

Minutes
North Country Transmission Commission
December 21, 2009

Attendance

Sen. Martha Fuller Clark	NH State Senate, Chair of Commission
Rep. Bill Remick	NH State House of Representatives
Rep. Naida Kaen	NH State House of Representatives
Rep. Lyle Bulis	NH State House of Representatives
Fred King	Coos County Treasurer
Joanne Morin	Office of Energy and Planning, Director
Laura Richardson	Office of Energy and Planning
Kate Peters	Office of Governor Lynch
Michael Harrington	Public Utilities Commission
Richard Ober	NHCF and Chair, Energy Efficiency & Sustainable Energy Board
Racheal Stuart	NHCF and Neil & Louise Tillotson Fund
Terron Hill	National Grid
Deb Hale	National Grid
Joe Staszowski	PSNH
Donna Gamache	PSNH
Anne Bartosewicz	Northeast Utilities
Steve Kaminski	New Hampshire Electric Cooperative
Jeffrey Rose	BAE Systems
Tom Colgan	Wagner Forest Management
Steve Zuretti	NEPGA
Bill Gabler	Clean Power Development
Louis Bravakis	Laidlaw Energy Group
Max Makaitis	AVER/NCIC
Peter Riviere	Coos County Economic Development Corp.
Michael Giaimo	ISO-NE
Eric Johnson	ISO-NE
Richard Kowalski	ISO-NE
Stephen Conant	Anbarie & NEIndependent Transmission Company
Allison Smith	Anbarie & NEIndependent Transmission Company
Sarah Holmes	Office of Senator Shaheen
Treveor Chandler	Office of Congressman Hodes
Robert Varney	Normandeau Associates
Allison Grappone	Northern Forest Center
Henry Veilleux	Sheehan Phinney Capital Group
Doug Patch	Orr and Reno
Lisa Shapiro	Gallagher, Callahan and Gartrell
Jodi Grimbilas	Bianco, PA
Barbara Tetreault	Berlin Daily Sun
Edith Tucker	Coos County Democrat

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Review of Request for Proposal (RFP)

The Office of Energy and Planning (OEP) presented the draft RFP for Consulting Services to Develop an Action Plan for Expansion, upgrade, and/or replacement of the Coos County Electric Transmission Line Loop after incorporating comments from the Transmission Commission since the last meeting. Major issues discussed included:

the extent to which the consultant should consider community benefits and if so, the definition of community benefits, the schedule for deliverables from the consultant, and consideration of existing cost allocation methodologies. Suggested edits to improve the RFP were also received. OEP agreed to work on revisions, with the expectation that the RFP would be finalized for issuance at the January NCTC meeting.

3. Discussion of ISO-NE

Eric Johnson, Richard Kowalski and Michael Giaimo of ISO-NE presented information on the ISO's Regional System Plan, Transmission Cost Allocation, Bilateral Contracts' Impact on Generator Dispatch, and the New England Governor's Economic Study.

4. Discussion of the Northeast Utilities (NU), Public Service of New Hampshire (PSNH) Line to Hydro Quebec (HQ)

The new HV Direct Current (DC) line will bring 1200 MW of low carbon and competitively priced power into the region for use by New England customer. Some additional benefits include fuel diversity for the region, construction jobs and related benefits for building the DC facilities and local property tax benefits.

FERC has approved their participant funded approach for cost allocation earlier this year and discussions regarding key agreements between HQ, NSTAR, and NU/PSNH are ongoing with the goal to reach agreement on these in Quarter 1 2010. Routing studies are under way to determine potential line routes. Initial communications and outreach to stakeholders are underway with state and local decision-makers and other interested parties. The in-service date of this project is currently envisioned to be late 2014 or 2015.

5. Next meeting

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for January 22nd at 1 p.m. at the Public Utilities Commission. The PUC will work with Hydro Quebec to see if a representative can attend an upcoming meeting.

6. Adjournment. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.