



TAG Meeting

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TAG Meeting Agenda

- 1. Update on the 2007 Study and Report on the 2007 preliminary study results as well as the upcoming planned activities**
- 2. General overview of the Duke / Progress draft Attachment K**
- 3. Specific review and discussion on Cost Allocation Proposal**
- 4. NCTPC Process Changes and Next Steps**



General Overview Duke / Progress Attachment K

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Duke and Progress meet 890 Regional Planning Requirements via:

1. North Carolina Transmission Planning Collaborative (NCTPC) Process
2. SERC, ERAG, SERC - RFC East, VACAR, Bi-lateral study agreements, and the proposed Inter-Regional Participation Process
3. State Integrated Resource Planning

DRAFT Attachment K is a work in progress, enhancements are needed for full compliance with Order 890



Overview of Attachment K

1. Input and communication with customers
2. Notice procedures, meetings, and planning-related communications
3. Methodology, criteria, and processes used to develop transmission plans
4. Criteria, assumptions, and data underlying the Plan



Overview of Attachment K

5. Dispute Resolution Mechanism
6. Transmission Cost Allocation
7. Cost Allocation for Planning Costs
8. Confidentiality
9. Inter-Regional Coordination
10. Integrated Resource Planning



1. Input and communication with customers

- The NCTPC *annually* develops a ***single, coordinated transmission plan*** (Collaborative Transmission Plan).
- Plan appropriately ***balances costs, benefits, and risks*** associated with the use of transmission, generation, and demand-side resources to meet the needs of LSEs as well as other Transmission Customers.
- NCTPC ***provides for input and collaboration*** at the detailed level for transmission modeling, analysis, and planning as well as at the steering and oversight levels.
- ***Participation*** in NCTPC includes ***OSC, PWG, TAG and Independent Third Party.***



2. Notice procedures, meetings, and planning-related communications

- All information regarding transmission planning meetings and ***communications are located on the NCTPC Website.***
- Meeting notice procedures, meeting location process, and the associated meeting ***protocols for the OSC, PWG, and TAG are outlined.***
- ***Continuation of the current process and procedures.***



3. The methodology, criteria, and processes

- ***Reliability Planning Process*** addresses transmission upgrades needed to ***maintain reliability*** and to integrate new designated network resources and/or loads.
- The ***Enhanced Transmission Access Planning (ETAP) Process*** is the economic planning process that allows the TAG to ***propose economic upgrades*** to be studied as part of the transmission planning process.



4. Criteria, assumptions, and data underlying the plan

- Documented in the *annual NCTPC Study Scope* document.
- It describes each of the study steps including the *planning criteria, assumptions and planning data* associated with the development of the Collaborative Transmission Plan.
- This document is *reviewed and discussed with the TAG* and posted for public review on the NCTPC website.



5. Dispute resolution mechanism

➤ NCTPC Process Issues

- OSC *voting structure* and *NCUC facilitation*

➤ Transmission Siting Issues

- *State regulatory law* provides for resolution of disputes involving utilities' transmission projects

➤ Integrated Resource Planning Issues

- NCUC permits *public participation in hearings*



5. Dispute resolution mechanism

- **Open Access Transmission Tariff Issues**
 - Apply to disputes involving compliance with the FERC's transmission planning ***obligations set forth in Order No. 890***

- **Regional Reliability Project Planning Issues**
 - ***FERC's Dispute Resolution Service*** for cost allocation issues



6. Transmission Cost Allocation

NCTPC Transmission Cost Allocation Whitepaper
Review and discussion - next agenda item



7. Cost Allocation - Planning Costs

- Each NCTPC *Participant* bears its *own expenses*.
- **TAG** members bear their *own expenses*.
- The costs of the NCTPC *base reliability studies* are borne by *Duke and Progress*.
- Costs associated with *incremental reliability studies, the ITP's costs, and the costs of the ETAP* are all allocated in the manner set forth in the *Participation Agreement*.



8. Confidentiality

- Aside from CEII information, the only data that is expected to require ***confidentiality protection*** is ***customer-related information***.
- Confidentiality of customer information is ***determined by a NCTPC Participant or TAG member***.



9. Inter-Regional Coordination

- **SERC Transmission Assessment Study Process**
 - Joint studies to **assess the transmission performance** of the SERC region
 - **Share** modeling **data**, study **assumptions**, and transmission expansion **plans**
- **Eastern Interconnection Reliability Assessment Group (ERAG)**
 - **Periodic reviews** of generation and transmission expansion programs and forecasted system conditions within the regions
 - Administers the development of a **library of power-flow base case models**



9. Inter-Regional Coordination

➤ SERC - RFC East Planning-Related Activities

- *Transmission assessment studies* between TVA, VACAR and a portion of eastern PJM

➤ VACAR Planning-Related Activities

- Conduct *similar studies* to the SERC Process but *focus* specifically on the *VACAR sub region*

➤ Bilateral Planning-Related Activities

- *Numerous* planning and operating study agreements
- *Coordinated studies* on as-needed basis



9. Inter-Regional Coordination

"New" Inter-Regional Participation Process

- ***“Inter-Regional Participation White Paper”***
- ***Expands upon the existing processes*** for regional planning in the Southeast
- ***“Participating Transmission Providers”*** include:
Alabama Electric Cooperative, Progress Energy Carolinas, Duke Energy Carolinas, Santee Cooper, Dalton Utilities, South Carolina Electric & Gas, South Mississippi Electric Power Association, Entergy, Georgia Transmission Corporation, Southern Companies, Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia, and Tennessee Valley Authority



9. Inter-Regional Coordination

- Inter-Regional Participation Process Planning - Related Activities
 - ***Stakeholders request economic studies*** that would be evaluated on an inter-regional basis.
 - Studies to be conducted by Transmission Owners over a ***two year cycle***
 - ***Seams coordination*** would occur at the regional level with neighboring (external) planning processes
 - ***Engaging all SE stakeholders*** in various forums to receive their input concerning this framework



9. Inter- Regional Coordination

**Review of the Inter-Regional Participation
*Process Diagram - Handout***



10. Integrated Resource Planning

- ***Individual assessments*** of the bulk transmission systems
- NC Commission IRP
 - ***Analyze load growth***, future ***generation requirements*** along with ***conservation, load management*** and ***demand-side*** options
 - Includes planned transmission upgrades required to supply system demand during the ***10 year forecast period***
- SC Commission IRP
 - ***Evaluate*** the ***cost effectiveness of supply-side and demand-side options*** in an economic and reliable manner covering a ***15 year forecast*** period



Questions ?





Review and Discussion of Cost Allocation Proposal

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FERC Order 890 - Transmission Cost Allocation

Commission's *Three General Principles* are:

1. ***Fairly assign costs*** to those who caused the problem as well as to those who will benefit from the solution.
2. Provide ***adequate incentives*** to the Transmission Providers to construct.
3. Generally ***supported by the states and participants*** across the planning region.



Duke / Progress Proposed Cost Allocation - Attachment K to OATT

Does not modify the existing process for:

- 1. Generation Interconnection Network Upgrade Projects*
- 2. Transmission Service Projects*



Duke / Progress Proposed Cost Allocation Summary

- **"Avoided Cost"** Methodology applies to **Regional Reliability Projects** with demonstrated cost savings
- **"Requestor Pays"** Methodology applies to **Regional Economic Transmission Paths (RETP)** to improve economic power transfers



Duke / Progress OATT Cost Allocation

- ***Costs of Reliability Projects*** included in the Collaborative Transmission Plan are allocated in accordance with the respective ***Duke and Progress OATT.***
- ***“Regional Reliability Projects”*** are an ***exception*** to this rule.



Duke / Progress OATT Cost Allocation

- ***Economic upgrades*** are studied through ***Enhanced Transmission Access Planning Process***.
- ***No obligation to build or fund*** such projects therefore they are ***not included*** in the Collaborative Transmission Plan, ***unless and until either***:
 1. a ***Transmission Service Request is submitted*** to the appropriate Transmission Provider(s); or
 2. an ***RETP is fully subscribed***.
- If a ***transmission service request*** is submitted for an economic project, its costs will be ***allocated in accordance with the appropriate OATT***.



Regional Reliability Project Cost Allocation

- ***Regional Reliability Project*** can be defined as any reliability project that requires an ***upgrade to one or more Transmission Provider's systems that would not have otherwise been made*** at the time based upon the reliability needs of the individual Transmission Providers.
- ***“Avoided cost”*** cost allocation methodology applies where there is a demonstration that a regional transmission solution and regional approach to cost ***allocation results in cost savings.***
- A ***Regional Reliability Project*** must have a ***cost of at least \$1 million*** to be subject to the avoided-cost cost allocation methodology.



Regional Reliability Project Cost Allocation

- Once a ***Regional Reliability Project*** is determined by the NCTPC to be the ***most cost-effective solution***, it then gets ***included*** in the Collaborative Transmission Plan.
- A ***Regional Reliability Project*** that is cost effective will have its costs ***allocated based on an avoided cost approach***, whereby each Transmission Provider evaluates the stand-alone approach to maintaining reliable service and shares the savings of not implementing the stand-alone approach on a pro-rata basis.



Regional Reliability Project Cost Allocation

Formula for the avoided cost can be expressed as:

(TPx's Avoided Cost/Total Avoided Cost) x cost of Regional Reliability Project = TPx's Cost Allocation

(TPy's Avoided Cost/Total Avoided Cost) x cost of Regional Reliability Project = TPy's Cost Allocation

- Cost responsibility determinations will then be ***reflected in transmission rates.***
- The avoided cost approach also will take into account the ***acceleration and delay*** of Reliability Projects.



Example 1:

A Regional Reliability Project (RRP) on system of one TP solves reliability issue on system of other TP.

(1) Transmission Provider	(2) Cost to Meet Reliability Needs on a Stand Alone Basis (MM)	(3) Cost of Regional Reliability Project (MM)	(4) Avoided Transmission Project Cost (MM)	(5) Costs to Meet Reliability Needs on a Regional Basis (MM) (2) + (3) - (4) = (5)	(6) Final Cost Responsibility (MM)
Duke	\$500	0	\$50	\$450	\$480
Progress	\$400	\$30	0	\$430	\$400
Total	\$900	\$30	\$50	\$880	\$880

*(Duke's Avoided Cost/Total Avoided Cost) * cost of RRP = Duke Cost Allocation*

$$(\$50 \text{ MM} / \$50 \text{ MM}) * \$30 \text{ MM} = \$30 \text{ MM}$$

*(Progress Avoided Cost/Total Avoided Cost) * cost of RRP = Progress Cost Allocation*

$$(\$0 \text{ MM} / \$50 \text{ MM}) * \$30 \text{ MM} = \$0 \text{ MM}$$

Cost Incurrence- Duke spends \$450 MM and Progress spends \$430 MM.

Cost Responsibility - Duke is allocated \$30 MM of Progress' costs.



Example 2:

A Regional Reliability Project on system of two TPs solves reliability issue on system of one TP.

(1) Transmission Provider	(2) Cost to Meet Reliability Needs on a Stand Alone Basis (MM)	(3) Cost of Regional Reliability Project (MM)	(4) Avoided Transmission Project Cost (MM)	(5) Costs to Meet Reliability Needs on a Regional Basis (MM) (2) + (3) - (4) = (5)	(6) Final Cost Responsibility (MM)
Duke	\$500	\$20	\$50	\$470	\$480
Progress	\$400	\$10	0	\$410	\$400
Total	\$900	\$30	\$50	\$880	\$880

*(Duke's Avoided Cost/Total Avoided Cost) * cost of RRP = Duke Cost Allocation*

$$(\$50 \text{ MM} / \$50 \text{ MM}) * \$30 \text{ MM} = \$30 \text{ MM}$$

*(Progress Avoided Cost/Total Avoided Cost) * cost of RRP = Progress Cost Allocation*

$$(\$0 \text{ MM} / \$50 \text{ MM}) * \$30 \text{ MM} = \$0 \text{ MM}$$

Cost Incurrence - Duke spends \$470 MM and Progress spends \$410 MM.

Cost Responsibility - Duke is allocated \$10 MM of Progress' costs.



Example 3:

A Regional Reliability Project on system of two TPs solves reliability issues on systems of both TPs.

(1) Transmission Provider	(2) Cost to Meet Reliability Needs on a Stand Alone Basis (MM)	(3) Cost of Regional Reliability Project (MM)	(4) Avoided Transmission Project Cost (MM)	(5) Costs to Meet Reliability Needs on a Regional Basis (MM) (2) + (3) - (4) = (5)	(6) Final Cost Responsibility (MM)
Duke	\$500	\$20	\$50	\$470	\$477.3
Progress	\$400	\$10	\$5	\$405	\$397.7
Total	\$900	\$30	\$55	\$875	\$875

*(Duke's Avoided Cost/Total Avoided Cost) * cost of RRP = Duke Cost Allocation*

(\$50 MM / \$55 MM) * \$30 MM = \$27.3 MM

*(Progress Avoided Cost/Total Avoided Cost) * cost of RRP = Progress Cost Allocation*

(\$5 M / \$55 MM) * \$30 MM = \$2.7 MM

Cost Incurrence - Duke spends \$470 MM and Progress spends \$405 MM.

Cost Responsibility - Duke is allocated \$7.3 MM of Progress' costs.



Example 4:

Accelerating a Reliability Project on one TP system solves reliability issues on another TP system.

(1) Transmission Provider	(2) Cost to Meet Reliability Needs on a Stand Alone Basis (MM)	(3) Cost of Regional Reliability Project (MM) (Cost of Acceleration)	(4) Avoided Transmission Project Cost (MM)	(5) Costs to Meet Reliability Needs on a Regional Basis (MM) (2) + (3) - (4) = (5)	(6) Final Cost Responsibility (MM)
Duke	\$500	\$20	\$0	\$520	\$500
Progress	\$400	\$0	\$50	\$350	\$370
Total	\$900	\$20	\$50	\$870	\$870

*(Duke's Avoided Cost/Total Avoided Cost) * cost of RRP = Duke Cost Allocation*

(\$0 MM / \$50 MM) * \$20 MM = \$0 MM

*(Progress Avoided Cost/Total Avoided Cost) * cost of RRP = Progress Cost Allocation*

(\$50 MM / \$50 MM) * \$20 MM = \$20 MM

Cost Incurrence - Duke spends \$520 MM and Progress spends \$350 MM.

Cost Responsibility - Progress is allocated \$20 MM of Duke's costs.



Regional Reliability Project Cost Allocation

- Involving Transmission System(s) ***outside the NCTPC***
 - Costs should be ***fairly allocated*** among the affected Transmission Providers based on ***good-faith negotiation***.
 - The resulting transmission costs and the associated revenue requirements of each Transmission Provider will be ***recovered through their respective existing rate structures*** at the time.



Regional Economic Transmission Paths (RETP) Cost Allocation

- An **RETP** is a transmission study scenario that would facilitate potential **regional point-to-point economic transactions**.
- The costs of upgrades or facilities that result from RETPs are **allocated on a “requestor pays” basis**.
- RETP Process includes an **Open Season** to determine who are the actual requestors.



RETP Cost Allocation - Continued

- **"NCTPC Transmission Cost Allocation White Paper"** describes the **stakeholder process** for identifying RETPs, the Study Process, and the Open Season Process including examples of how insufficient or over-subscriptions are handled.
- Transmission Customer(s) - **"requestor(s)"** that are subscribing to the RETP would provide the **up-front funding** of any transmission construction.
- These **"requestor(s)"** are the Transmission Customers that were **awarded the MWs** as a result of the Open Season process.



RETP Cost Allocation - Continued

- **Transmission Customers** would receive a **levelized repayment** of this initial funding amount in the form of monthly transmission credits over a maximum **20-year period**.
- The Transmission Providers can work with the Transmission Customers to provide **shorter or different crediting**.
- As **credits are paid**, Transmission Providers have the opportunity to **include the upgrade costs in transmission rates**.

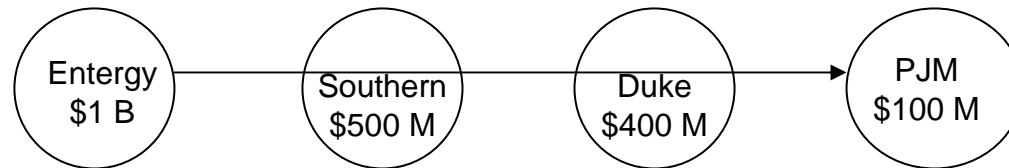


RETP Cost Allocation - Continued

- ***No compensation*** is provided for any ***“head-room”*** that would be created.
- The total project cost due to an RETP will be ***adjusted*** to provide compensation for the ***positive transmission impacts***.
- This RETP concept and cost allocation methodology ***applies to the NCTPC footprint***.
- The NCTPC Participants will work with ***other regions*** to ***adopt approaches that are consistent*** with its requestor pays approach.



RETP Cost Allocation & Open Season Example: Entergy to PJM 1,000 MW RETP requested for 20 year period.

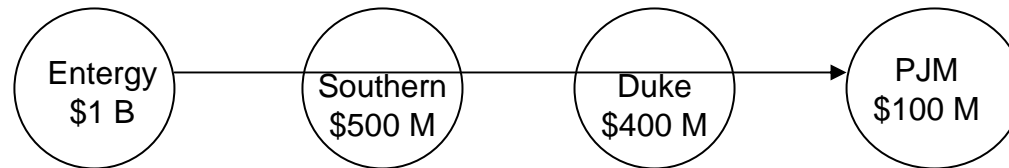


Note: Above dollars represent transmission investment needed by each Transmission Provider.

- 1. RETP would be identified and studied through the Inter-Regional Participation Process and coordinated with PJM.***
- 2. If Transmission Customers determine that there is sufficient interest to move the RETP from “study” to “Open Season”, then the impacted Transmission Providers would hold a coordinated Open Season for the project (subject to impacted TPs’ adoption of this Open Season concept).***
- 3. If there is sufficient subscriptions on the project, it would move forward.***
- 4. Duke would use the NCTPC RETP cost allocation methodology.***



RETP Cost Allocation & Open Season Example (cont): Entergy to PJM 1,000 MW RETP requested for 20 year period.



Note: Above dollars represent transmission investment needed by each transmission provider.

- **Assume Transmission Customers subscribe at the following levels:**
 - **TC #1 = 200 MW; TC #2 = 300 MW; TC #3 = 500 MW**
- **Duke would use NCTPC RETP cost allocation – TCs would provide up-front funding of Duke’s needed transmission investment (\$400 M) as follows:**
 - **TC #1 = \$80 M; TC #2 = \$120 M; TC #3 = \$200 M**
- **TC #1, TC #2, and TC #3 would pay Duke for PTP service across the Duke system.**
- **Duke would provide levelized repayment of the initial funding to each TC over a maximum 20 year period netted against the TCs’ PTP service charges.**



Questions ?





NCTPC Process Changes and Next Steps

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NCTPC Process Changes

- Update Enhanced Transmission Access Planning (ETAP) Process to include the evaluation Regional Economic Transmission Paths (RETPs).
- Update TAG Scope to reflect the new ETAP/RETP process elements.
 - Need to define scope and number of studies that may be requested by TAG in ETAP Process.
 - Need to establish who will make determination and how that determination will be made as to which studies will be included in ETAP Process.
 - Need to establish the extent to which TAG members also may request additional economic studies at their own expense.



NCTPC Process Changes

- Develop a means for providing data and information that would allow stakeholders to replicate planning studies.
- Solicit TAG input on the interest of members to receive study information and results from all the Inter-Regional planning-related activities at future TAG meetings.
- Update the current NCTPC documentation to reflect all changes and modifications.



NEXT STEPS

- Discuss RETP Open Season and compatibility of respective cost allocation methodologies with surrounding Transmission Providers – On-going
- FERC Order 890 Technical Conference - Oct 1-2
- NCTPC Proposed Process Changes to TAG - Oct 15
- TAG written comments on proposed changes – Oct 24
- TAG Special Meeting - October 31 (*Tentative*)
- TAG Special Meeting - November 15 (*Tentative*)



Questions ?

