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**Members Planning Committee (MPC) Meeting – August 17, 2022**

Minutes captured by Scott Beyer, WPP

## Introductions

Quorum established – 14 parties represented. Chelsea Loomis, WPP, initiated the meeting.

## NorthernGrid 101 Request

In early 2021, NorthernGrid utility transmission planners provided a two-day webinar training covering a broad range of transmission topics including reliability planning, study tools, FERC, NERC, etc.

Stakeholders have requested a new NorthernGrid 101 training. Options include:

1. Webinar – open roundtable discussion format
2. Webinar – guided/moderated discussion
3. Recorded – interview SMEs from utilities at their own location
4. Recorded – interview SMEs from utilities at WPP’s studio in Portland

**Action item:** Add NorthernGrid 101 training discussion as agenda item on next Technical Team meeting, August 24.

## Western Power Pool 2030 and 20-Year Studies

WPP members from within the NorthernGrid footprint have initiated two studies through the WPP Transmission Planning Committee that are potentially of interest to NorthernGrid Stakeholders. Both studies are undergoing an stakeholder scoping process and will include stakeholder engagement throughout the study process. MPC discussed how and if the study progress should be shared in MPC meetings and included in the Regional Transmission Plan.

Members discussed that these studies are outside of the planning agreement for NorthernGrid. While Stakeholders will be informed that the 20 year and 2030 studies are being conducted by WPP but not all NorthernGrid members are participating in those studies and so the studies should not be referenced in the NorthernGrid 2022-23 RTP.

## Transmission Cost Estimates for Non-Incumbent Projects

WestConnect reached out recently to ask how to develop cost estimates for project that are submitted by non-incumbents without accompanying cost estimates. Is the TEPPC calculator accurate and up-to-date? MPC participants discussed that design specifics of individual projects can result in significant differences in the assumed cost. It would be very difficult to develop accurate cost estimates without the project owner providing those estimates.

It was determined that further discussion by the Technical Team is needed before determining a methodology and responding to WestConnect.

**Action item:** Add non-incumbent project transmission cost estimates discussion as agenda item on next Technical Team meeting, August 24.

## Study Scope v2 Review

Chelsea walked through the updates to the study scope resulting from Stakeholder comments and L&R submittal refinements from members. The text updates have been incorporated into the version 2 draft but several of the graphics, including figures and tables, are still being updated to reflect the scope and data changes.

Through discussion, members decided to wait for the figures and tables to be updated and approve at the September MPC meeting.

## Approve July 2022 Minutes

Chelsea reviewed the July 2022 MPC meeting minutes. **Motion to approve:** Erik Olson, **Second:** Rikin Shah. Minutes were approved by consensus.

## Open Discussion

Zach Zornes, CHPD, and Chelsea presented the MPC Dashboard that Zach developed and is posted on the SharePoint as a tool for MPC members to help coordination and execution of study work.

## Decisions:

Minutes from July 2022 meeting were approved by consensus.

The Study Scope will be updated prior to the first Tuesday of September in advance of an expected vote for approval at the September MPC meeting.

## Actions:

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**Action item:** Add non-incumbent project transmission cost estimates discussion as agenda item on next Technical Team meeting, August 24.

## Representatives:

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| **NorthernGrid Member Attendance** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Member** | **Representative** | **Y** | **Alternate** | **Y** | **Count** |
| Avista | April Spacek | 1 | John Gross | 0 | 1 |
| BPA | Berhanu Tesema | 1 | Paul Nguyen | 1 | 1 |
| Chelan | Zach Zornes | 1 | Steve Wickel | 0 | 1 |
| MATL | Sharmen Andrew | 0 | Ani Chopra | 1 | 1 |
| IPC | Curtis Westhoff | 1 | Stephen Longmuir | 1 | 1 |
| NV Energy | Jyotsna Chatrati | 1 | Charles Pottey | 1 | 1 |
| NorthWestern | Matt Stajcar | 1 | Kim McClafferty | 1 | 1 |
| PAC | Rikin Shah | 1 | Kishore Patel | 0 | 1 |
| PGE | Ian Beil | 1 | Chris Kulink | 0 | 1 |
| PSE | Erik Olson | 1 | Emily Hnatishin | 1 | 1 |
| SCL | Rob Jones | 1 | Nima Miri | 0 | 1 |
| Sno PUD | Ken Che | 1 | John Martinsen | 0 | 1 |
| Tacoma | Khanh Thai | 0 | Megan Cammarano | 0 |  |
| EPSC Enrolled Party Chair | Graham Retzlaff | 1 |  | 0 | 1 |
| EPSC State Chair | Chris Parker | 1 |  | 0 | 1 |
| **Support** |  |  | **Quorum** | Y | **14** |