

Southwest Power Pool
SEAMS PROJECT TASK FORCE MEETING

April 9, 2014

Conference Call

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Agenda Item 1 – Administrative Items

Seams Project Task Force (SPTF) Chair Jacob Langthorn, IV, OG&E, called the meeting to order at approximately 10:30 am. The following SPTF members were in attendance:

Jacob Langthorn, IV, OG&E;
Paul Malone, NPPD;
Bary Warren, Empire;
Alan Myers, ITC Great Plains;
Jason Shook, East Texas Cooperatives;
Sam Loudenslager, SPP Staff Secretary.

Chair Langthorn asked Staff to establish an SPTF exploder. The agenda for this first call is to make sure the members are clear on the objectives and to establish a calendar for future calls and meetings.

Chair Langthorn stated that the objective is to develop criteria that would be used to identify projects that would not be considered under the interregional Order 1000 process. The TF discussed cost allocation, project criteria and candidate projects. This discussion included (1) whether a minimum project size threshold was needed or possibly a minimum benefit level; and (2) possible reliability benefits. The TF discussed whether a “bright line” approach was appropriate. Meena Thomas, CAWG, noted that there was concern at CAWG that this process could lead to a number of seams projects and that some zones might benefit more than one zone. Ms. Thomas asked if one criterion might be for a project to be considered it would need to benefit more than one zone. Tom DeBaun, CAWG, asked about consideration of DC ties to the west and that the TF should keep in mind all the seams.

A schedule for future calls was established as follows:

May 1st – Conference Call from 8:30 to 10:00 am
May 16th – Conference Call from 8:30 to 10:00 am
June 18th – Meeting at AEP offices from 1:00 to 5:00 pm.

Staff was directed to distribute the Seams Project Task Force Scope; the Cost Allocation Principles for Seams Transmission Expansion Projects White Paper; the Order 1000 Interregional Policy Paper; and the Regional Cost Allocation Review Report.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:45 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sam Loudenslager
Staff Secretary