

To: SSC Members  
From: Roy Thilly, SSC Chair  
Re: Proposed Changes to the SSC Structure and Decision-Making Process  
Date: July 18, 2013

Attached is a proposal for SSC discussion and possible action to add a Gas Sector to the SSC for purposes of the Gas-Electric Interface Study and to modify the consensus and voting provisions in the SSC Charter for purposes of the Study.

The SSC Charter was drafted specifically for the transmission study process where the SSC's role was considerably broader and the prospect of serious disagreement greater. It would take a lot of work to re-write the Charter for the current effort. This does not appear worthwhile. The primary role of the SSC for this Study will be to provide input from an interconnection-wide perspective. The only decisional matter will be to propose one or more sensitivities if money is available to run them. In particular, if the regional stakeholder groups come down in different places on the use of available sensitivities, the SSC will need to decide which should be run. Given the SSC's track record in working very well together, I believe that creating a complete new charter is not necessary.

For this reason, the proposal is for the SSC to agree to meet and work together using the same process as in the past with the changes set forth in the attachment. These changes are:

1. To add a Gas Sector. Dave Whiteley will discuss the interest expressed by potential participants in that sector and how it will be organized.
2. To add one additional state representative, going from 10 to 11, to retain balance and conform to the EISPC's bylaws.
3. To change the voting requirement to abandon consensus and vote from 19 members to 51% of those present and voting. I have some concern that participation by SSC members may be less than previously and believe it is appropriate that decisions be made by those interested enough to attend a call or meeting, given the ability to have an alternate.
4. Change the voting majority for action to 2/3 or 22 out of 33 if everyone participates. This process would not allow one sector, the states to control, with everyone voting and provide for action only by a super majority of those present to act. If the SSC wishes, this requirement could be raised to 75% of those present and voting.