

TO: Committee on Regional Electric Power Cooperation
State-Provincial Steering Committee

FROM: John Savage, Chair

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SUBJECT: **Action items from October 3-5 joint CREPC/SPSC/Resource Planners' Forum meeting**

The Committee on Regional Electric Power Cooperation, the State-Provincial Steering Committee and the Resource Planners' Forum held a joint meeting from October 3-5, 2012 in San Diego, CA. Links to the webinar recording of the meeting are provided below.

Meeting Recordings:

October 3: <http://westgov.adobeconnect.com/p4jg8spnjxc/>

October 4 morning: <http://westgov.adobeconnect.com/p3qq1xbem22/>

October 4 afternoon: <http://westgov.adobeconnect.com/p7p8i6ig6pf/>

October 5: <http://westgov.adobeconnect.com/p8jpy1q44ny/>

Below are the action items from last week's joint meeting.

1. Gas/Electric Interface Regional Assessment

- a. The SPSC approved a task force of SPSC/CREPC members and experts.
 - i. The Task Force will develop the scope of work for an assessment of issues at the interface of the Western gas and electric systems and conduct outreach to other organizations to join with SPSC/CREPC in managing and funding the assessment.
 - ii. In 45 days the Task Force will report to SPSC/CREPC in a webinar on the proposed scope of work for the assessment and the potential for collaboration.
 - iii. Subject to SPSC funding approval, and within 30 days of that approval, an RFP shall be issued for competitive bids based on the approved scope of work.
- b. Topics for the Task Force to consider include:

- i. Identification of the most important gas/electric interface issues within each part of the Western Interconnection;
 - ii. Identification of issues that impact more than one area in the interconnection;
 - iii. Appropriate study methodologies; and
 - iv. Opportunities for cooperation among regions (e.g., Eastern Interconnection gas/electric interface studies).
- c. DOE and EISPC are interested in working with the West on gas/electric assessments.
- d. Staff will follow-up with suggested task force members.

2. PUC EIM Group

- a. The SPSC authorized staff to continue to support the PUC EIM Work Group through 1st quarter 2013 when a second meeting of the group is expected to be held.
- b. A new leader of PUC EIM group will need to be appointed to replace Commissioner Jason Marks, whose term ends at end of year.
- c. DOE continues to support the analysis of an EIM analysis in the West.
- d. FERC is considering a qualitative analysis of the benefits of an EIM as requested at the September 13-14 PUC EIM group meeting.

3. WREZ 3 Report

- a. A draft report examining California processes for achieving RPS requirements and meeting related transmission needs will be available October 29; comments will be due November 16; and a final report will be completed by the Regulatory Assistance Project by end of December.
- b. A webinar will be held on the report once it is finalized. The webinar will build on four past SPSC/CREPC webinars with California PUC, California Energy Commission, California ISO and California Transmission Planning Group.

4. Demand Response and Integrating Variable Generation

- a. The SPSC approved the formation of a task force to examine using demand response for integrating variable generation in the West. John Savage (OR)

volunteered to help scope out potential work in this area. Other volunteers are solicited.

5. SPSC Study Inputs

- a. E3 and LBNL developed a multi-sector model to evaluate carbon emissions and electrification impacts on loads in the electric sector. E3 and LBNL will work with SPSC to use this model and develop input assumptions for the SPSC's 20-year "Low Carbon Case". Output from the E3 model will be fed into WECC's long term planning tool to model the Low Carbon Case. SPSC will hold webinar to discuss and determine inputs for the Low Carbon Case.
- b. An October 2 email asked the SPSC High DSM Workgroup to review assumptions of the SPSC's 20-year High DSM Case. Three components of study case: (1) EE, (2) DR and (3) DG. Comments are due by October 12.

6. Election of SPSC Vice Chair

- a. Stacey Crowley (NV) was elected as SPSC Vice Chair

Please contact staff (dlarson@westgov.org; 303-573-8910) if you have any questions.

Thanks to all for a productive meeting in San Diego.