

MWG Call Summary
May 11, 2011, 3:00 p.m.

Attending: Hisham Choueiki, John Buechler, Erin Hogan, Tyler Ruthven, Randell Johnson, Maryam Sharif, Michael Goggin, Will Burns, Chris Hagman, Stan Hadley, Tom Schneider, Flora Flygt, Jonathan Forward, Jim Calore, Ryan Kind, Marya White, Steve Gaw

1. NEEM/Transmission Subteam update on transmission limits hardening methodology

- Tyler R. gave an update of the subteam's effort to develop a methodology for hardening the transfer limits from the soft constraints case(s).
 - The group is examining three options. Among subteam members, and, presumably, SSC members, there is concern about selecting one option based on the current data alone.
 - Subteam plans ask SSC to either A) decide on one of the three methodology options now, or B) ask the subteam run the various options on Future 2 & 3 data as soon as it is available, and decide at that point what methodology should be used.
 - It seems likely that the SSC will select option B, and wait until more data is available, but it seems worthwhile to make it clear that this would have scheduling implications.
- Some members asked whether it would be possible to do the initial runs of Futures 2 & 3 concurrently, so the SSC can examine all of the results at one time and make the decision at that point, rather than after the initial runs of Future 2 and again after the initial runs of Future 3. John Buechler posed this question to Ralph Luciani from CRA, who responded with concern that this would likely be infeasible due to the way they are sequencing the Future runs and the tight schedule they are facing.
- The groups agreed that the following changes would be made to the slides:
 - Add schedule slide to Option B
 - Change NEEM/Tx "decision" to "recommendation"
 - Add more explicit pros/cons for each methodology
 - Randell and NGOs will send numbers for higher and lower parameters

2. Finalizing data inputs and entering into Google Docs

- Caitlin and Catherine are working on a document that consolidates all of the SSC's decisions on modeling inputs.
- Basic sheets should all be available. Subteam leaders should go in and make changes and mark the sheet when they add a change.
- Erin will arrange a team leads call to make sure everyone is on the same page about putting the data in the spreadsheets.

3. Next steps

- Documents will be finalized and sent to the SSC as soon as possible.
- No MWG call next week.