

**MWG Call Summary**  
**April 13, 2011, 3:30 p.m.**

Attending: Stan H. (ORNL), Tyler R., Dave W. (EIPC), Michael G., Jeff B., Jay C. (SPP), Bob P., Paul M., Erin H., Doug K., Jim C., Mark V., Wil B., Chuck T.(CRA), Steve G., Marya W.

**1. Approaches for reviewing modeling results and relating info to the SSC**

- Dave Whiteley explained that the MRN-NEEM results will be released in batches. Generally, for each Future, the base run and soft constrain runs will come out first, then the SSC will have approximately 5 days to determine the transfer limits to use for the rest of that Future's sensitivities. Then, the rest of the sensitivities for that Future will be run, and released as a batch.
- He explained that there will be webinars held between the two upcoming SSC meetings – one between the May and July SSC meetings, and one between the July and September meetings (in late August or so). These are meant to be the main opportunities for stakeholders to discuss the MRN-NEEM results.
- Dave suggested that after the May 29<sup>th</sup> webinar, the MWG should not need to meet weekly or regularly scheduled calls, and should only convene as needed when the transmission limits issues or other specific decision points arise.
- Erin Hogan would like the MWG to meet as a group after the revised BAU results come out, in order to try to develop graphs/templates that can be used for viewing the results that matter to the various stakeholders, in order to expedite decisionmaking. She suggested that they may need to meet two times between the next SSC webinar and the May 18-19 meeting and then as needed thereafter.
- Chuck Trabandt confirmed that CRA will provide the SSC with a summary and presentation of results for each Future, similar to the format of the materials CRA provided after the initial BAU results.

**2. Reserve margin contribution of wind in SPP**

- Jay Caspary of SPP discussed the information he had previously e-mailed to the MWG, related to his proposal that the reserve margin contribution of wind in SPP should be raised from its current level of 6% up to 15% for the national implementation Futures (2, 5 & 8).
- Some stakeholders agreed that this is a reasonable assumption. Other stakeholders requested more information/studies showing the basis for the 15% level.
- Dave W. clarified that this is an issue that needs to be decided upon by the entire SSC. The issue will be added to the agenda for the late April SSC webinar.
- Erin H. suggested that the MWG could discuss it further on next week's MWG call.

**3. Update on Transmission Methodology**

- Tyler Ruthven reported that the Transmission sub-team is working on developing a methodology for converting the soft constraint run results into fixed transfer limits. The group aims to have 2 or 3 options described at a high-level for the SSC to discuss at the April 29<sup>th</sup> webinar.

- If any MWG members would like to submit additional descriptions of possible approaches, those should be sent to Tyler by 2 p.m. Monday, so the sub-team may discuss all of these options during the Tuesday (4/19) sub-team call.
- The options of interest to the SSC will be specified more fully in advance of the May 18-19 meeting, so the SSC may reach a consensus decision on this issue during that meeting.
- Some stakeholders have indicated that it may be a challenge to reach consensus on this issue before seeing how they might actually impact the results. If this turns out to be the case, Tyler and the sub-team are prepared to test the options the SSC is considering by quickly applying them to the base case and soft constraint runs of Future 2, so the SSC may see these results before making a decision.

#### **4. Forced Wind recommendation**

- No members voiced strong opinions on or objections to Samir Succar's proposal that had been presented at the April 11<sup>th</sup> webinar. The sub-team will consider other sources of data, including the PJM study, and will finalize its recommendation by next week's MWG call, so the SSC can make a decision during the April 29<sup>th</sup> webinar.

#### **5. Distributed Generation recommendation**

- King Look reviewed the DG proposal he briefly discussed at the SSC webinar April 11<sup>th</sup> (set DG level at 12% of peak demand in 2030). This proposal was approved by consensus as the recommendation to be presented to the SSC.
- Stan Hadley stated that someone would have to develop the load pattern and numbers to use for model inputs, based on the anticipated resource mix and possibly variation across regions.

#### **6. Extra-High Natural Gas Sensitivity**

- Wil B. suggested that the MWG may want to weigh in on this sensitivity since it wasn't finalized by the SSC.

#### **7. Next steps**

- The Google Docs input tables are ready for sub-team leads to input their data.
- The MWG will meet weekly until the April 29<sup>th</sup> webinar. After that, the group will hold up to two calls before the May meeting, but may cancel them if these calls are not needed.