

RMATS UPDATE

November 26, 2003

RMATS WORK GROUPS

The Rocky Mountain Area Transmission Study is progressing in the Work Groups:

The Transmission Additions Work Group – Ken Morris and Bob Easton, Co-Chairs

The TAWG has revised the topology on which the SSG-WI Model is based from 21 areas or bubbles (with 6 in the RMATS region) to 33 areas or bubbles (with 18 in the RMATS region). This revised topology is being incorporated into the SSG-WI Model to provide for increased granularity and thus improved ability to model new generation and transmission additions in the region. The TAWG will begin looking at new transmission options on a conference call on December 8th.

The Resource Additions Work Group – Jim Tucker and Ray Brush, Co-Chairs

The RAWG has incorporated a number of new generation plants expected to be completed by 2006 into the SSG-WI Model for the RMATS Base Case for 2008 and is developing a list of potential new generation projects Rocky Mountain (RM) area for the 2013 Cases. **A request for information on potential new generation projects in the RM area by 2013 was sent out on November 18th. If you are a developer of new generation and have not responded to this request with information on your project, please do so.** A Fuel Price Sub-Group has recommended, and the RAWG has approved, a median wellhead gas price of \$4.00/MMBtu and a high wellhead gas price basis of \$5.00/MMBtu for use in the RMATS 2008 Base Case. These gas prices will be adjusted around the region based on basis differentials and transportation charges developed by the NWPCC and used in the current SSG-WI Model. The RAWG is working on a *Strawman* on potential future generation in the RM area with guidelines and suggestions for grouping future generation alternatives. The RAWG will be refining this *Strawman* at its next meeting on December 4th at PacifiCorp's North Temple Offices in Salt Lake City.

The Load Forecasting Work Group – Dill Ramsay and Andrea Coon, Co-Chairs

The LFWG is developing revised monthly peak and energy load forecasts for 2008 and 2013 for the RM area based on the increased granularity of the new 18 bubble topology provided by the TAWG. Additional information is being sought on DSM, conservation/efficiency and losses in order to properly define the impact of these factors on the loads used in the RMATS Model. PacifiCorp staff working on the Model are incorporating this new data into the SSG-WI Model.

The Report Writing Work Group – Steve Oxley and Doug Larson, Co-Chairs

The RWWG developed a Draft Outline for the RMATS Report, but the Steering Committee has recommended that the Study drive the Report Outline rather than the other way around and the RWWG is waiting on further development of the Study by the other Work Groups before proceeding. The other Work Groups are developing input data for the Report.

All Work Groups

The essential work and initial recommendations of the RMATS are made in these Work Groups. If you have an interest helping the RMATS work proceed, you should be participating in the Work Groups. Please contact Steve Oxley at soxley@state.wy.us to be added to the Work Group email lists

RMATS STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING NOTICE

The second meeting of the Steering Committee for the Rocky Mountain Area Transmission Study (RMATS) will be held in Salt Lake City from 8:30 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. on December 9, 2003 in Room 215L of PacifiCorp's North Temple Office (NTO) at 1407 West North Temple Street. **A principal focus of this meeting will be the Strawman for developing new generation alternatives for the 2013 RMATS Cases.** An agenda for the meeting will be posted soon on this site.

A telephone bridge has been established to allow participation in the meeting without travel. To attend the Conference Call: **Call 503-813-5600 (toll free # 800-503-3360). PacifiCorp has changed their prompts and you will be asked if you are a PacifiCorp employee - if so, select option 1 and enter your employee ID number - if not, select option 2 and enter the meeting ID 427777 and the passcode 2255669 when prompted.**

If you plan to attend by phone or wish to attend the meeting in Salt Lake please let Jim Byrne know at jim_byrne_slc@yahoo.com so that logistics can be arranged.

If you want to be added to the RMATS Steering Committee email list please contact Steve Oxley at soxley@state.wy.us