

RTO Regional Representatives Group

Sheraton Portland Airport Hotel

Wednesday, May 31, 2000

9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Minutes

Agenda items:

- 1) Review of newly framed issues (John Boucher)
 - a) Retail Load Access to the RTO system (Melinda Davidson, Stan Berman)
 - b) Sovereign Tribes (Denise Dailey, Margaret Schaff)
- 2) Reports from RTO Work Groups
 - a) Introduction/Overview (John Boucher)

All work groups have met at least once, and have set a schedule of meetings throughout the summer. Meeting schedule will be posted on RTO West web site ([www. rtowest.org](http://www.rtowest.org))

Noted that much work was done in smaller groups, and that the main WG meetings were used to develop consensus on recommendations.

Typical Work Group agenda:

- Review issues assigned by RRG
- Define and prioritize tasks.
- Create plan and schedule for accomplishing tasks.
- Goal is bullet recommendations by the end of July and white paper in August.

- b) Transmission Pricing WG (Dave Hackett)
- c) Congestion management WG (Dave Hackett)
- d) Ancillary Services WG (Barney Speckman)
- e) Seams WG (Barney Speckman)
- f) Transmission Planning WG (Kristi Wallis)
- g) Market Monitoring WG (Kristi Wallis)
- h) Implementation WG (John Boucher)
- i) Legal WG (Barney Speckman)

Presentation overhead summaries were passed out at the meeting and are available on the RTO West web site.

3) Filing Utilities Presentation and RRG Discussion on Development of "White Paper" on RTO benefits.

Options discussed:

- Establish a group from filing utilities.
- Work group from RRG

Form group co-chaired by 1) filing utility rep, and 2) CREPC rep, any interested party can participate. RECOMMENDED

Develop a white paper and bring back to RRG for consideration

4) Location of RTO West operations center.

The Filing Utilities identified Dittmer as the primary control center. BPA personnel would be transitioned out of Dittmer to allow it to eventually become an RTO-only facility, with the possible exception as emergency back-up for BPA Monroe.

The Filing Utilities proposed that the backup center should be provided by an Investor Owned Utility. The RRG raised the following points for the Implementation Work Group's consideration in assessing a backup:

1. Should the backup execute a portion of the RTO's daily functions?
 2. Should the backup provide limited or full backup capability?
 3. What role could local control areas perform?
- 5) Don Furman, representing the Filing Utilities, discussed the general support for load-based pricing and the data collection difficulty to address generation-based pricing.

Discussion: The RRG instructed the Transmission Pricing WG to focus on load-based pricing. However, alternatives would be considered if the model and data were developed outside of work group and submitted in a timeframe consistent with the development of the load-based model.

- 6) Master calendar and schedule. Now posted on RTO West web site.
- 7) Neutral note taker at Filing Utility Meetings. Kristi Wallis described her role, and the process by which she will produce neutral minutes of the Filing Utilities' meetings for benefit of non-filing entities.
- 8) Glossary of terms. Bud Krogh said this is in process of development, and will be posted on RTO West web site.