



NWRTO

(Northwest Regional Transmission Organization)

Collaborative Process

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Workshop

April 12th, 2000

RTO Filing Utilities

- Avista Corp.
- Bonneville Power Administration
- Idaho Power Co.
- Montana Power Co.
- Nevada Power Co
- PacifiCorp
- Portland General Electric Company
- Puget Sound Energy Inc.
- Sierra Pacific Power Company

Regional Discussions on RTO Issues in Process

- NRTA hosted workshop, Portland 3/20/00
 - Consensus Principles
 - Form and Structure
 - Preliminary Issues
 - Process
- FERC hosted RTO workshop, Las Vegas on March 23-24

Regional Discussions on RTO Issues in Process

- NWRTO workshop Portland 4/12/00
 - NWRTO Collaborative Process Plan
- Future discussion with other regional parties
 - CREPC
 - Canada
 - Others

Northwest RTO Collaborative Process Plan

- Background
 - RTO Filing Utilities seek broad regional input
 - RTO Filing Utilities obligated to file proposal with FERC 10/15/00
- 2 Over-riding Messages RTO Filing Utilities have heard from regional parties
 - desire to be “at the table”
 - RTO Filing Utilities not to advance “private agenda” not shared in public process

Northwest RTO Collaborative Process Plan

- Proposed Collaborative Process Plan responds to these messages and is offered to achieve consensus on the collaborative process
- Five Elements
 - RTO Regional Representatives Group
 - RTO Filing Utilities
 - Work Groups
 - RTO Regional Workshops
 - www.nwrto.org

Collaborative Process Plan: Elements

- RTO Regional Representatives Group
 - Functions:
 - examine issues
 - strive for consensus
 - not a vote-taking nor a negotiating group
 - strive to produce the best achievable NWRTO proposal
 - Manageable in number - approximately 20
 - Have expertise and speak with authority from the interests they represent

Collaborative Process Plan: Elements

- Regional Representatives Group (more)
 - Must work constructively and cooperatively
 - Representatives will need to consider the NWRTO effort as their **highest priority** and devote **substantial time and effort** in its cause

Collaborative Process Plan: Elements

- **Regional Representatives Group (more)**

- **Proposed Representatives:**

- RTO Filing Utilities
- The States (CREPC)/
small customers
- Canada
- Public Transmission
Owners (Northwest)
- Transmission dependent
Utilities
- Eastside Public Utilities
- IPPs / Transmission Owner
Merchant Functions
- Direct Service Industries
- Large Industrial Customers
- Environmental/Renewable
Resources Entities
- Marketers
- Tribes

Collaborative Process Plan: RTO Filing Utilities

- Activities
 - Participate fully in collaborative process
 - Will meet legal responsibilities to develop and submit RTO proposal to FERC by 10/15/00
 - Retain and direct project managers
 - Establish work streams and decision timelines
 - Where consensus is not achieved resolve issues and propose solutions to FERC

Collaborative Process Plan: RTO Filing Utilities

- Meetings
 - Need to meet among themselves as necessary
 - Will arrange for a neutral observer to attend meetings and prepare meeting notes for posting on the NWRTO web site

Collaborative Process Plan: Work Groups

- Activities
 - Research, analyze, update, evaluate and discuss all relevant technical material
 - Develop designated technical elements of the filing proposal
 - Prepare extensive documentation to support filing

Collaborative Process Plan: Work Groups

- Management
 - RTO filing utilities advance substantial financial resources to retain project managers
 - Project managers will manage and supervise work groups
 - Project managers will provide dynamic leadership to move work to completion

Collaborative Process Plan: Work Groups

- Membership Requires:
 - Individuals with expertise
 - Individuals make workgroup activities their highest priority
 - Commitment to work cooperatively and constructively
- Meetings open to public
- All materials posted to web site

Collaborative Process Plan: RTO Regional Workshops

- Purpose:
 - Communicate with larger group of interested parties throughout the development period
 - Enable RTO Filing Utilities and regional interests to report on progress and receive broad public input on RTO issues.
- Frequency
 - Approximately every 6 weeks through development period

Collaborative Process Plan: The Web Site -- www.nwrto.org

- Purpose
 - Primary link for sharing written materials and comments
- Contents
 - All work products from work groups, technical teams, and research and analysis groups will be posted
 - Calendars, notices of meetings, to be posted
- Interactive site