

Renewable Energy Transmission Initiative (RETI)  
DRAFT Minutes of Stakeholder Steering Committee Meeting  
January 27, 2009  
Revised (Attendees List) February 2, 2009

The RETI Stakeholder Steering Committee met at the California Public Utilities Commission in San Francisco on January 27, 2009, beginning at 10:00 AM. Attendees are listed below. The meeting was accessible to observers via WebEx. Minutes were compiled by Dave Olsen.

The committee took the following actions:

1. **Approved minutes.** Minutes of the December 17, 2008 SSC meeting were approved.
2. **Revised the Renewable Net Short used in RETI planning to reflect LSE sales rather than total electric demand.** RETI Phase 1A and Phase 1B work calculated the amount of new renewable power needed to meet state goals based on total statewide electric demand (which is projected to be about 330 TWh in 2020). State policy and the RETI mission statement, however, specify planning to be based on utility retail sales (projected to be about 308 TWh in 2020). In addition, the SSC directed that the amount of distributed photovoltaic (PV) generation used in calculating the Net Short, which is based on the CEC forecast of such installations, be adjusted to assume that the goals of existing state PV stimulus programs will be met, projected forward to 2020.

The SSC will post an errata sheet explaining these changes to calculation of the Net Short now shown in the Phase 1B Final Report, but will not revise the report itself. Instead, the SSC directed that these changes to calculation of the Net Short be fully explained in the RETI Phase 2 Report. The SSC further directed that Phase 2 work should continue to plan transmission capacity for 1.6 times the revised Net Short, and that the Phase 2 Guidance Document not be revised.

3. **Directed that the document, “Assessing the Need for Transmission,” be revised and presented for adoption at the February 24, 2009 SSC meeting.** SSC members are to send edits to RETI coordinators by February 9. Coordinators will revise the document and circulate it to SSC members by February 16.
4. **Directed LADWP Green Path North (GPN) project to be represented on RETI maps as a straight, dashed line.** When USFS issues a Notice of Intent for this project (expected mid-February 2009), an inset box showing all routing alternatives for GPN, as of an indicated date, will be added to RETI maps. The inset box will also state that the routing alternatives are subject to change. The proposed routing of the portion of the Tehachapi project that have not yet been permitted will be treated similarly. The SSC clarified that it has not endorsed routings for any transmission project, including Green Path North.
5. **Directed the RETI Outreach Committee to plan additional public meetings as soon as possible.** The Outreach Committee is to write to Supervisors in Imperial, Kern and

San Bernardino counties seeking invitations to convene public meetings in those counties. In scheduling these meetings, the Committee will balance the need to hold meetings as soon as possible with the need for robust SSC participation in them. Meetings will be arranged to allow site/area tours and talks with Supervisors as well as a public meeting in each county. The public meetings will be held on weekdays (and not on Saturdays). Coordinators were directed to write a letter to Riverside County Supervisor Roy Wilson thanking him for his invitation to hold RETI meetings in Palm Desert, and for his support in moderating the public meeting there.

6. **Requested Native American Heritage Commission to explore having RETI invited to a meeting of San Bernardino and Riverside-area tribes in early February.** Tribes are affected by several proposed transmission projects, and some have expressed interest in using reservation lands for CREZ development. Dave Singleton to follow up.
7. **Modified the RETI schedule to extend the date of the Phase 2 Final Report.** The SSC and Phase 2 work groups will now work to post a Draft Final Phase 2 Report on March 31, 2009. Comment on this Draft Final report will be collected in April, with the Phase 2 Final Report considered for adoption at the April 28, 2009 SSC meeting.
8. **Adjusted the time of the February 24, 2009 SSC meeting,** at the Energy Commission in Sacramento. The meeting will begin at 9:30 AM and adjourn at 4:30 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 PM.

### **January 27, 2009 SSC meeting attendees**

#### SSC members:

PG&E	Kevin Dasso
SCE	Shashi Pandey (WebEx); Gary Allen (WebEx)
SDG&E	Linda Brown
IID	Juan Carlos Sandoval
SMUD	Mike DeAngelis
LADWP	Mohammed Beshir
CAISO	Gary DeShazo
Military	Tony Parisi
SCPPA	Dave Walden
NRDC	Johanna Wald
USFS	Julie Tupper
Sierra Club	Carl Zichella
IEP	Steven Kelly
Biomass	Gregg Morris
Geothermal	John McCaull (WebEx)
Solar	Rainer Aringhoff; Arthur Haubenstock
Wind	Darius Shirmohammadi (WebEx); Faramarz Nabavi
CEC	Clare Laufenberg Gallardo
Counties	Joe Bertotti (WebEx)
CPUC	Anne Gillette

Farm Bureau Karen Mills  
DRA Scott Logan  
NAHC Dave Singleton  
BLM Bob Doyel (for Jim Abbott)

**Not Present:**

Counties Andy Horne  
NCPA Jim Pope  
SDG&E Mike McClenahan

**Coordinating Committee members attending:**

CEC Chuck Najarian (WebEx)  
CPUC Paul Douglas

**Observers:**

CEC Terry O'Brien (WebEx); Jim Bartridge (WebEx)  
CPUC Billie Blanchard; Elizabeth Stoltzfus  
NRDC Helen O'Shea  
First Solar Robert Jenkins  
PG&E Jon Eric Thalman  
Terra Verde Michael Hoexter

**WebEx Observers:**

CEERT	Ryan Drobek	Platts	Lisa Weinzimer
Citizen	John Moore	DRA	Dave Peck
First Wind	Sharon Firooz	Navigant	David Oliver
NextLight	Jim Filippi	Entrix	John Nadolski
Aspen	Suzanne Phinney	Stirling	Sarah Nelson
QTWW	Kelly Lamb	PG&E	Dan Patry
SCE	Manuel Alvarez; Rob Tucker	EDAW	Lynn Alexander
	Steve Johnson		

CA State Assembly	Dan Chia
Union of Concerned Scientists	Cliff Chen
Division of Ratepayer Advocates	Scott Peck
Conservation Strategy Group	Crystal Muhlenkamp
The Nature Conservancy	Laura Crane
Brookfield Power	Paul Steckley

**Coordinators:**

Rich Ferguson, Dave Olsen – CEERT