

**March 2016 Network Operating Committee (NOC) – Meeting Notes****Attendance**

List of Attendees (customers/companies either via phone or in-person):

- Inland Power
- Clark PUD
- Northern Wasco PUD
- Mason 3 PUD
- Northwest Requirements Utilities (NRU on behalf of multiple utilities)
- Columbia River PUD
- Washington Public Agencies Group (WPAG)
- Eugene Water and Electric Board (EWEB)
- PacifiCorp
- Salem Electric
- Whatcom County PUD No. 1
- Emerald PUD
- McMinnville Light and Power
- Flathead Electric

Bonneville Power Administration Attendees:

- Linda Hofmann (Transmission Operations)
- Melanie Jackson (Transmission Account Executive)
- Milos Bosanac (Transmission Policy)
- Lauren Nichols Kinas (Transmission Policy)
- Mike Norris (Transmission Reservation Desk)
- Kendall Rydell (Transmission Planning)

**Meeting Objectives**

- Review draft NOC Charter for ratification.
- Provide an update on following topics:
  - NT Service on OASIS (NITS on OASIS) Implementation
  - Transmission Load Service (NT Planning) Initiative
  - Transmission Operations Update
  - Transmission Planning Update

Meeting materials page:

<https://www.bpa.gov/transmission/CustomerInvolvement/NTService/Pages/Meetings.aspx>

**Topic – Welcome and Introductions**

On March 8, 2016, BPA held the Network Operating Committee (NOC) meeting as required under section 35.3 of BPA's Open Access Transmission Tariff (OATT).

The NOC is composed of NT Customers (or identified representatives) and BPA representatives and is established to coordinate the operating and technical criteria for the respective responsibilities under the Network Operating Agreement (NOA).

The meetings are to be held at least once each calendar year.

### **Topic - Network Operating Committee Charter Ratification**

Section 35.3 of BPA's OATT provides the general description and purpose of the NOC – to coordinate the operating and technical criteria for the respective responsibilities under the NOA. During the last NOC Meeting (June 2014), BPA and the NT Customers agreed to develop a simplified NOC Charter describing the purpose of the NOC and the conducting of the meetings.

The updated draft NOC Charter discussed during the March 2016 meeting contains addresses the following elements:

- Authority & Purpose
- Committee Membership
- Committee Meetings Logistics
- NOC Responsibilities

**TASK/REQUEST FOR NOC REPRESENTATIVES** – NOC Members are requested to review the draft NOC Charter and provide suggested redlines and/or provide affirmative ratification/approval of the charter. The response should be provided to:

- Milos Bosanac – [mxbosanac@bpa.gov](mailto:mxbosanac@bpa.gov) AND
- Your Transmission Account Executive (email).

To the extent that the member does not affirmatively respond, it will be deemed as approval of the charter as written.

Responses requested by **March 24, 2016**.

### **Topic – NT Service on OASIS (NITS on OASIS)**

The Open Access Same Time Information System (OASIS) is a type of industry-wide functionality developed to enable the submission of Transmission Service Requests (TSR) and reservation of transmission service. In Order 890, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) directed the North American Energy Standards Board (NAESB) to develop necessary standards and functionality to enable the orderly reservation of NT Service on OASIS.

NAESB completed the “NITS on OASIS” standards development in 2013 and in September 2014, through Order 676-H, the FERC approved the NITS on OASIS standards for industry implementation. Under the FERC Order, jurisdictional utilities have until late April 2016 to implement the NITS on OASIS functionality. Currently, a number of utilities are seeking an extension of the timeframe for implementation of NITS on OASIS.

As noted in the NOC presentation on this topic, BPA is working toward meeting the late April timeline. However, due to the late release of the NITS on OASIS software to the industry and the need to ensure

appropriate compatibility of the functionality with other systems, and necessary training provided, BPA will continue monitoring the implementation timeframe and will keep customers informed.

See presentation for more details.

**Topic – NT Planning Project (Transmission Load Service Initiative)**

The presentation provided an introduction and overview of the Transmission Load Service (TLS) initiative. One of the key elements of the initiative is that BPA will develop an annual NT Planning Dialogue process aimed at developing 10-year Resource Forecasts by each NT Customer. BPA will utilize the resource forecast information in the relevant planning and Available Transfer Capability (ATC) studies.

BPA encourages NT Customers to stay engaged in the TLS initiative. For more information on the initiative, previous presentations on TLS topics, and future meeting times please refer to the following page on BPA's website:

<https://www.bpa.gov/transmission/CustomerInvolvement/TransmissionLoadService/Pages/Meetings.aspx>.

**Topic – Transmission Operations Update**

BPA provided a brief status presentation on operational topic – Transmission Congestion and Outage Update. The presentation in particular focused on historical trends regarding transmission curtailments (non-firm and firm curtailments).

BPA also provided an update regarding 2016 notable outages (see slides for identified outages). Customers interested in more information on upcoming outages, please refer to the following page on BPA's website - <https://www.bpa.gov/transmission/Reports/Pages/Proposed-Outages.aspx>.

**Topic – Transmission Planning Update**

BPA provided a brief update on transmission planning projects affecting NT Service. The presentation largely focused on topics that will be discussed further during the Attachment K meeting scheduled for March 16, 2016. In particular, the presentation provided an overview of the 2015 BPA Plan which identifies planned expansion projects, and provided examples of projects that are intended to enhance reliability for load service.

NT Customers are encouraged to attend the Attachment K Planning meetings and stay informed on projects across the system.

Link to Attachment K Meeting details -

<https://www.bpa.gov/PublicInvolvement/Cal/Pages/IndividualEvent.aspx?item=590>.

Link to Attachment K page and to request to receive Attachment K information through the mailing list - <https://www.bpa.gov/transmission/CustomerInvolvement/AttachmentK/Pages/default.aspx>.

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