

SPWG Call Summary #16
1/4/11, 2PM ET

WG members in attendance: Ellen Vancko, Sonny Popowsky, Robert Weishaar, Dave Boguslawski, Matt Lacey, Michael Goggin, Steve Gaw, Mark Volpe, Bob Stein, Paul McCurley, Gabe Stern, Tim Noeldner, Greg Carmean, Scott Morris, David Meyer (EPA)
Dave Whiteley (EIPC); Ralph Luciani (CRA); Flora Flygt (EIPC Liaison)
Caitlin Connelly (Keystone)

1. EIPC Presentation on Transmission in NEEM to MWG and SPWG

- Dave Whiteley of EIPC delivered a revised presentation on EIPC's proposal for the treatment of transmission in the MRN-NEEM model.

2. Discussion on Sensitivities

- The group reviewed the sensitivities recommendations that had been agreed upon during the previous SPWG call. No changes were made to those recommendations.
- The group discussed the list of proposed sensitivities for Future 4: Aggressive EE/DR/DG/Smart Grid, and agreed to recommend the following sensitivities:
 - Revised transfer capability
 - High load growth
 - High gas prices
 - Mid-range costs for DR/EE/SG/storage/DG OR lower performance of these technologies (depending on how modeled). (The group combined two sensitivities here, after realizing they would likely yield the same information.)
 - Increased base load growth including higher PHEV levels. (The group combined two sensitivities to form this one, after realizing they would likely yield compatible/similar results.)
 - Increased imported Canadian hydro
 - Increased economic activity as modeled by changing the AEEI metric in the model
 - Low gas prices
 - Additional 1% mandated energy consumption reductions

3. Next steps

- There will be another SPWG call this Thursday (1/6) at 3 p.m. ET. The purpose of this call will be to finalize the SPWG's recommendations on the 72 sensitivities, so group members should come prepared for this discussion.
- Caitlin will send a revised sensitivities spreadsheet, updated to reflect today's discussion, prior to Thursday's call.