



Members Planning Committee (MPC) Meeting – July 15, 2026

Minutes captured by Chelsea Loomis

Agenda

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- Study Scope Updates
- Approval Consideration 2026-2027 Study Scope

Quorum was established. The draft minutes from the June 2026 MPC meeting were reviewed and approved by consensus with motion to approve provided by Zach B./PSE and seconded by April S./AVA. The V0 Study Scope comments, posted on the NorthernGrid website were reviewed and subsequent changes to the Study Scope discussed.

Submitting Entity	Topic	Comment	Response
PSE	The following Uncommitted Projects on Pages 13 and 14 are listed as PSEI but are someone else's :	6. PSEI Coeur d'Alene Transmission Reinforcement	Updated to AVA
PSE		29. PSEI Schultz-Raver Reconductor and Paul Capacitor	Updated to BPA
PSE	The following Uncommitted Projects on Pages 13 and 14 are listed as someone else's but are PSE's :	7. IPCO Cross-Cascades	Updated to PSEI
PSE	Page 13	Line 34: NorthernGrid Member should be changed to BPA	Updated to BPA
PSE		Line 35: NorthernGrid Member is not BPA	Updated to AVA
BPA		Line 36: NorthernGrid Member should be changed to BPA	Updated to BPA
BPA	Page 14	Line 8: NorthernGrid Member is not BPA	Updated to NEVP
BPA		Line 9: NorthernGrid Member should be changed to BPA	Updated to BPA
BPA		Line 14: NorthernGrid Member is not BPA	Updated to NEVP
BPA		Line 19: NorthernGrid Member should be changed to BPA	No change: Both Line number 19 and 19. list BPA
BPA	All BPA submitted terminal facilities projects not listed in project list	Bonanza Substation	All submitted terminal facilities added
BPA		Buckley Rebuild	All submitted terminal facilities added
BPA		Keeler 500kV Expansion and Transformer Addition	All submitted terminal facilities added
BPA		SIXMILE CANYON 500/230kV Substation	All submitted terminal facilities added
BPA		HOT SPRINGS 500KV 180 MVAR REACTOR AND OTHER EQUIPMENT	All submitted terminal facilities added
BPA		Webber Canyon Substation	All submitted terminal facilities added
MATL	MATL Member-Driven Project inclusion.	MATL LLP requests that the MATL Expansion project, as submitted in the 2026–2027 NorthernGrid data submittal, be included for evaluation in the regional planning analysis. The project consists of installing two phase shifting transformers at the Hay Lake facility in Montana, providing approximately 600 MW of total transfer capability.	Now included in the Terminal Facilities section
Cascade Renewable	These comments are submitted on behalf of the Cascade Renewable Transmission Project. Thank you for your consideration.	Project Descriptions: Cascade Renewable Transmission Project is 1,100 MW with optional expansion up to 1,320 MW.	Language Added
Cascade Renewable		Scenarios Studied: Highly encourage NorthernGrid to study S to N on PDCI and NWACI and E to W over West of Cascade South and North paried scenario. This would build off BPA's short term ATC Update from July 2025 where BPA highlighted the need for a California import scenario by modifying the Canadian entitlement return on stress scenarios to start with the firm rights on the AC and DC in the S to N direction instead of N to S. In addition, BPA has observed that customers have secured rights on the NWACI S to N and PDCI S to N to import California energy into the Pacific Northwest during peak hours. BPA does not currently study a California import scenario in its heavy load base cases and the impact of this short term ATC study case resulted in a significant derates to key flowgates such as Cross Cascade North, Cross Cascade South and North Of Pearl. Given the magnitude of these potential changes, we believe it is important for NorthernGrid to study this scenario.	Waiting on Tech Team discussion/decision
Cascade Renewable		Information Requests: 1) Please provide a table by region of where new resources are proposed and by type and 2) Please provide peak load assumptions by Member	Both requests incorporated

The incorporated changes were reviewed:

Changes from Draft V0 to Draft V1

- Pages 12-14: Utilities updated
- Pages 15-17: Terminal Facilities added
- Page 19: Cascade Renewable language updated
- Pages 20,21: Base Case Conditions language updated
- Appendix A
 - Table 3: Resource Additions by Type and Area added
 - Table 4: Resource retirements by Type and Area added
- Appendix B
 - Table 5: Peak load by Utility added
- Appendix C
 - Table 6: Regional Combinations added

Upon the conclusion of the discussion, the following motion was considered:

Motion for Discussion

- Motion to remove “Draft” from V1 of the Draft Study Scope and approve the posted document as the Study Scope for the 2026-2027 NorthernGrid Cycle with the following changes
 - Remove "Phase 1" and "Phase 2" from Gateway project references
 - Remove NVE column in Table 3
 - Clean up formatting in Table 3

The motion to approve the Study Scope was made by Zach B./PSE with a second from Rikin S./PAC. No discussion ensued and the motion passed with unanimous approval.

NorthernGrid Member Attendance					
Member	Representative	Y	Alternate	Y	Count
Avista	April Spacek	1	John Gross	0	1
BPA	Jonathan Young	1	Rashid Warsame	0	1
Chelan	Zach Zornes	1	Laryn Brinkman	0	1
MATL	Jakob Mawdsley	1	Sharmen Andrew	0	1
IPC	Curtis Westhoff	1	Stephen Longmuir	1	1
NV Energy	Charles Pottey	1	Al Francis De Vera	1	1
NorthWestern	Brenna Loomis	1	Jessica Boatwright	1	1
PAC	Rikin Shah	1	Scott Beyer	1	1
PGE	Ian Beil	0	Chris Kulink	0	
PSE	Zach Beus	1	Emily Moore	1	1
SCL	Rob Jones	0	Dejene Mersha	1	1
Sno PUD	Ken Che	1	Tuan Dang	0	1
Tacoma	Khanh Thai	1	Travis Filleau	0	1
EPSC Enrolled Party Chair	Stephen Longmuir	1		0	1
EPSC State Chair		0		0	
Support			Quorum	Y	12
WPP	Chelsea Loomis	1			