

Grid West Near Term Services Status for May RRG Meeting

At the last RRG meeting we introduced the idea of staging into Grid West through offerings of near term services. Following that meeting people volunteered to form discussion groups on legal aspects and sample services.

The Legal & Governance Group:

- Identified areas of major interest
 - What triggers FERC jurisdiction?
 - What authority for action do we have in the Developmental Bylaws?
 - What happens if Decision Point 4 is not approved?
 - What internal issues should utilities consider in preparation?
- Developed some base line information about where we are and what is needed in each area of major interest.
- Determined that legal answers are quite dependent on the specifics of services being proposed.

The group will revisit each of the interest areas as additional service information becomes available.

The Sample Services Group:

Continued developing initial ideas for near term services in the same three areas identified at the last RRG meeting.

- Control Area Services
 - Looking at four stages with fourth being TSLG RBS
 - Criteria for a “stage” – practical, safe, helpful, acceptable
 - The first two stages have received attention so far:
 - First– simple shared regulation pool with allocated ACE
 - Second – add a facilitated bilateral market for reserves (at least regulation)
- Planning
 - Still considering the general framework described at last RRG meeting
 - Grid West staff (in cooperation with utilities and others) conducts regional planning studies
 - Grid West processes long term service requests, moving to a single regional queue for multi-system requests
 - Doing the impact and facility studies gives Grid West an opportunity to specify construction projects
- Market Monitoring
 - Grid West will initially support the SSG-WI pilot project
 - Continuing programs will be developed for monitoring west wide and northwest markets based on the results of the pilot project
 - Custom reporting can also be provided for utilities that have a need for individual monitoring

Report – business structure, mechanics and required resources for each service element