# North Carolina Transmission Planning Collaborative Oversight/Steering Committee (OSC) Meeting Highlights August 14, 2007 Raleigh, NC 10:00 AM EPT

**Attendees** 

**David Beam NCEMC Ed Ernst, Chair Duke Energy Bob Pierce Duke Energy ElectriCities Clay Norris** Rich Wodyka Gestalt **Andy Fusco ElectriCities** Nina McLaurin **Progress Energy Progress Energy Bryan Guy Jeff Trepel Duke Energy Art Hubert ElectriCities Diane Huis NCEMC Shelton Cannon (on phone for Cost Allocation discussion) FERC Tony Ingram (on phone for Cost Allocation discussion) FERC Kim Jones (Cost Allocation discussion) NCUC Steptoe & Johnson for** Jennifer Kev **Duke Energy** 

Jennifer Key Steptoe & Johnson for Duke Energy
Pam Kozlowski Gestalt
Rick Feathers NCEMC

Sam Waters Progress Energy
Mark Byrd Progress Energy

### 1. Administrative

- The OSC Chair called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM.
- Mr. Ernst requested revisions to meeting minutes. The July 17, 2007 minutes and highlights were approved with minor revisions.
- Diane Huis will replace RB Sloan as OSC rep from NCEMC. Charles Askey (NCEMC consultant) will be removed from both the OSC and the PWG. These changes were approved.
- NCEMC will host future Raleigh OSC meetings starting with the October, 2007 meeting.
- The TAG meeting was rescheduled for the afternoon of Monday September 17 in Raleigh (NCEMC). The purpose of this meeting is to present the draft Attachment K that will be posted and gather feedback. The status of the PWG studies for 2007 will also be presented.

### 2. FERC Order 890

• Cost Allocation Principle Discussion Shelton Cannon and Tony Ingram of FERC joined the meeting via conference call for a discussion on the Transmission Cost Allocation and Regional Planning proposals being considered for the Attachment K filings. Mr. Trepel summarized "NCTPC Transmission Cost Allocation Methodology for Economic Upgrades". Mr. Cannon gave positive feedback based on what FERC is looking for and what others are considering. Mr. Cannon encouraged the NCTPC to define the process in as much detail as possible and to work with neighbors outside the NCTPC such as Southern and TVA to come to agreement on resolution of these issues across a larger regional footprint. Mr. Cannon said that the worst outcome that he envisions is that a project will be identified that makes a lot of economic sense but a resolution can not be reached on the details that would allow it to move forward. Mr. Shelton does expect the cost allocation work to be an ongoing, maturing task. In general, the message is that FERC wants up-front certainty on cost allocation and they want it to be as formulaic and detailed as possible.

A sub-team consisting of one representative from each company with Ms. Key and Mr. Wodyka will continue adding detail to the NCTPC Transmission Cost Allocation Methodology for Economic Upgrades. They will also refine the Cost Allocation Methodology for Reliability Projects as time permits.

Southeastern Region Planning Update
 Progress and Duke met in Atlanta last week with Southern, TVA, Santee, SCEG, GTC, AECI, and Entergy – essentially transmission owners in the Southeast. The meeting started with a general discussion of the SEARUC technical conference in Little Rock. The consensus was that the parties needed to do something in the broader regional area ("super regional"). Discussed participation and how it related to regional processes. There is a process within SERC that assesses reliability constraints. Solutions and

economic studies with stakeholder input with respect to Attachment K will need to be

• Order 890 Attachment K Filing Plan September 14, 2007 is the posting/filing deadline.

developed in a different forum.

# 3. OSC Items

 Discussed change in scope of VACAR Powerflow Studies. Instead of simple transfer studies proposing doing more detailed assessments. Proposal to investigate more fully study assumptions of individual companies and addressing solutions not accepted. Brian Moss (VACAR PWG chair) is refining scope.

# 4. PWG Update

- Status Report of Current Activities
   The PWG is continuing to work on assumptions for the 2008 study and will report in October. Appendix B is being developed based on study results and proposed solutions.
- Order 890 Planning Reporting Requirements tabled until next meeting

## 5. Meeting Adjourned at 2:43 PM