

Renewable Energy Transmission Initiative (RETI)  
Draft Minutes of Stakeholder Steering Committee Meeting  
November 3, 2009

The RETI Stakeholder Steering Committee met at the California Independent System Operator in Folsom and via web conference on November 3, 2009, beginning at 10:00 AM. Minutes compiled by Dave Olsen.

The Committee took the following actions:

1. **Approved minutes.** Minutes of the September 16, 2009 SSC meeting were approved as read.
2. **Inyo County.** In response to Inyo County Board of Supervisor concerns and request for membership on the SSC, directed that: a) the Phase 2 Update Work Group reconsider Inyo resources, given new demonstrations of commercial interest in area resources, and determine whether CREZ in that area of the state should be revised; b) SSC geothermal, solar and wind representatives identify which companies have active or planned development interest in Inyo resources, and ensure that these companies participate in the Phase 2 update work; c) county representation on the SSC continue to be focused through CSAC and RCRC, and that the number of county representatives on the SSC not be expanded; d) the SSC work with CSAC to develop more proactive input from counties into RETI planning; and e) the CEC, on behalf of the SSC, formally thank the Inyo County Board of Supervisors for its interest in advancing renewable energy development in its county.
3. **Added a representative of the independent transmission industry to the SSC.** Thirteen independent transmission companies having active or planned projects in California requested representation on the SSC as an industry group. After discussion, there was unanimous agreement that the industry should be added to the SSC. Perry Cole of Energy Capital Partners will represent the industry as SSC member; David Parquet of Pattern Energy will be Alternate SSC member.
4. **Directed the Future Scope Work Group to revise its recommendations, for consideration at the next SSC meeting.** The SSC considered recommendations, developed by the Future Scope Work Group, addressing transmission planning and development; resources and CREZ; and public outreach. After substantial discussion, there was no agreement on future RETI activities in any of these issue areas, and all of the recommendations were sent back to the Work Group to be revised in light of the discussion.

Regarding Recommendation 1, transmission planning and development, there was no agreement that RETI should participate in CAISO, IOU/POU or CTPG planning processes; that RETI should assess possible corridors; or that RETI should request the CAISO to identify the amount of renewable generation that could be connected to the existing system without major upgrades. On possible RETI interaction with the California

Transmission Planning Group, the Work Group was directed to consult with CTPG after the November 4 CTPG Executive Committee meeting; Jim Shetler will assist with communication between the Work Group and the CTPG. There was discussion, but no agreement, about whether RETI should support only transmission plans or specific projects. If RETI is to advocate for approval of transmission projects, the Transmission Work Group would have responsibility for developing criteria the SSC would use to determine whether or not to publicly support such projects. It was suggested that the Transmission Work Group, if it is to continue, should start fresh, with a new call for participants.

Regarding Recommendation 2, resources and CREZ, the Future Scope Work Group was requested to identify limits that could be applied to data update needs; to identify those needs more precisely; to specify the kinds of changes (e.g., National Monument establishment, military base expansion, technology evolution) that could require substantial revision or elimination of CREZ or CREZ boundaries; and with this information, to develop an “update as needed” alternative.

Regarding Recommendation 3, public outreach, it was suggested the Work Group consider whether outreach should be done by RETI or by the utilities. There was general recognition that SSC input is a prerequisite for RETI support of transmission plans.

Anne Gillette, Chair of the Future Scope Work Group, will schedule meetings to revise the recommendations. It was suggested that SSC members who oppose continuation of RETI activities participate in Work Group meetings.

- 5. Set a tentative date of December 17 for the next SSC meeting.** Location to be determined and date confirmed. The agenda will include: a) report on Phase 2 update work, which is expected to be completed by early December; and b) revised recommendations from the RETI Future Scope Work Group, and a decision on how to organize and schedule RETI work.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 PM.

### **November 3, 2009 SSC meeting attendees**

#### **SSC members:**

PG&E	Curt Hatton, Kevin Dasso
SCE	Patricia Arons
SMUD	Craig Cameron (for Mike DeAngelis)
LADWP	Mohammed Beshir
CAISO	Gary DeShazo
ITCs	Perry Cole
Biomass	Gregg Morris
Geothermal	John McCaull (web)
Solar	Arthur Haubenstock (web)
Wind	Dariush Shirmohammadi
IEP	Steven Kelly

IID	Stephen Keene
NRDC	Johanna Wald (web)
Sierra Club	Carl Zichella (web)
USFS	Julie Tupper
CEC	Clare Laufenberg Gallardo
CPUC	Anne Gillette; Billie Blanchard
Counties	Andy Horne (web); Joe Bertotti (web)
DRA	Scott Logan
Military	Ned McKinley (for Tony Parisi)
NCPA	Jim Pope
NAHC	Dave Singleton

**Not Present:**

BLM	Janet Lawson
DFG	Scott Flint
SCE	Gary Allen
SCPPA	Dave Walden
SDG&E	Linda Brown; Mike McClenahan

**Coordinating Committee members attending:**

CAISO	Robin Smutny-Jones
CEC	Chuck Najarian
CPUC	Paul Douglas
SMUD	Jim Shetler
NCPA	Jim Pope

**Observers:**

ARB	Andrew Mrowka (web)
Black & Veatch	Ryan Pletka
CEC	Jim Bartridge (web)
Farm Bureau	Karen Mills (web)
Inyo County	Joshua Hart (web)
Lodi	Demy Bucaneg
MWD	Ann Finley (web)
Navigant/TANC	David Oliver
Pattern Energy	Christian Hackett
SDG&E	Jan Strack (web)
FERC	Maury Kruth; Saeed Farrokhpay
Flynn Resource Consultants Inc.	Ray Camacho (web)
Greenberg Traurig	Gene Varinini
Mangano Ltd.	Robert Dowds (web)
Podium	Danielle Davis (web)
Shell	Ravi Sankaran (web)
Wind Industry	Faramarz Nabavi (web)

**Coordinators:**

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