
- Keith Casey provided a brief update on CAISO Planning activities. He mentioned that the CAISO plans to issue its 2010-2011 Comprehensive Transmission plan on March 25, 2011.
- Steve Metague provided an update on WECC / TEPP. He reported at its February 24 meeting in Salt Lake City TEPPC voted unanimously in favor of recognizing CTPG as Sub-regional Group. Steve walked through a brief PowerPoint presentation summarizing the status of the TEPPC 10 Year Transmission Plan. The EC is very interested in working closely with TEPPC hopes to be able to meet with the TEPPC Chair and key WECC staff in the future to discuss TEPPC and CTPG planning activities.

- Mo Beshir provided a Technical Steering Committee (TSC) update. The key activities for the last month include: (a) several TSC conference calls in February to prepare for and discuss the February 28, 2011 stakeholder meeting, (b) posted the final 2010 California Statewide Transmission plan on February 9, 2011, and (c) conducted the CTPG Stakeholder input conference call on February 28, 2011.
- The TSC summarized some of the process improvements that CTPG introduced in 2011 based on stakeholder input. Highlights include: Executive Committee meetings are now open to stakeholders and interested parties, attendees at EC meetings are provided time to comment and address the EC directly, stakeholder input is being incorporated prior to the development of the CTPG 2011 Work plan and Study plan.
- The TSC asked for feedback from the EC on the proposed CTPG 2011 Work plan which anticipates three study phases. The first is a Study Process and Assumptions phase (approximately four months). The second is a Transmission Plan Studies phase (approximately four months) and third, is a Statewide Plan Developed and Completed for 2011 (approximately three months).
- The TSC described certain assumptions that will need to be addressed in the first phase of the CTPG 2011 study plan including; the OTC assumptions, path flow, net short, verification of existing renewables, develop a consistent base case for all studies, review the redispatch methodology, review dynamic stability study approach and coordinate with TEPPC. The EC agreed.
- The TSC summarized key messages received from stakeholders at the February 28, 2011 Stakeholder meeting. The EC discussed each and provided direction to the TSC (see action items #2, #3, #4, #5 and #6 above).
- Jim Avery asked EC members if they are willing to contribute resources to CTPG work in 2011. The general sense of the group is that there continues to be strong support for CTPG activities and members are willing to make resources available; however, the EC and the CTPG Study plan need to be realistic and recognize resource limitations. The EC feels we asked too much of the TSC in 2010 and as a result, many TSC contributors worked excessive hours. That should not be repeated in 2011.

## SUMMARY OF PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Rich Ferguson offered a perspective from CEERT. He advised that CTPG continue to emphasize that CTPG does not identify or pick projects but instead identifies needs and only BAs with project approval authority select projects. Rich also suggested that for future Statewide plans, the CTPG directly addresses the critical importance of the assumptions made and note how results could be different if different assumptions had been made. Rich asked if the EC feels there is a role for a Stakeholder Advisory group to CTPG. The EC response was

- positive. Based on the feedback from the EC, Rich agreed to continue working with stakeholders to determine if a viable stakeholder process can be developed for further discussion with the EC.
2. Julia Souder urged that the CTPG be involved more deeply in WECC activities and coordinate closely with other sub regional planning groups. She also suggested that CTPG tap into WECC/TEPPC for resources and support for CTPG work.
  3. Gary Mirich of IEP expressed continuing support for CTPG activities and thanked the EC for opening up its process more. He urged that even more transparency and public input be invited into TSC activities. He urged that the balancing authorities and CTPG have unified planning assumptions. On behalf of IEP he offered resources and support to CTPG if needed.

### CTPG EXECUTIVE SESSION

The CTPG Executive session was cancelled since there were no items to discuss in closed session.



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