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Reporting (Minutes):	Mike Radecki



Agenda– May 2 Conference Call

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Agendas

No.	Item Description	Lead	Time
1.	Introductions / Attendance _X_Jim Haigh, _X_Jody Farhat, _X_Trevor McDonald, _X_Karl Wunderlich, _X_Paulette Schaeffer, __Darin Larson, _X_Scott Doig, _X_Brian Parsons, _X_Mike Costanti, _X_Tom Weaver, __Warren Mackey, _X_Pat Spears, _X_Vic Simmons, _X_Mike Radecki <i>Also in attendance: Tom Wind (ICOUP), Bob Gough (ICOUP), Chairman John Morales (& others from Ft Peck Tribes), Brad Nickell (WAPA)</i>	Mike	
2.	Review agenda - additions/changes – if any.	Mike / All	5 min
3.	Scope of the 2606 Study <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please review section 2606 	Mike	15 min
4.	Role of Technical Review Team Members <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expectations 	Mike	5 min
5.	Next Steps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tribal Wind project identification <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Develop project selection criteria • Study Plan Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Major elements ○ ID key criteria 	Mike / All	60 min
6.	Project Timeline	Mike	10 min
7.	Wrap-up <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion review • Action items • Next meeting / conference call 	Mike	15 min

1. Major Discussions

No.	Discussion
1.	Purpose of the call – to provide general overview of the 2606 feasibility study and to introduce all of the participants.
2.	2606 study scope – there were several questions and comments regarding the 2606 legislation. Specifically – duration and funding and since the original legislation called for study completion within one year of enactment. The current project schedule projects a 12-14 month project duration. Western has provided notice back through our Washington Liaison office the project will complete in summer 2008. The legislation authorized the expenditure of \$1M however no funding was appropriated for this project. Western has secured approximately \$700K for this

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	<p>project.</p> <p>Chairman Morales asked of project funds could be used to gather new/additional wind data. There are no specific prohibitions against gathering such data – it will be more of a best use of limited resources as determined by the project study plan.</p> <p>Bob Gough provided an overview of the Rosebud wind project in which renewable energy certificates were sold to Ellsworth Air Force Base and renewable energy sold to Basin - Bob's point being we've already done some integration.</p> <p>Tom Weaver questioned the existing wind generation within the UGP region and how that integration was accomplished. All of the existing resources within the UGP region are owned and backed up by other system members such as Basin.</p> <p>Paulette Schaeffer asked about the intent of the legislation use of the term "supplying firming power." A bit of discussion followed on this topic. There are several distinct camps regarding what firms what - ultimately, one task this project needs to accomplish is to provide an acceptable "term" to describe what incorporation of wind really does (i.e., firm/displace/?).</p> <p>There were several more general discussions regarding the 2606 study and included discussions on costs, incorporating results of previous studies and other relevant points.</p>
3.	<p>Role of Technical Review Team Members – technical review team members are the link between this project and each participating Agency/Member Organization. Study team members are responsible for keeping their respective groups informed as to progress and or needs. Study Team members will coordinate within their organizations to ensure appropriate review by various disciplines as necessary.</p>
4.	<p>Tribal Wind Project Identification – Several participants questioned the nomination process as well as the selection process. Is it too late to nominate a project – No, but it should be done as quickly as possible. We'll need to have additional discussions on how a project will be selected or whether we'll actually have to select a project –perhaps all are included in some fashion. Bottom line – as of today we can still accept project nominations.</p>
5.	<p>Study Plan Development –Discussed the concept of three primary components –1-Physical integration of wind, 2-Operational integration of wind and 3 the economics associated with wind integration. Economics was further defined as economics to the project developer, Western and the Rate payers.</p> <p>Brian Parsons gave a good overview of efforts performed to date in other studies that might prove useful to completing this effort. Specifically, Brian offered that a regional approach to the analysis might offer a better perspective than a multi-site specific approach. In addition, he discussed meso-scale modeling as well as time sensitivity on actual available data.</p>
6.	<p>Project Timeline – discussed macro timeline – Project work plan by Sept 2007, approx 7 months of study/analysis Feasibility study report approx June 2008. The project will include two public comment periods – one each on the work plan and the report.</p>
7.	<p>Wrap-up – A face-to-face will be held on June 1 in Rapid City, hosted by Rushmore Electric (address and hotel info below). The meeting would be 8:00 a.m. to ? early afternoon. It was suggested that participants start looking into travel arrangements to identify any flight schedule conflicts. The purpose of the meeting will be to begin putting detail to the study scope.</p>

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2. Action Items:

Assignee	Description/Status	Date to be Completed
Mike	Rapid City Meeting Agenda / Hotel info	5/18/07
Mike	External Website	6/30/07
All	Identify relevant information /reading materials	

3. Parking Lot:

Task Description

Next Meeting /Call:

The next meeting will be held at:

Rushmore Electric Power Coop., Inc.
 1715 Campbell Street
 Rapid City, SD 57701

Local Hotels:

- Comfort Inns & Suites 605-718-4444
- Holiday Inn-Rushmore Plaza 605-348-4000
- Holiday Inn Exp-Rapid City 605-341-9300
- Radisson Hotel Rapid City 605-348-8300