

**Brief Summary of RTO West RRG Meeting
August 6, 2003**

Introduction

This summary is intended to describe some of the major topics of discussion during the August 6, 2003 meeting of the RTO West Regional Representatives Group (RRG). It is not intended to be a verbatim transcript of anyone's remarks, and it is not intended to suggest that any particular representative or entity at the RRG meeting agreed with or endorsed the views described in this summary.

Overview of Meeting

- The August 6, 2003 RRG meeting was held at the Sheraton Portland Airport Hotel from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Approximately 50 parties attended, including approximately 25 designated RRG representatives. Five state representatives attended the RRG meeting, and two state representatives listened by phone.
- The July 31st RRG meeting was summarized.
 - The RRG spent most of this meeting working through (but not completing) the list of problems and opportunities by category to assess whether there was a consensus that a problem or opportunity warranted action.
 - The Coordinating Team compiled written highlights of discussion and a summary of the consensus reached or status of each category.
 - Also, the RRG decided on a meeting schedule to "Complete Initial Steps Related to Regional Transmission Issues." Two-day RRG meetings were set for August 20 and 21, September 3 and 4, and September 10 and 11.
- On August 6th the RRG continued discussing what problems and opportunities warranted action, evaluating categories on the list that were not completed at the July 31st meeting. The RRG finished evaluating the entire list, and the Coordinating Team will post the list in the form it was recorded at the meeting ("as is"). Additionally, the Coordinating Team will further refine the list and send the list to the RRG for feedback on misstatements or omissions. The list, factoring in the input, will be sent with corrections to the RRG before the August 20-21 meeting.

Regional Transmission Problems and Opportunities List – Continued Discussion

At the July 31st meeting the transmission providers requested inclusion of a disclaimer in the written notes of these discussions that any statement of a consensus that a regional problem or opportunity exists is not an indication that a particular transmission provider agrees that the problem exists on its own system or has a duty or responsibility under tariff, law, or regulation to correct the problem. There was no objection to the disclaimer.

- Continuing to work through the list of problems and opportunities by category, the RRG discussed whether there was a consensus that a problem or opportunity warranted action (but not what that action might be, if any, and not what entity would be responsible for implementing the action or how the action may be taken).

- Picking up discussions from the previous meeting, the RRG evaluated
 - a reorganized “Access” category;
 - the subcategories of “Lack of price signals” and “Problems with dealing with multiple transmission systems/providers”;
 - the area of “Losses, loss methodology”;
 - a list of “Operational and Reliability Concerns”; and
 - “Obstacles or Uncertainties Associated with Long-Term Investment”, with reorganized subcategories.
 - Problems or opportunities associated with implementing changes were listed under “Implementation Issues and General Concerns; Constraints on Solution Sets.”
- The list, as it was re-worked and clarified at the meeting, will be posted.
- In general, problems and opportunities remained on the list, with the notes describing that there was general acknowledgement that problems warranted action and/or exploration of ways to approach the problem for better outcomes. Some participants expressed reservations about whether certain subcategories, e.g., lack of price signals, warranted action.

Steps to Finalize the Lists of Opportunities and Problems that Warrant Action

- The Coordinating Team will post the list, as it was developed at the meeting, of problems and opportunities and recorded consensus.
- The Coordinating Team will integrate and refine the list and post the refined list for RRG input on misstatements or omissions (but not elaboration).
- The Coordinating Team will factor in the input from RRG and again repost the refined list before the August 20-21 meeting.
- The RRG will briefly “error check” the list at the August 20-21 meeting.

Next RRG Meeting August 20 and 21

- The next meeting of the RRG is Wednesday, August 20, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Thursday, August 21, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. PDT at the Sheraton Portland Airport Hotel. The proposed focus of the meeting is:
 - Discussions on next initial step question: For problems and opportunities that warrant action, “Is an independent regional transmission entity the vehicle to solve the problems and capitalize on the opportunities?”

RRG Meeting Schedule

- Future two-day meetings of the RRG are scheduled in Portland for:
 - Wednesday, September 3, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Thursday, September 4, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. PDT
 - Wednesday, September 10, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Thursday, September 11, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. PDT
- By September 11, the goal is to work through and answer the Initial Steps questions and decide on an approach for developing solutions.