



Eastern Interconnection Planning Collaborative

SSC Webinar/Conference Call

December 2, 2011, 11:00 AM-12:00 PM Eastern

Summary

### SSC Members in Attendance (by sector)

**End Users:** Ryan Kind, Sonny Popowsky, Garrett Bissell (alt. for Brenda Harris)

**Generation Owners:** Michael Goggin, Steve Gaw

**NGOs:** Andy Oliver, Beth Soholt, Wil Burns (alt. for Mark Brownstein)

**Public Power/TDUs:** Paul Malone, Tim Noeldner

**States:** Eric Callisto, Garry Brown, Kevin Gunn, Doug Nazarian, Lib Fleming, Sam Loudenslager (alt. for Elana Wills), Kim Jones (alt. for Ed Finley) Marya White (proxy for Jim Volz , David Boyd, and Jon McKinney)

**Transmission Owners:** Will Kaul, Paul Napoli

**Other Suppliers:** N/A

**Canada:** Rob Sinclair

**Ex Officio:** David Meyer, Alicia Dalton-Tingler

**Chairs:** Roy Thilly, Kevin Gunn

**EIPC:** David Whiteley, Jim Busbin, John Buechler

### 1. Introductory Remarks

Caitlin Ellsworth from The Keystone Center confirmed that there had been no nominations for new Chairs or suggestions for a different process, so Roy Thilly will be Chair and Kevin Gunn will be Vice Chair for the next six months (they will then switch positions for the remainder of 2012).

Kevin Gunn commended the SSC members on their submitted comments on the Phase I report, since they have improved the report-drafting process, but reminded the group that the stakeholders play an advisory role only when it comes to the Phase I Report, an EIPC deliverable to the Department of Energy (DOE).

### 2. Draft 4 of the Phase I Report (Jim Busbin, EIPC)

- Most stakeholder comments were accepted – some were accepted verbatim, others were reworded to integrate with the style and flow of the report.
- The Appendices of the Phase I Report as originally envisioned were becoming too voluminous for the desired size of the report; therefore, throughout the report, hyperlinks to supplemental documents will be used instead.
- The last round of comments is meant to be editorial and not substantive. The deadline for this round is **COB December 9**, and no comments will be considered after that date because it would not be possible to submit the report on time. Commenters should remember to send their comments to both EIPC and Keystone to ensure public, timely posting for the benefit of the whole SSC.
- The NGO and State sectors have had a short discussion on some language to add which more specifically explains the purpose of the report and provides context about stakeholder input to the

report. The interested parties will work with EIPC to find agreeable language on this issue in the next few days.

**3. Review of Phase II Schedule and Role of SSC (Dave Whiteley, EIPC)**

- An updated schedule will be distributed soon (to include specific meeting dates).
- In discussing the work of the TOTF, Dave Whiteley underlined the fact that the bulk of transmission analysis (conceptual ideas on added transmission facilities, technical discussion, etc.) would take place in the intense January-March time period, and advised TOTF representatives to stay in close contact with their SSC members, as well as Sector Caucuses.

**4. Closing comments/next steps**

- Space is strictly limited for TOTF meetings. Therefore TOTF members should register early, and few non-TOTF members will be able to attend in person. All interested parties are welcome to attend TOTF meetings remotely, via webinar.
- TOTF representatives should be sure to apply for CEII clearance.
- Keystone will soon distribute information about an upcoming informational SSC webinar with updates on studies undertaken by NGO sector and EISPC.