

Transmission Planning Workshop

June 13, 2000 (30 participants)

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- Great workshop!! A lot of useful information was presented which sparked considerable discussion.
- The work group has some new insights into some of its issues, including the authority of the RTO with respect to main grid facilities, the relationship of the RTO to local planning, and a possible continuum of planning scenarios.
- What is the involvement of the RTO (if any) in local planning (although the Planning Work Group will need more input from the Pricing Work Group before addressing this issue).

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The issues to be addressed include:

- Should the RTO have more authority than IndeGO would have had (regarding expansion decisions and, possibly, other planning functions)
- What mechanism should the RTO use to distinguish between reliability and transfer capability?
- What are the specifics of the market-driven expansion approach?
- What is the role of the ITC for planning purposes and is it different from any other transmission owner?

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Second Meeting – June 9 (23 participants)

- Consensus: Retain significant portions of the IndeGO planning proposal, but consider whether modifications are appropriate to address specific issues.
- The basic approach to be carried forward includes:
 - **Distinction between main grid and local facilities.**
 - **Distinction between reliability and transfer capability.**