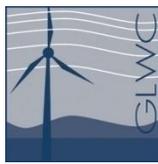


Renewables and Transmission Forum: Transition to a Reduced Carbon Energy Economy



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Washington Plaza Hotel
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Washington, DC**

Draft Agenda/Outline

Meeting Objectives:

- Take stock of transmission development nationwide – where do renewables fit?
- Review federal, regional, and state-level transmission planning activities and identify integration opportunities and gaps.
- Receive updates on ERCOT and the Eastern and Western Interconnect planning processes.
- Engage in a focused dialogue to identify opportunities for engagement, resource needs, and other issues raised by participants.

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| 7:30-8:15 | Registration | Proposed Speakers |
| 8:15-8:30 | <u>I. Welcome, Introductions, & Meeting Purpose</u> | Abby Arnold & NWCC Steering Committee |

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| 8:30-11:15 | <p>II. A. <u>The National Picture: Renewables Transmission Initiatives</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>What collaborative efforts do you view as the most integral to the success of improving and expanding transmission? What collaboration among states or across regions do you view as integral to the success and improvement of transmission planning?</i> • <i>What are key federal initiatives with regard to transmission planning? What is your organization's role in implementing these initiatives?</i> • <i>How will new inter-agency coordination and transmission planning support integration of renewables on the transmission grid?</i> • <i>What role will FERC play in assessing cost allocation methodologies?</i> | <p><i>David Meyer, DOE Office of Electricity (invited)</i></p> <p><i>Mark Lauby, NERC (confirmed)</i></p> <p><i>Chairman Jon Wellinghoff, FERC (confirmed)</i></p> |
| | <p>II.B. <u>The National Picture: Renewables Transmission Planning and Siting</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>What steps need to be taken to improve uniformity, consistency, and transparency in the siting of electrical transmission infrastructure that supports renewables?</i> • <i>What coordination and collaboration with renewables and transmission planners is necessary to move renewables and transmission forward in a manner that addresses wildlife and habitat concerns? What gaps should be addressed, and what opportunities should be harnessed to improve coordination effectiveness?</i> • <i>What role do state wildlife agencies and NGOs have in your respective regions?</i> | <p><i>Dave Olsen, Western Grid Group (confirmed)</i></p> <p><i>Chase Huntley, The Wilderness Society (confirmed)</i></p> <p><i>Deb Hahn, AWFA (confirmed)</i></p> |
| 11:15-11:30 | Break | |
| 11:30-12:30 | <p>III. <u>Discussion: Cost Allocation for Transmission</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Guiding principles for assessing cost allocation:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Which methodologies in place have been successful? What opportunities exist to improve current methodologies?</i> • <i>Whose responsibility is it?</i> | <p><i>Jim Hoecker, Husch, Blackwell, Sanders, LLP (invited)</i></p> |
| 12:30-1:30 | Lunch <i>(served in meeting room)</i> | |
| 1:30-2:30 | <p>IV. <u>Renewables' Transmission Priorities and Initiatives for 2010: Industry Perspectives</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Where does each renewable industry fit in the picture? What are the gaps, opportunities, and challenges?</i> • <i>What coordination between wind and other renewables is necessary to move transmission forward?</i> | <p><i>Dr. Fred Morris, Abengoa Solar/SEIA (confirmed)</i></p> <p><i>Rob Gramlich, AWEA (confirmed)</i></p> <p><i>Jeff Leahey, NHA (confirmed)</i></p> <p><i>Karl Gawell, GEA (invited)</i></p> |
| 2:30-2:45 | Break | |

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| 2:45-4:00 | <p><u>V. Interconnection Level Analysis and Planning in the East, West, and ERCOT</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Inter-regional Transmission Planning: DOE awardees discuss plans for inter-regional planning in ERCOT, Eastern, and Western Interconnects.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>How will new inter-regional planning coordination ensure transmission for renewables is integrated to the grid in a manner that addresses all stakeholder concerns?</i> ○ <i>How will the individual regional processes (ERCOT, Eastern, and Western Interconnects) be knitted together and whose responsibility is it? Is there need for a cross-interconnection process?</i> ○ <i>What opportunities for a broader stakeholder engagement process exist? What are the gaps?</i> ○ <i>How will EWITs and WWSIS study results be incorporated into the work you are doing?</i> | <p><i>David Whiteley, EIPC (confirmed)</i></p> <p><i>Bradley Nickell, WECC (confirmed)</i></p> <p><i>Doug Larson, WIEB/WGA(confirmed)</i></p> <p><i>Mike Grable, ERCOT (confirmed)</i></p> <p><i>EISPC (TBD)</i></p> |
| 4:00-5:15 | <p><u>VI. Discussion: Trends, Opportunities, and Gaps: Transmission Planning and Renewables</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Where do renewables fit into the picture? What are the gaps, opportunities, and challenges?</i> • <i>Who will fill what role?</i> • <i>What is needed to move renewables and transmission forward?</i> • <i>What is the connection between transmission planning and siting? Where will the discussion about siting renewables and transmission occur?</i> • <i>What is the role for energy efficiency and demand side management in planning for new transmission? Is new transmission needed to address carbon reduction?</i> | <p><i>Charlie Smith, UWIG(confirmed)</i></p> <p><i>Ron Lehr, AWEA(confirmed)</i></p> <p><i>Jay Caspary, SPP (confirmed)</i></p> <p><i>Beth Soholt, Wind on the Wires (confirmed)</i></p> <p><i>Rich Halvey, WGA(confirmed)</i></p> <p><i>Mike Gregorson, MGA(confirmed)</i></p> <p><i>Rick Weston, Regulatory Assistance Project(invited)</i></p> <p><i>East, TBD</i></p> |
| 5:15-5:30 | <p><u>VII. Next Steps and Adjourn</u></p> | |