

# **RTO West Stage Two Development**

## **Process Proposal<sup>1</sup> December 14, 2000**

### ***Stage Two Development Process Narrative***

1. The Stage Two Development Process design is based upon the requirements of individual Stage Two Products (“Product”). A candidate list of Stage Two Products is attached.
2. Each Product is assigned a Product Manager (Filing Utility representative or Coordinating Team member). Each Product Manager is responsible for timely delivery to the Filing Utilities of his or her assigned Product in a form suitable for inclusion in the FERC filing package.
3. Product content is grouped into five content areas (“Area”): (1) Market Design, (2) Operations, Planning, Implementation, (3) Pricing, (4) Interfaces, and (5) Tariff Structure.
4. Each Area is assigned a primary and secondary leader (Coordinating Team members). These “Content Group Leaders” will work with the Product Managers to identify necessary product inputs and to develop detailed Product and Area work plans (needed input, open issues, remaining work, “Content Group” design, and schedule for issue resolution and production work). Once the Filing Utilities have approved the work plan, the Content Group Leaders will be responsible for assisting the Filing Utility representatives and others to develop and provide timely, necessary product inputs to the Product Managers.
5. Content Groups will be established based upon Product and Area work plans. The scope and focus of these groups will be tailored to a Product’s needs (rather than having a single work group for an Area). The majority of Content Groups will be open to all interested persons, including Federal Energy Regulatory Commission representatives, and the Content Group Leaders will identify a core membership of key participants (both Filing Utility representatives and others) and encourage them to participate. Some tasks will involve bilateral negotiations or a Content Group made up of a subset of interested persons.
6. If a Content Group is unable to reach consensus on an issue in a timely (and prescheduled) basis, the Content Group Leader will bring the issue to the Regional Representatives Group, which will be briefed and asked to seek consensus on the issue. Regional Representatives Group meetings will only be

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<sup>1</sup> The success of this approach depends upon the ability of all of the Stage Two Development Process participants to make consensus recommendations on a timely and scheduled basis so that they can move on to other issues. The Filing Utilities will develop written ground rules that they will ask the participants to consider adopting so that everyone is aware of and agrees to the Stage Two process rules.

held when there are specific issues to be addressed. (For administrative purposes, Regional Representatives Group members will be asked to reserve every other Friday morning for a possible meeting, and will be notified early in the meeting week whether a meeting will take place.) The meetings will be open to all interested persons including Federal Energy Regulatory Commission representatives. Every effort will be made to provide written meeting materials to the Regional Representatives Group as far in advance of a meeting as possible.

7. If the Regional Representatives Group cannot reach consensus, the Filing Utilities will be asked to resolve the issue promptly so that Product development can continue.
8. The Filing Utilities will endeavor to incorporate the consensus recommendations of the Content Groups and Regional Representatives Group into the Stage Two filing. It is possible, however, that when the individual components of the Stage Two package are combined, there may be unexpected or unintended consequences. The Filing Utilities have the discretion to modify provisions of consensus recommendations in order to achieve a final Stage Two package that all of the Filing Utilities can support. If the Filing Utilities determine that it is necessary to modify a consensus recommendation, to the extent time allows, they will communicate this to the Regional Representatives Group and ask for their input on the modifications.

#### ***Regional Public Meetings***

1. A “Stage Two Kickoff Meeting” will be held on December 15, 2000 for the primary purpose of getting the input of the region on the Stage Two Process.
2. A Regional Overview Meeting will be held on January 5, 2001 to present the final list of Stage Two Products and associated work plans.
3. A Regional Overview Meeting will be held a few weeks before the Stage Two filing to present the Stage Two package to the region.

## **Candidate List of Stage Two Products**

### **Stage Two Products Identified in Stage One Filing**

Filing Letter

RTO Tariff (and a complete description of the initial tariff design)

TOA Exhibits

    Initial Allocation of FTRs

    List of Flowpaths

    Transfer Payments

    List of Facilities

Partial TOA

Suspension Agreement Exhibit

Paying Agent Agreement

Load Integration Agreement

Generation Integration Agreement

Security Coordinator Agreement

Scheduling Coordinator Agreement

Canadian Participation Agreements

Seams Agreements/MOUs (The filing letter conditions export treatment on the assumption that there will be reciprocity)

Various Planning Processes (allocation process, interconnection standards, transmission adequacy standards, etc.)

### **Matters That Need to be Addressed but That Don't Necessarily Fall Within an Identified Product**

Interface of RTO and PNCA and Hourly Coordination

### **Possible Additional Work Streams**

Coordination of State Filings

Limited Coordination of Distribution Tariffs

Responses to FERC Directives

Responses to Interventions and Comments

Implementation

WIO/WSCC

Finance Matters