



Policy Subcommittee Report

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Status Report

- Interregistry tracking system efforts
 - Advisory group established by ETNNA
 - 4 work groups
 - Legal – next call Dec. 3 1:30pm-2:30pm (MST)
 - Reports – next call Dec. 3 10:30am-11:30am (MST)
 - Functionality – next call Dec. 4 10:30am-11:30am (MST)
 - Renewable Energy Standard – next call Dec. 1 9am-10am (MST)
 - More info at <http://sites/google.com/site/etnnairt>
- NERC E-tag working group
 - Expanding deliverability function

PSC Responsibilities/Expectations

- Issues requiring changes or additions to WREGIS operating rules, usage, or governing.
- “Policy” refers to WREGIS policy, not energy policy.
- Goal is to resolve issues affecting continuing development and ongoing regional applicability of WREGIS at WECC.

Major Projects/Issues in 2009

- Allocation of costs for requested WREGIS changes
 - Established priority list for changes and who pays
 - First: beneficial/necessary for operation and use of WREGIS – WREGIS pays
 - Second: provide significant benefit to system and/or large number of stakeholders – WREGIS pays
 - Third: attract or permit new users and generate REC activity – WREGIS pays partial based on expected fees generated by change
 - Fourth: benefit requester only – requestor pays
 - Fifth: one-time requests – requestor pays
 - Approved at March 2009 WC meeting

Major Projects/Issues in 2009

- Incremental Resources Working Group
 - Established at request of Chelan PUD to address incremental hydro eligibility
 - Broadened to include all incremental resources
 - Draft process and form developed in May 2009
 - Pilot program suggested to test draft process
 - Pilot approved by WC at June 2009 WC meeting

Major Projects/Issues in 2009

- QRE Working Group
 - Established to address utility concerns about QRE function and FERC jurisdiction
 - Oregon efforts possible model for other states
 - Oregon PUC adopted MOU with utilities in July 2009
 - Utilities agree to provide QRE service voluntarily for 2 years
 - Drafting policy paper on issues/potential resolutions
 - Anticipate white paper completion early January for PSC review

Major Projects/Issues in 2009

- Interregistry Transfer of RECs
 - Working group established in January 2009
 - Identified data collected by various registries
 - Whitepaper outlining potential pilot program
 - Advisory group formed in July 2009, led by ETNNA
 - 4 work groups established October 2009
 - Looking at both multi-lateral and “hub-and-spoke” models

Major Projects/Issues in 2009

- NERC E-tag Working Group
 - Established to evaluate deliverability functionality for non-utility users
 - Looking at alternatives to retiring RECs to show delivery into California
 - Proposed solutions will be sent to APX for cost estimate – hopefully December/January
 - Solutions must be flexible enough to address each state's anticipated needs, not just California's

Minor Projects/Issues in 2009

- Change in Operating Rules for Small-Scale Projects
 - Addressed difference in metering accuracy requirements between WREGIS and California Solar Initiative
 - Broadened to include all small projects (Class J, ≤ 360 kW)
 - Individual states, provinces, or voluntary programs decision to accept RECs
 - Approved at March 2009 WC meeting

Minor Projects/Issues in 2009

- SMUD request
 - Some generators eligible for SMUD program not eligible for California RPS
 - SMUD requested change in WREGIS to allow generators to indicate they meet SMUDs eligibility requirements
 - APX identified alternative and less-costly solution
 - SMUD agreed to pay for change

Minor Projects/Issues in 2009

- WREGIS Charter
 - Revised charter in early 2009 in preparation for submission to WECC Board of Directors for approval
 - Approved by WC in June 2009
 - Approved by WECC at July 2009 meeting

Minor Projects/Issues in 2009

- Protocol for adding new WREGIS positions
 - WC requested PSC to evaluate role of WC in establishing new positions
 - PSC presented “internal policy” recommendation to WC in May 2009
 - WREGIS Director and staff evaluate need for new positions and workload/budget impacts
 - Present to OSC for approval and forwarding to WC
 - Recruitment/hiring continues to be done by WECC
 - Recommendation approved at May 2009 WC meeting

Lessons Learned

- Working group construct appears to be working well
- Consensus building takes time
- Parties need to stay engaged
- Recognize that working group participants are volunteering their time

Upcoming Issues

- Continue efforts with interregistry REC transfer, NERC e-tag, QRE working groups
- Look at expiration of WECC/CEC contract in March 2011 – potential contract extension
- Evaluate effect of Federal RES on WREGIS
- Begin discussions of GHG emission tracking

Questions??