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Synergistic Planning Process Team Report

Action Item Time Line



Time Line

- **April 2009 – July 2009**
 - SPP staff will develop an action plan to address outstanding issues from this Report and present to the RSC and the BOD in July 2009.

- **April 2009 – October 2009**
 - *SPP staff, working with the MOPC, TWG, and ESWG, develop a list of Priority Projects that need to start before the completion of the first IPP for approval by the MOPC, CAWG, RSC, and BOD in October 2009, with a status report to the MOPC, RSC, and BOD in July 2009.*

 - **The SPPT recommends the RSC use the new "highway byway" methodology if it is approved in time to apply to the Priority Projects. However, if this work is not completed in time, the SPPT recommends the RSC use an existing cost allocation methodology with any appropriate waiver provisions for the approved Priority Projects.**

 - **RSC and CAWG identify the cost allocation appropriate for the list of Priority Projects for approval by the RSC and BOD in October 2009, with a status report to the MOPC, RSC, and BOD in July 2009.**
 - RSC should select an existing methodology or the new "highway/byway" cost allocation methodology

 - **Cost/Benefit Analysis of Priority Projects**



Time Line

- **April 2009 – April 2010**

- SPP staff supports jurisdictional utilities in discussions with their respective state commission's regarding methods for recovery of costs that are allocated from regional transmission projects. Beginning in October 2009, at each RSC and BOD meeting, SPP staff will provide a status report on the activities.



Time Line

- **April 2009 – January 2010**

- Complete IPP final approvals, develop detailed IPP process, file and receive regulatory approval for tariff language modifications required to implement process.
- SPP staff, working with the MOPC, TWG, and ESWG, develops the details of the IPP (including the cost-benefit analysis process) for action by the MOPC and BOD in January 2010, with status reports to the MOPC, RSC, and BOD in July and October 2009. SPP will perform the Reliability Assessment, but no EHV Overlay Study or additional Balanced Portfolio.
- RSC and CAWG develop "highway-byway" cost allocation for the projects from the IPP.
- Cost/Benefit Analysis of IPP Projects



Time Line

- **October 2009 – January 2010**
 - Seek FERC approval on any changes to the tariff or a possible waiver to implement the Priority Projects and cost allocation for the Priority Projects
- **October 2009 – April 2010**
 - Develop future scenarios that will be evaluated as part of the planning process. Scenarios will contain different resource planning based on changes in environmental law, financial conditions, fuel supply, and other potential impacts to the transmission system.



Time Line

- **January 2010 – April 2010**
 - Seek FERC approval on any changes to the Tariff to implement the IPP and its cost allocation.
- **January 2010 – December 2010**
 - SPP will perform the last Reliability Assessment, but no EHV Overlay study or additional Balanced Portfolio.
- **February 2010 – July 2010**
 - Once the “highway-byway” cost allocation design is complete, assess the impacts to phase out existing cost allocation methodologies and consider transitioning to the approved “highway-byway” methodology based upon the assessment. The RSC and BOD will seek any recommended approvals in June 2010 with status reports to the MOPC, RSC, and BOD in April and October 2009.



Time Line

- **April 2010 – January 2011**
 - The IPP process will be completed and implemented during the year with a recommendation to the BOD in January 2011.



Issues Outstanding

- Required 5yr review of base plan funding mechanism
- SPPT encourages the RSC to discuss the legal framework for cost recovery of a regional transmission system and to take the issues back to the respective state commissions for formal consideration.
- Seams



Questions?

SPP Staff