**Regional Planning Group**

**Meeting Notes**

**July 25, 2018**

**Misc. Updates**

Jeff Billo gave a couple updates.

* The Financial Assumptions Review for Transmission Planning Analysis. This process is still ongoing due to the tax law changes. ERCOT is diving in deep this year, so the process is taking a bit longer. Results should be ready in the next month or two.
* There was a reorganization within ERCOT that you will see the impact of. Prabhu Gnanam is going back to his roots and moving to the Operations Department and to lead an Operations Stability group in ERCOT. Sun Wook Kang will oversee the RPG group and will report to Fred Huang. Also, John Schmall has been promoted to supervisor of Dynamic Studies, reporting to Fred Huang. Screening studies are now moving under John Bernecker and Jay Teixeira.

Q: Is the only change in the methodology looking at the tax rate?

A: (Jeff Billo, ERCOT): We are reviewing to see if the methodology is still applicable.

**LP&L ERCOT Integration Project Modification**

Brad Schwarz, Sharyland presented a review of what is changing in the LP&L Option 4ow.

Q: (Walter Reid, Wind Coalition): There are IP problems with the vendor and confidential issues with vendor, but I would like to get a perspective from ERCOT about the problems and action items that have to go through the stakeholder process.

A: (Fred Huang, ERCOT): We did receive feedback from vendor about some concerns. We are continuing work with the vendors on their concerns and the need of good models/document for conduct studies.

**Bearkat IR Update**

Priya Ramasubbu gave an update on ERCOT’s Independent Review of the Bearkat Project.

Q: What is the primary motivation behind option 9?

A: (Priya Ramasubbu, ERCOT): The consideration of option 9 is to examine the potential benefit for not only the Bearkat but also McCamey GTC areas to reliably accommodate renewable generation. A stability analysis will be conducted to determine the impact of Option 9.

Q: (Bryan Sams, NRG): There is a range of cost between option 1 and option 9, can you explain the process?

A: (Priya Ramasubbu, ERCOT): We are evaluating options that are going to be good for the system in the long run. When we share results with WETT, we will share more information when it is available.

**Grapevine Switching Station IR Final Update**

Sun Wook Kang presented a final update on the ONCOR’s Tier 2 Grapevine Switching Station Project.

Q: (Brad Woods, Texas RE): Did you compare the different alternatives of load serve?

A: (Sun Wook Kang, ERCOT): No, we didn’t. We used the 2019 case to test options.