

Meeting Notes  
Project Prioritization Team  
July 7, 2004  
Saratoga and Teleconference

On the phone

Wayne Bailey  
Vinnie Budd  
Rich Dewey  
Mary McGarvey  
Tim Schmehl  
Kathy Whitaker

Mario DiValentino, Chair BS&P  
Gerry LaRose, Chair OC

Present

Chuck King  
Elaine Robinson  
Ray Stalter

Larry DeWitt, Co-Vice-Chair MC  
Glen McCartney, Vice-OC  
Joe Oates, Chair MC  
Chris Wentlent, Co-Vice-Chair MC  
Wes Yeomans, Chair BIC

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1. Tim Schmehl reported on the open action items. (Document posted)  

ID#50 has been closed because it is now included in the SMD2 Report.

ID#46 has been deferred to the third quarter of this year because it requires the next software release.
  2. Tim Schmehl also reported on the status of project related incentive goals. (Document posted)
  3. Mary McGarvey reported that the project budget report would be ready for the BS&P Subcommittee meeting on July 9, 2004 and would be posted for both PPT and BS&P. (Document posted.)
  4. Tim Schmehl reviewed the Project Portfolio. (Document posted)  

One project was deployed in June.

There were no additions and three projects were completed.

There is a new graph in the report that shows project status vs. project life-cycle to focus on the goal of defining requirements in the process.

5. In response to a question from Larry DeWitt, Chuck King explained that if there are recommendations arising from the current TCCs issue that require a project, those will be factored into the current process for development. A decision has been made to accelerate completion of the TCC Auction Automation Project and that is already being done. Any schedule changes will be discussed with the PPT.

In the future, New Issues will be a regular agenda item.

6. Tim Schmehl next reviewed the priority projects (Document posted) and reported on the DSS ADD, alternate data delivery, which is currently being deployed. There is a concentration on those projects that required for successful implementation of SMD.

Wes Yeomans confirmed that A600 Billing Issues is the same list as that posted for BAWG.

7. Rich Dewey provided the SMD2 status report. (Document posted)

Phase 2a factory acceptance testing (FAT) which is a pre-requisite for meeting the September 15 “Ready to Go Live” was successfully completed. This software included SCADA/EMS, BMS, and Integrated Testing. The testing was done on-site at NYISO and the release has been approved and accepted for Market Trials. The components of Phase 2b are not required for “Ready to Go Live”.

The first Day-Ahead Market (DAM) Trial was largely acceptable despite some SCUC issues because there is a good solution. The second DAM Market Trial is underway using a different model day.

There will be three 24-hour Real-Time Market Trials scheduled to begin July 21. These will include posting an invoice that reflects SMD billing changes.

The interactive trials include some of the scenarios suggested by the Sector Representatives, others are being used for internal testing by the NYISO. LECG is validating the results of the tests and will report to Market Participants at the appropriate working group.

The critical path is the human element especially dispatcher training because they have to be ready to run the grid. Customer Settlements is being integrated. There were some hardware issues that have been resolved with the replacement of almost

every disk drive in the HP servers. Power supply and cooling should cease to be a risk at the end of July.

8. Under New Business, Tim Schmehl reported the project for the Interim Solution for the Cross Sound Cable has been cancelled. The cable is operating to transfer energy.
9. Chuck King reported that project planning for 2005 will dovetail with the Market Evolution Plan that should be released for discussion with Market Participants at the end of July.
10. Vinnie Budd discussed the Business Model Presentation. (Document posted)

The Enterprise Risk Management (ERM) Committee reports monthly to the NYISO Board on risks to the market, reliability, and organizational excellence. There is a real-time process where any employee can report a risk. Significant focus in 2005 will be on infrastructure issues and elimination of manual processes.

Joe Oates commented that the NYISO has to consider “data risk”.

Vinnie continued that the NYISO would be soliciting support for the 2005 plan which will include:

- What didn't get done in 2004,
- FERC obligations,
- Risk mitigation by automating manual processes,
- Facility infrastructure, and
- Process stabilization before making further enhancements.

Joe Oates commented that efficiency/cost saving projects should be considered and Mario DiValentino reminded the group of the 5-year budget targets.

Chris Wentlent added that you have to address how the market will accommodate external forces like the renewable portfolio, environmental regulations, and gas infrastructure. Joe Oates added that you have to provide flexibility.

11. The next meeting is scheduled for August 12, 2004 at 3 p.m.