

Renewable Energy Transmission Initiative (RETI)
DRAFT Minutes of Stakeholder Steering Committee Meeting
March 19, 2008

The RETI Stakeholder Steering Committee met at the California Energy Commission in Sacramento, on March 19, 2008, 10:00-4:00 PM and, via videoconference at the CPUC Los Angeles office. Attendees are listed below. Minutes were compiled by Dave Olsen of CEERT.

The committee took the following actions:

1. **Confirmed next meeting.** The next SSC meeting will be April 16, 2008, 10:00 AM-4:00 PM, at the CPUC in San Francisco and, by videoconference, at the CPUC-Los Angeles. The **agenda** of this meeting is to include:
 - Adoption of Black & Veatch Phase 1A Report; review Phase 1B work plan
 - PG&E report on Regional Integration of Renewables project
 - Status reports on POU transmission projects including:
 - IID system upgrades to support renewables export
 - LADWP Green Path North; SCPPA proposed projects
 - TANC proposed projects
2. **Approved minutes.** Minutes of the January 22, 2008 SSC meeting were approved.
3. **Adopted membership criteria.** The criteria posted on the RETI website indicate requirements for SSC membership and expectations of members, and will help guide any expansion of the committee.
4. **Clarified policy on participation of alternates.** Members unable to attend meetings may send an alternate. It is each member's responsibility to ensure that his/her alternate is up to speed on matters before the SSC and able to represent the organization or class of stakeholders in the matters being decided. In the case of generator representatives and other SSC members representing constituencies made up of many organizations, choice of alternate should be approved by the constituency. Alternates and others from SSC member organizations are welcome to attend every meeting along with the SSC member, but only the member **or** the alternate are allowed to speak.
5. **Invited California Farm Bureau Federation to join the SSC.** This invitation is contingent on the Farm Bureau's acceptance of the responsibilities outlined in the SSC Membership Criteria, and on its agreement to: i) begin participating on the SSC immediately, in Phase 1; and ii) to recruit and represent agricultural interests beyond Farm Bureau members on the RETI steering committee. Rich Ferguson is to communicate this invitation to the Farm Bureau.
6. **Discussed Coordinating Committee uses of RETI.** Statements outlining how each agency intends to use RETI output are appended to the current (updated) mission statement on the RETI website. Comments on these statements are welcome and may be submitted to Clare Laufenberg Gallardo (Claufenb@energy.state.ca.us) at any time.
7. **Formed an Environmental Work Group (EWG).** Johanna Wald (NRDC) and Carl Zichella (Sierra Club) will lead this work group. Principal tasks are: 1) to develop and recommend environmental criteria for use both in Phase 1B project screening and in ranking CREZ; and 2) to lead outreach to local environmental and landowner groups concerned about impacts of generation-transmission development in likely CREZ areas.

Because specialized environmental and permitting knowledge will help advance this work, non-SSC members will be invited to participate; but only SSC members of the work group will have voting rights. SSC members may identify people from their respective organizations or constituencies to participate on the EWG in their stead. Anne Gillette will request CPUC CEQA staff to provide advice to the work group. SSC member organizations/constituencies on the work group include, in addition to Johanna Wald and Carl Zichella: counties (Joe Bertotti); BLM (Duane Marti); geothermal generators (John McCaull); IID (JC Sandoval to arrange); LADWP (Mo Beshir to arrange); SCE (Gary Allen to arrange); SCPA (Reiko Kerr to arrange); CPUC (Anne Gillette to arrange); and CEC (Clare Laufenberg Gallardo to arrange). Wind generators may also name a representative to the work group; Nancy Rader will set this in motion. Ric O'Connell of Black & Veatch will participate as liaison to the Phase 1 consultant. The EWG will report its progress at each SSC meeting.

8. **Agreed on process for collecting and submitting comment on the Phase 1A draft report.** Black & Veatch will present the draft Phase 1A report to the PSG and the public via webcast on **March 26**, 1:00-4:00 PM. SSC members are to attend, to hear PSG comments on the draft report first-hand. Webcast and call-in instructions are posted on the RETI website.
- PSG participants and the public are to send comments they would like considered in the revised Phase 1A report to the SSC member representing their organization or constituency, or to CEERT facilitators, by COB Friday, **March 28**.
 - SSC members are to collect and consolidate these comments, grouping them by topic. If the pattern of comments supports a recommendation on a particular issue or issues (e.g., future cost of solar technologies), SSC members are to condense such comments into a recommendation for how the issue should be treated in the final report.
 - SSC members are to send their own comments, and the collected/consolidated comments they may have received from PSG participants, to Black & Veatch, and to Clare Laufenberg Gallardo by **April 4**. Clare will collect all comments and circulate them to SSC members.

Black & Veatch (Tim Mason): MasonT@bv.com

Clare Laufenberg Gallardo: Claufenb@energy.state.ca.us

Black & Veatch will issue a revised draft final Phase 1A report on April 11.

At the April 16 meeting the SSC will adopt this report, or direct it to be further revised.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 PM.

March 19 meeting attendees

SSC members:

PG&E	Robert Jenkins
PG&E	Kevin Dasso
SDG&E	Laura Manz
SCE	Gary Allen
SCE	Jorge Chacon (for Gary Tarplee)
SMUD	Mike DeAngelis

IID Juan Carlos Sandoval
LADWP Mohammed Beshir
SCPPA Reiko Kerr
CAISO Gary DeShazo
Biomass Gregg Morris
Geothermal John McCaull
Wind Nancy Rader (for Dariush Shirmohammadi)
IEP Steven Kelly
Sierra Club Carl Zichella
NRDC Johanna Wald
BLM Duane Marti (for Jim Abbott)
Military Tony Parisi
Counties Joe Bertotti (RCRC)
DRA David Peck
CPUC Anne Gillette, Paul Douglas, Cheryl Lee
CEC Clare Laufenberg Gallardo

Not Present:

Counties Andy Horne (CSAC)
NCPA Jim Pope
SDG&E Linda Brown
USFS Mike Chapel

Coordinating Committee members attending:

CPUC Paul Douglas
CEC Chuck Najarian
CAISO Robin Smutny-Jones

B&V Ryan Pletka, Tim Mason, Kevin Joyce, Ric O'Connell

Observers:

SCPPA Gary Nolff
BLM Bob Doyel
CIEE Lloyd Cibulka
CEC Jim Bartridge, Yvonne Bond
CEERT Merrisa Moore
CMUA Justin Wynne
CPUC Cheryl Lee
PG&E Jay Tankersky
BrightSource Chris Ellison
ESolar Madeleine Aldridge
NCI Paul Maxwell
NRDC Dai Owen

Interested citizen: John Moore

Facilitators:

Rich Ferguson, Dave Olsen