

RTO West
Seams Work Group
Meeting Minutes – Meeting S-02
Date: June 1, 2000
Place: RTO West Offices
Minutes Dated: June 6, 2000

Meeting Summary

Agenda - posted with minutes on web.

Work Group Membership List – posted on web.

Attendee List available upon request.

Next Meetings/Activities:

Conference call -- June 9, 12:00-1:30

Work Group Meeting -- June 15, 1:00 – 4:30

Future Work Group Meetings: Preferred day – Thursday

Action Items (due by next meeting):

- Dennis Philips to develop framework for Congestion at Seams
- Kurt Conger to update Internal Seams Issue paper
- Paul Arnold to update operating scheduling and reliability
- Barney Speckman to clarify roles and responsibility of Seams Work Group as it relates to reliability.

Highlights meeting by agenda item:

II Corrected leader of congestion management item
Dennis Phillips instead of Paul Arnold

II-a Agreed to use Word 95 for all documents.

Agreed that for now the work group would put issues into one of the following categories (baskets)

- Not certain if Seams WG issue, need RRG direction
- Not RTO issue
- RTO issue, but not Seams, refer to other WG or project office.
- Seams issue, to be dealt with by existing organization (i.e. WMIC)

- Seams issue that should be directed to a yet to be established organization (i.e. WIO)
- To be addressed by RTO once it becomes an entity.
- Seams Work Group (ours to solve)
 - Develop solution now (before October filing)
 - Develop process to solve

III. Dean Perry reviewed draft agenda for Day 1 (copy posted on web). Consensus that agenda was very well focused. Group provided Dean with eight issues to consider during Day 1 (listed below)

After extensive discussion group agreed on following format for Day 2.

- Focus on 2-3 highest priority RTO West issues.
- Build on Day 1 learnings.
- Principally a meeting of Seams Work Group, members from other work groups involved with 2-3 issues (i.e., Transmission Pricing for price reciprocity) and other interested NW Stakeholders
- Meeting would be open to others to observe.
- No presentations required by workshop leader
- Entire group to work on issues as a group (no parallel sessions)
- Top 2-3 issues to be chosen week of June 5.

IV .Reviewed Work Products

- Wally Gibson reviewed Price Reciprocity work product (posted). Discussed possible approaches to deal with cost shifts;
 - Ignore cost shifts
 - Reverse all cost shifts (or at least shifts between regions)
 - Base resultant shifts on outcome of negotiation (business based).
- Paul Arnold reviewed list and after extensive discussion planned to revise list. Significant discussion concerning whether RTO (ISOs) reliability role was or wasn't an issue for the Seams Work Group to address. No consensus. Several items referred to other work groups. (see below)
- Phil Park reported that based upon British Columbia's interest in becoming part of RTO West, the work group should assume for working purposes that RTO West includes BC and any "Seams issues" at US/Canadian border should be considered internal to RTO West and dealt with in a similar manner. B.C.- Alberta issues are still external Seams issues for RTO West and within Seams work scope.
- Discussed draft prepared by Kurt Conger, which Kurt plans to revise. Several items were referred to other WGs.
- Nothing to discuss at this time.

V. Deferred to future meeting.

VI. Decided Thursday would be standing meeting day of the Work Group if meeting is scheduled.

VII Tentatively agreed that following items should be referred to other work groups:

- From Internal Seams list (Kurt Conger author) to Implementation
 - Emergency re-dispatch
 - Disturbance/Restoration
 - Voltage control
 - Control hierarchy
 - Contingency/Coordinating parallel
 - Flow through non-RTO “shorts”
 - RAS coordination/limitations
 - From Internal Seams to Planning
 - Resolving planning conflicts
 - From Internal Seams to Transmission Pricing and CM
 - Island losses
 - From Internal Seams to Market Monitoring
 - Island facilities and need for market power test.
 - To Legal
 - Revenue requirement recovery, potential need to deal with in tariffs.
 - From operations, scheduling and reliability (Paul Arnold author)
 - To Transmission Planning
 - Coordinated planning to maintain capacity at interconnections.
 - Common methodology for facility.
 - From Operations to Implementation
 - Regional OTC study coordination
 - Common treatment of generation resources.
- Tentatively agreed that top 8 issues for the Seams WG at this time are (not necessarily in priority order)
 - Major loop flow
 - Congestion management at seams
 - Curtailment procedures
 - Coordination of Commercial scheduling and settlement practices
 - Coordinated outage planning
 - Price reciprocity

- Reliability roles and responsibilities.

Prepared by Barney Speckman, Seams Work Group Leader
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