

Markets & Reliability Committee Meeting Transmission Replacement Processes Senior Task Force (TRPSTF) Discussion and Decision on Temporary TRPSTF Suspension



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The Markets and Reliability Committee (MRC) approved the creation of a Senior Task Force in March 2016 to brainstorm and develop alternatives for providing more transparency and consistency in the communication and review of End of Life projects in the Regional Transmission Expansion Plan (RTEP).



Background – TRPSTF Progress up to Temporary Suspension

Senior Task Force endorsed by MRC in March 2016

- ✓ Problem Statement and Issue Charge formalized into Draft Charter Charter approved by MRC, May 26th, 2016
- ✓ Education Developed and finalized transmission "curriculum"
 - ✓ Videotaped Education Sessions to minimize slowing by new/late participants
 - ✓ Education Sessions Concluded, June 20th, 2016
- ✓ Interest Identification Concluded, August 8th, 2016
 - ✓ Documented stakeholder interests
- ✓ Design Components and Solution Options Initiated preliminary discussions and idea formulation
 - ✓ Legal Sub-Team formed to provide further guidance on FERC Orders 890 & 1000
 - ✓ Transmission Costs Sub-team formed
- Note: PJM Stakeholders participate in FERC Technical Conference Spring 2016



Background - FERC Order to Show Cause (Docket No. EL 16-71-000)

- Order Received on August 26th, 2016
- Order naming all PJM Transmission Owners and PJM, establishing a section 206 proceeding to determine
 whether the PJM Transmission Owners are complying with their Order No.890 local transmission planning
 obligations specifically with respect to Supplemental Projects.
- MRC votes to place TRPSTF on hiatus September 2016
- Majority of TRPSTF scope was suspended as agreed by all parties until the sooner of i) a FERC issued order or ii) March 2017.
- Transmission Cost Sub-team authorized to proceed as scope was outside of Order
- Respondents to Order to Show Cause timely filed on October 25th, 2016
 - TOs also offered M-3 revisions in their filing
- At the February 2016 MRC meeting, the MRC voted to amend the suspension to be extended an additional three months (until July 2017) with a proviso that the MRC receive a progress report at their March meeting.



Facilitator's Observations

Temporary Suspension Positions & FERC Order to Show Cause

- Positions of TRPSTF Stakeholders
 - Transmission Owners Representatives
 - The matter is now before the FERC. Predominate desire to continue the temporary suspension and continue to work issues at SRRTEP, PC and TEAC so long as they do not conflict with the topics involved in the Order to Show Cause
 - Transmission Customer Representatives
 - Uniform desire to conclude the temporary suspension and reinstate the TRPSTF
 - Some varying positions on scope and urgency