

## Summary of February 25, 2010 RETI Transmission Corridor Call

Summarize corridor presentation and adopted Strategic Transmission Investment Plan (STIP) selection methodology.

We are beginning to look for potential corridor designation opportunities and expect to have better information available based on results of CTPG and CAISO RETPP processes, and as the DRECP process moves forward (as corridor linkages to DRECP generation areas will be necessary).

- Participants asked about the status of the DRECP and when generation/development areas would be available.
  - Roger Johnson noted that DRECP generation areas would need transmission access and that mapping would be available over the next 6 months or so, and that that Tx is a covered activity within the DRECP planning agreement.
  - Johanna Wald noted support for that effort within the DRECP; and that there is no point to separating Tx and generation planning, and that they also support affirmative designation of corridors ahead of generation development.
- Billie Blanchard expressed concern that several CPCN projects are expected in late 2010 and that designation activities should not interfere with projects expected as CPCNs. They want projects that can take advantage of CEQA tiering in the future.
  - Jim Bartridge clarified that we are in no way planning to interfere with expected CPCN filings and that we are only looking for opportunities where corridor designation could promote or assist renewable development.

Pat Arons brought up the issue of using the corridors planning process to begin cooperative planning and interaction with local jurisdictions to better understand land use community values and develop opportunities for possible corridor designations in the future. This work would use the PACT model.

- This work could move forward on a community by community basis, starting with counties and working down to cities to better understand what constitutes a successful Tx project in their communities.
- Broad focus should start at the edge of the LA Basin and focus on high growth communities – Lugo, Victorville, Hesperia, Ontario – and around key gateway substations where Tx may not be built for another 15 years.
  - Identify areas of rapid land use changes and preserve corridors in those areas.
  - Johanna indicated agreement with the concept of focusing on such areas and noted that the value of the designation process is that it informs all parties involved and allows them to factor in changes.

- Johanna asked about having RETI narrow the focus of “least regrets” lines to those that primarily access renewables, and suggested that RETI develop additional criteria to prioritize those “collector” lines, as those are the lines that will get the most support in the future.
  - Johanna understood that it would be a longer effort to look at corridors to access DRECP areas.
  - Rich Ferguson suggested criteria would be needed to “get into cities” and “get into the wires.”
  - Roger suggested that we should look at both existing substations and “gateway” substations that haven’t been sited yet.
  - Shashi Pandey noted that any path we can select to access these “gateway” substations are crucial.
  - Discussion followed about determining what the priority “gateway” substation projects were, understanding where the areas of most growth were, and using the PACT model to engage and work closely with communities (proactively) to capture their values.
  - Roger provided an update on the PACT model – it is available to us on a limited basis at this point and not ready for prime time unless we use FACET Systems.

Roger provided a brief overview of the corridor designation process – noting that in a corridor designation process on our own motion we’d want to have a better understanding of point to point connections prior to developing an application, and that once the application was prepared by staff and submitted we’d then go back to communities and work closely with them to understand alternative corridor alignments suitable for designation.

- Johanna suggested that this workgroup should compare existing criteria, use RETI to add additional criteria as appropriate, and take it to the SSC for discussion.

### Potential Next Steps

1. Engage RETI in providing input to the existing corridor designation criteria, which may differ depending on the purpose of the transmission lines
  - Clarify criteria for designation of corridors to provide access to “gateway” substations
  - Clarify criteria for designation of corridors that provide access to RETI/DRECP/BLM generation areas.
2. Engage RETI in soliciting and vetting potential candidates for corridor designation using criteria.
3. Engage RETI to solicit community participation in discussion of corridors for potential designation using criteria and PACT model.

4. Engage RETI in complementing the efforts of the DRECP by identifying potential corridors for designation to reach DRECP/BLM development areas.

Turn it over to the SSC for discussion.