

**Members Planning Committee (MPC) Meeting – October 26, 2022**

Minutes captured by Scott Beyer, WPP

## Introductions

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

## Scope Posting and Website Update

Chelsea shared the NorthernGrid website with the 2022-23 Study Scope posting completed and briefly walked through the final document. Chelsea also showed the new Subscribe feature available on the lower bar of the site allowing people to sign on for automatic notification on any updates and postings.

## Technical Update

Ben Hutchins provided an update on the current status of the 2022-23 study case build process and topology merging. Ben described a few challenges being worked through on the case comparison and topology updates to ensure changes in buses and branches do not result in unconnected facilities and to ensure the final cases look the same at the 200 kV and above level to aid in the contingency analysis.

## Economic Study Request Update

Chelsea provided a high level update on both Economic Study Request studies. For the off-shore wind study, the initial cases are in development and initial results are anticipated in the middle of November. A small technical team will meet to discuss to the mitigations to resolve any deficiencies identified in the assessment. In the pumped storage study, work on initial Production Cost Model (PCM) development is beginning. The PCM will be built from the WECC Anchor Data Set.

## Non-Jurisdictional Member Planning Committee (MPC) Co-Chair

The two-year term for Zach Zornes, Chelan PUD, as the Non-Jurisdictional MPC Co-Chair ends in December. Zach provided an overview of the Co-Chair position and the value it provides to the study process. Chelsea encouraged non-jurisdictional members to consider who should be the next Co-Chair.

## NorthernGrid 101 Presentation Development

Chelsea asked for participants for the task force to develop the NorthernGrid 101 presentation in 2023. At the November 14 Member Committee (MC) meeting, MC participants will discuss the training, format and timing.

## Annual Interregional Coordination Discussion

The Annual Interregional Coordination Discussion will be held on March 9, 2023 in Tempe, Arizona, hosted by WestConnect. Anticipate that WPP Staff and the MPC Co-Chairs will participate in the meeting, hopefully in-person. Encourage other MPC participants to join as well, either in-person or virtually. The discussions are informative and important to the regional planning process.

## September Meeting Minutes

The September 21, 2022 Meeting Minutes were reviewed. Berhanu Tesema, BPA, asked for a demonstration of where to access the meeting minutes. Chelsea provided an overview of the SharePoint folder structure and meeting minutes location. Berhanu noted that signing into the SharePoint is problematic. Chelsea will start posting meeting minutes for both MPC and MC to the NorthernGrid.net website going forward.
**Motion to approve:** April Spacek, **Second:** Curtis Westhoff. **Approved by consensus.**

## Open Discussion

WECC RAC and RRC strategic alignment meeting held last week to discuss the risk priorities and identify which subcommittees and workgroups are responsible for those priorities. Chelsea encouraged WECC RAC participants and stakeholders to respond to the WECC stakeholder input survey.

<https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=XTBv_SnJEE6dRi5wWKrl5o7EtBLNCh5Dlz4WOcZXyWBUNURJTUg1MVpNTjJGN0ZES1RPVVNTTVlEQS4u>

Rikin Shah, PacifiCorp, noted the importance of the case build process and importance supporting the ADS case timing so that it is available for

## Decisions:

Minutes from September 2022 meeting were approved by consensus.

## Actions:

**Action:** Chelsea to post meeting minutes to NorthernGrid.net website going forward.

## 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 | Darren Bonar | 1 | 1 |
| IPC | Curtis Westhoff | 1 | Stephen Longmuir | 1 | 1 |
| NV Energy | Jyotsna Chatrati | 0 | Charles Pottey | 1 | 1 |
| NorthWestern | Matt Stajcar | 1 | Kim McClafferty | 1 | 1 |
| PAC | Rikin Shah | 1 | Brett Allsup | 0 | 1 |
| PGE | Ian Beil | 0 | 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 | 1 | Megan Cammarano | 0 |   |
| EPSC Enrolled Party Chair | Graham Retzlaff | 1 |   | 0 | 1 |
| EPSC State Chair | Chris Parker | 1 |   | 0 | 1 |
|  |   |   | **Quorum** | Y | **14** |