

Meeting: #05-01

Minutes of Meeting

Date: Monday April 4, 2005

Time: 10:00 am

Location: Energy Control Center

Attendance: Jessie Davies (Chair)
Stacy Dimou (Vice-Chair)
Andrew Booker
Tony Furness (for Eric Marr)
Blair Kennedy
Ron LeBlanc (for Don Jessome)
Arden Trenholm
George Porter
Ron Beaulieu
Jacques Saint-Pierre (alternate for Ron Beaulieu)
Brian Scott
Ed Howard
Kevin Roherty (NBSO Support)

Regrets: George Gunter, Eric Marr, Don Jessome

1. Review of Agenda

The following items were added to the Agenda

- a) Member Declarations
- b) NBSO Coordination Agreement with ISO-NE

2. Appointment of Alternates

The chair reviewed the following nominations of Alternates, all of which were submitted in accordance with the approved procedure.

- a) Eric Marr had nominated Tony Furness as his alternate, with letters of support from Perth Andover and the City of Edmundston.

- b) Jacques Saint-Pierre had been nominated as Ron Beaulieu's alternate by the Canadian Manufactures and Exporters Association.

On motion duly moved and seconded, Jacques Saint-Pierre was approved as Ron Beaulieu's alternate on the MAC.

- c) Dr Lucien Chang had been nominated by Jessie Davies and the Minister of Energy as Jessie Davies's alternate.

On motion duly moved and seconded, Dr. Lucien Changes was approved as Jessie Davies' alternate on the MAC.

- d) Don Jessome had nominated Ron LeBlanc as his alternate.

On motion duly moved and seconded, Ron LeBlanc was approved as Don Jessome's alternate on the MAC.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of December 13, 2004 were reviewed.

On motion duly moved and seconded, the minutes of the meeting of December 13, 2004 were approved as presented.

4. Business Arising from Previous Minutes/Update of NBSO Activities

a) NBSO Organization

Bill Marshall joined the meeting at this point. Mr. Marshall distributed an organization chart reflecting the new structure of the NBSO and explained the rationale for the changes made.

b) Reliability Coordinator Project

As Mr. Marshall was present, additional agenda items (b) – NBSO Agreement with ISO-NE, was added to this discussion.

Mr. Marshall reviewed the status of this project, noting that the date had, by agreement of all parties, been changed from April 1 to October 1, 2005. He reported as well that an agreement with ISO-NE has been nearly completed and that it was being reviewed by the ISO-NE stakeholders. At the suggestion of the Committee, the agreement is to be circulated to MAC members with comments due back by April 15.

c) PUB Application

Mr. Marshall reported that the PUB Hearing had not concluded on March 22 & 23 as planned and that an additional hearing day had been held on March 30. No decision has been received, so the planned April 1 implementation date was not achieved. The requested implementation date is now May 1.

Ed Howard noted that there may be issues related to Residual Monthly Cost allocations coming forward in the near term.

d) Schedule Balancing Service

Mr. Marshall reviewed the background leading to the execution of an agreement between NBSO and NB Power Generation for Schedule Balancing Service, noting that this same service is available for all Market Participants.

Mr. Marshall left the meeting at this point.

e) Urgent Rule Amendment

George Porter reviewed, for the benefit of new committee members, the circumstances which led to the passing of an Urgent Amendment to the Market Rules respecting energy limited resources, noting that to date, there has been no use made of this option.

It was agreed that this item should stay on the agenda for future meetings.

f) Final Hourly Marginal Cost

Kevin Roherty reported that FHMC is now posted on the NBSO website. Mr. Porter noted that the timing of the publication of FHMC data was to be revisited by the Committee once a sufficient amount of time has passed to gauge the impact of publishing after each settlement period on market development.

Arden Trenholm noted NB Power Generation's continued objection to posting the data in real time.

It was agreed that this item should stay on the agenda for future meetings.

g) Regulatory Activities

Mr. Porter reported on NBSO interventions in Maine and Nova Scotia.

The chair expressed the view on behalf of the Committee that members should be kept better informed on NBSO initiatives and involvement in matters such as regulatory interventions and major contract issues.

h) NERC Version “O”

Mr. Porter noted that compliance with NERC Version “O” had been covered by Mr. Marshall during his review of the Security Coordination Project.

i) Potential Market Rule Amendments

Mr. Porter noted that potential market rule amendments are being reviewed and that more information would be coming to the Committee after revisions to the Tariff have been implemented.

Arden Trenholm suggested that NB Power Generation would like to see an amendment to change the deadline for the submission of balanced schedules from 11:00 am to a time later in the day.

j) Ancillary Services RFP

Mr. Porter reviewed the status of the Ancillary Services RFP. The process must be approved by the PUB. A proposed process has been circulated to all stakeholders and potential suppliers, with no comments received so far.

5. Other Business

a) Member Declarations

The chair reminded members that anyone who hasn't submitted the required Declaration should do so as soon as possible.

b) Appointment of Alternate

The Chair encouraged those members who do not have alternates to make arrangements as soon as possible.

6. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is schedule for Monday, May 16, 2005. It was agreed that all meetings would be scheduled to begin at 10:00 am to accommodate those required to travel.

Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully Submitted,

(Original Signed By)

Jessie L. Davies
Chairperson

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Kevin C. Roherty
Secretary and General Counsel