

Meeting Notes
Project Prioritization Team
August 12, 2004
Teleconference

Chuck King
Mary McGarvey
Tim Schmehl
Ray Stalter
Ernie Cardone
Ken Davis
Rich Dewey
Bradley Kranz

Joe Oates, Chair MC
Larry DeWitt, Co-Vice-Chair MC
Jim Scheiderich, Vice-Chair BIC
Glen McCartney, Vice-Chair OC

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1. Tim Schmehl reported on the open action items. Progress is being made on ID#46 which will be going through several weeks of testing. The NYISO will continue to update the PPT on the status. (Document posted)
 2. Tim Schmehl also reported on the status of project related incentive goals. Four qualifying projects have been deployed to date with five other qualified projects yet to be deployed. Six other potentially qualifying projects are planned this year. (Document posted)
 3. Mary McGarvey reported on the project budget report. There \$24 million in projects scheduled for 2004 and it was noted that this is the first year of tracking both labor and non-labor expenses. Mary McGarvey reported that the DSS project looks like an overrun; however the 'overrun' may be related to staff charging time to the project instead of the baseline. In addition the Billing Simulator continues to be an overrun. (Document posted)

In response to a question from Joe Oates that the new facility project appears to be an overrun, Mary McGarvey explained that it is due to funds that have been earmarked for architecture and engineering work to complete the design of the new facility. An actual overrun will only occur if the go-ahead on a new facility is approved.

4. Tim Schmehl reviewed the Project Portfolio. Additional enhancements were deployed in August under Project A664 DSS Enhancements. (Document posted)

Joe Oates questioned the status of several billing related projects that are on hold and noted the concerns that had been raised recently by market participants at the Management Committee. In response, Chuck King stated that as SMD deployment nears, it is necessary to freeze further changes in legacy software in order to deploy SMD. This does not mean that work on billing improvements is not continuing as SMD itself has a number of billing enhancements within it.

5. In response to a question from Larry DeWitt, on the new facility project, Joe Oates stated that he had requested that the NYISO continue to report on progress at the Management Committee.
6. Jim Scheiderich noted that options regarding the self-supply of reserves, which FERC has directed the NYISO to address, were discussed at the S&PWG. This and other mandated actions that will have a project impact in 2005 will need to be considered by the PPT. Joe Oates stated that this will be discussed at the next meeting when PPT will be looking at the proposed 2005 projects and that it will be important to assess required projects versus others which we have some latitude on.
7. Rich Dewey provided the SMD2 status report. (Document posted)

The actual development is fairly well on target and most of the issues they have been dealing with are minor bug fixes. BAS and PTS are not as high a risk as they had been previously considered.

The second Real-Time Market Trial was very successful and preliminary reports are that the market results look good and fewer defects were observed. In addition, initial feedback from BAWG members has been positive. Rich Dewey noted that SMD staff would be discussing cut-over and fall-back plans with MSWG towards the end of August.
8. Under New Business, Tim Schmehl reported on the status of the 2005 budget process and stated that he is working under a 20 million dollar cap for projects, with 10% earmarked for the new facility project. They are using the metrics established last year to evaluate each project and will be developing the list of projects broken out by high, medium and low probability for PPT review.
9. The next meeting is scheduled for September 9, 2004 at 3 p.m.