

Meeting Notes
Project Prioritization Team
April 21, 2004
Teleconference

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James Considine
Rich Dewey
Debbie Eckels
Chuck King
Jonathan Mayo
Mary McGarvey
Elaine Robinson
Tim Schmehl
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1. Mary McGarvey reported that the Project Budget vs. Actual Report would be presented at the next PPT meeting.
 2. Tim Schmehl reviewed the open action items (Document posted).

50 – Implementation is tied to SMD2 and will be reported in the SMD2 status report in the future.

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46 – The new software has been installed but will not have the full functionality for reports until the next release has been deployed. That release is currently in beta testing at the NYISO. This item will stay open.

3. Tim Schmehl reported on the Project Related Incentive Goal for 2004. For part a. cost and schedule of qualified projects, Documentum qualified and met the standards for cost and schedule.
Part b. covers deployment of SMD2. The Board has decided that superior cannot be achieved and will set new milestones for target and threshold.
4. Tim Schmehl next reviewed the Project Portfolio. (Document posted.) Four projects have been completed and come off the list:
 - A686 – Allocation Adjustments;
 - A212 – 2002 New York Area Transmission Review;
 - A678 – SRIS for Conjunction Empire Conn. HVDC Project; and

- A695 – SRIS for Uprates of the Entergy Indian Point Nuclear Units.

Three have been added:

- A667 – Scarcity pricing in SMD2 is at the same priority as SMD2;
- A737 – Migration to New Facilities, same priority as A708 – New NYISO Facility; and
- A739 – Capital Improvements at the PCC, same priority as A708 – New NYISO Facility.

There are four deployments scheduled for April:

- A647 – Station Power Accounting;
- A620 – AMP IV in the legacy systems;
- A660 – E-tagging integration; and
- A663 – DSS Settlements/Datamart IV.

5. Jim Scheiderich discussed the relative urgency for completing A543 – UCAP auction automation and A541 – TCC auction automation and asked that it be discussed at the upcoming MSWG meeting.
6. Tim Schmehl reported that for the first time A600 – Open Billing Issues had no open items requiring IT resources. A690 – Grouped Units in SMD2 has been established as a separate project but given the same priority as SMD2. A730 – Interim Solution for the Cross Sound Cable has been placed ahead of A619 – Controllable Tie Lines Scheduling and Pricing.
7. Rich Dewey reported on the status of SMD2. (Document posted.)
 The NYISO verified that ABB had resolved the “high” and “critical” severity software defects by the end of March. ABB’s resolution of the medium severity software defects is now being verified by the NYISO.
 ABB has completed the development of the Phase 2a software on time per the revised schedule. Factory Acceptance Testing (FAT) is underway at the NYISO’s Wolf Road facility. The testing of SCADA/EMS is going really well.
 In-house software development is on track and essentially complete except for the project to change how Grouped Units are handled in the Billing and Accounting System.
 BMS integrated testing is schedule to start May 3.
 The second SMD2 Technical Conference was well attended and questions and/or concerns raised are being addressed.
 The upload/download sandbox was opened earlier this week and no significant problems have been identified so far.
 Full real-time tests will start in mid- to late-July.
 In response to a question as to what he saw as the highest risk, Dewey said it was departmental readiness since training has to take place over the summer peak period. The Transition Team is meeting regularly to monitor progress and the Market Readiness Program is underway.

8. James Considine, Customer Technical Services, reported on the results of last Fall's Customer Survey that related to the PPT and Project Collaboration and Delivery. (Document Posted)
This was the first year that such questions were included so there is no trend. There is a significant disconnect between the importance that respondents put on the importance of information about projects and what they view as the adequacy of the information received by them. The importance of such information is uniformly perceived across sectors although satisfaction varies.
9. Tim Schmehl reported that the Project Management Department has specific goals developed in response to the survey results including improved reporting and postings on MDEX.
10. The internal process to identify the projects portfolio for 2005 is underway.
11. The next PPT meeting is scheduled for May 13, 2004.