

# RTO Regional Representatives Group

Sheraton Portland Airport Hotel

Thursday, June 15, 2000

9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

## Minutes

### 1. Sovereign Tribes Issue,

Margie Schaff presented a list of tribal issues on RTO Formation that reflected a consensus by ATNI member tribes, and a summary of ATNI -EDC principles. Both documents have been posted on the RTO West website.

Margie said that the BPA will be doing government to government outreach on BPA/tribal issues with individual tribes.

John Boucher stated that the #25 on the revised Consensus Issues (posted on web site) was entirely consistent with the ATNI documents. He said that the all issues identified as important by the sovereign tribes would be referred to the Seams, Transmission Planning, and Legal Work Groups, with the latter taking the lead role.

### 2. Work group reports. (Summaries of presentations a - f are posted on web site)

a. Transmission Pricing Work Group, Dave Hackett

The Filing Utilities are willing to provide the data that defines the facilities and associated attributes for each of the three scenarios directed by the RRG (IndeGO data, 7 factor test, 7 factor test plus wholesale). The Filing Utilities are concerned about the amount of time and effort required to provide data in the aggregate form, much less to provide it in a disaggregated form. This is a big concern for those utilities that have not previously provided one or more of the data sets. At their option, they will either provide data via a template or share their backup (e.g., as simple as notes on the back of an envelope to a more formal approach) used to derive the data for the aggregated data templates. The Transmission Pricing WG is to work with each of the data supplying utilities to promptly provide the data as it becomes available.

b. Congestion Management Work Group, Dave Hackett

c. Seams Work Group, Barney Speckman

d. Market Monitoring Work Group, John Boucher for Kristi Wallis

e. Transmission Planning Work Group, John Boucher for Kristi Wallis

f. Legal Work Group, Barney Speckman

g. Benefit/Cost Work Group. Phil Carver said that interested parties had met to discuss what the Benefits/Cost Work Group could accomplish. The Work Group will not attempt to produce hard B/C figures. Quantitative analysis will be very limited. Qualitative assessment is a much more realistic expectation for the Work Group. He will schedule further meetings and report on progress to the next RRG meeting.

### 3. Report on RTO Filing Utilities Trip to Washington, DC

Penny Olds and Bud Krogh reported on the Filing Utilities visit to FERC and Congressional delegations. Response was very positive -- James Hoecker, Chairman, FERC: "not only the most ambitious but also, to date, the most well organized of these regional [RTO] efforts." This quote is from Chairman Hoecker's June 15<sup>th</sup> letter that is posted on the RTO West WEB site.

John Boucher announced that the next RRG meeting would be June 23 at the Airport Sheraton, with another meeting tentatively scheduled for July 19.