

Regional Representatives Group (RRG)

Platform for Independent Entity Further Discussion Items Bought Up at RRG Meeting November 20, 2003

Clarify authority of Independent Entity (initially and throughout transition)

Transmission Operating Agreement (TOA)/Other Agreements

- Role of TOA
- Describe contents of TOA
- Identify and describe other needed agreements

Governance

- Trustee Selection Committee (TSC) consultation process
 - More specifics on process
 - Consider whether some categories should require multiple TSC votes
 - Expand or restrict categories? (For example, shifting to single tariff)
 - Numbers for TSC vote
 - More specifics regarding predicates for conversion to financial rights
- Criteria that Board applies when making decisions that do not require TSC consultation, in particular, decisions regarding staging

Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR)

- Specifics of process (different than Stage 2, need to consider recent rulings that affect BPA's participation in ADR)
- Application of ADR for customer/transmission owner disputes and customer/Independent Entity disputes

Technical Workability of Platform

- Contract path/flow based
- New rights

Initial Stage

- Inventory the Independent Entity's role and responsibilities in the initial stage
- Initial operations – be specific about what is encompassed and when it would happen
- Need for coherent beginning state

Markets/Ancillary Services Market

- More specifics
- What does voluntary participation mean?
- Role of Independent Entity in markets

Consolidated Control Areas

- Specifics
- Possible application of Independent Entity's governance rules to consolidated control areas

Expansion

- More specifics regarding the criteria that the Independent Entity will use in determining whether it should exercise its TTC and reliability backstop authority (what are the limitations on the Independent Entity?)
- More specifics on the timeline for TSC consultation and Board action on chronic, commercial congestion backstop

Fixed Cost Recovery

- Logistics of how to apply company rates to platform (initial stage and throughout transition)
- New rights – allocation of dollars
- Non-firm revenues – does Stage 2 proposal work with the platform?
- Will platform alter behavior? If so, what effect do behavior changes have on the pricing model?
- Consider whether proposal is best approach to transition from company rates

Market Monitoring and Data Repository

- More detail

Facilities Inclusion

- Acknowledge facilities inclusion principles

States' and Provinces' Roles

- Refine states' and provinces' roles
- Area-specific definition (e.g., planning and expansion)

Needed Regulatory Approval/Filing Process (Filing Utility Discussion)

- Can the first filing result in regulatory approval for all stages?
- Scope of filing
- Audience
- Timeline
- Process

Develop a Common Message About Platform