

RTO West
Seams Work Group
Meeting Minutes – Meeting S-01
Date: Tuesday, May 23, 2000
Time: 1:00 – 4:30
Place RTO West Offices, Portland
Minutes Dated May 29,2000

Meeting Summary

Agenda (Also Attached)

Work Group Members (Also Attached)

Attendees List Available Upon Request

Handouts

- Facility Map (previously distributed)
- RTO Principles and Form and Structure (listed on NW RTO web)
- Consensus List of Issues (listed on web)
- Roles and Responsibilities (distributed by email following meeting)

Calendar of Future Meetings/Activities

June 1, 2000 Next Seams Work Group Meeting in Portland

June 20/21 Seams Workshop In Salt Lake City

Highlights of Meeting by Agenda Item

- I Followed agenda as distributed. Discussed importance of muting phone when not speaking, for the benefit of others participating by phone.
- II All attendees introduced themselves and reviewed their relevant background.
- III Reviewed meeting as kickoff of effort to produce two major deliverables
 - High-level recommendations by end of July
 - Detailed white papers by mid-August
- IV Reviewed background including
 - Main focus – October filings with FERC
 - Las Vegas FERC Meeting and Communication of NW RTO
 - Formation of RRG and RRG Meetings and Focus

- Role of workshops and workgroups
- Consensus List of Issues
- Canadian – US Adjunct Committee
- Planned two day Seams Workshop June 20/21

V Discussed Issues assigned to Seams Workgroup
 Lead Responsibility for 1) pursuing price reciprocity (elimination of pancaking) with Calif. and other RTOs, 2) considering operational features to reduce scheduling, congestion, and other seams issues between NW and California, 3) integration and coordination with Canadian entities 4) addressing seams issues with transmission owning utilities within but not a part of the RTO, 5) clarifying roles and responsibility for reliability.

Shared responsibility for 1) transmission losses (with transmission pricing and congestion management work groups) and 2) control area functions (with implementation work group).

Reviewed role of work group and two principle deliverables, the bullet level recommendation to the RRG by end of July and the detailed recommendation white paper by mid August. We also discussed the potential involvement in the negotiation of price reciprocity agreements.

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 VIII After extensive discussion the group agreed that for the near term the issues the group was assigned to address should be broken in the five categories listed below and that a small team made up of work group members would develop a first cut list of issues in each category by 5/26. Also shown below are the individuals on each team and the team leader.

Price reciprocity. Would include all non-Canadian agreements/issues. A paper on this subject by Jim Byrne will be distributed to the entire wg.

Members Dennis Phillips, Co-Lead
 Wally Gibson, Co-Lead
 Rebecca Berdahl
 Kevin O'Meara

Operation, Scheduling and Reliability.

Members	Paul Arnold, Lead	
	Rebecca Berdahl	Steve Huhman
	Lisa Grow	Bob Harshbarger
	Dave Perrino	Ray Brush
	Mark Shank	

Canadian Integration/Coordination. Will include all potential issues including any potential price reciprocity agreements. In view of the work of the Canadian – US Adjunct Committee it was agreed that for the time being, issues to be dealt by this work group should be those associated with Canadian entities as non NW RTO members. For the time being, it is assumed that issues associated with Canadian entities becoming members of the NW RTO are being addressed by the adjunct committee.

Members Phil Park, Lead
 Cliff Perigo
 Chris Reese

Seams Internal to the RTO. To deal with issues associated with entities within the RTO who are non-members.

Members Kurt Conger, Lead
 Richard Goddard
 Doug Hunter

Congestion Issues.

Members Paul Arnold
 Larry Nordell
 Phil Park
 Jim Mosher

- IX It was agreed that in general meetings would be more effective if they were all day rather than half day meetings and that it was important to avoid conflict among work group meetings particularly with congestion management, ancillary services and transmission pricing. It was suggested that a standing time slot of Tuesday for a meeting if one were to be held in a given week would be the best.

It was agreed that for the next meeting given the short workweek and other conflicts that week the meeting should be held on Thursday June 1 from 9:30 to 5:00. It was agreed that to minimize the number of attendees that would have to fly in the day before meetings that meetings would begin at 9:30.

It was agreed that holding the two-day Seams Workshop in Salt Lake City would be best all things considered. The workshop which is jointly sponsored by the WMIC and the NW RTO will draw attendees from all over the WSCC region. The first day will focus on what is being pursued

throughout the region to address seams issues and the second day will be focused solely on dealing with the NW seams issues.

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