

ATC Access Initiative – February 14, 2005 Customer/Stakeholder Meeting

On February 14, ATC held the first meeting in its 2005 Access Initiative series to discuss the topic of transmission access with ATC Customers and interested Stakeholders. These meetings are a continuation of the series first started in 2004. The purpose of this meeting series is to present and discuss the status and results of Access Initiative study work done to date, to continue to collaboratively develop and evolve the “access value case”, and to solicit feedback, reaction, and ideas from meeting participants. All initiative materials, including meeting presentations and any follow up materials, are posted on the ATC OASIS page and can be found at http://atcllc.com/oasis/Customer_Notices/Access.html.

The following organizations were represented in person or via phone at the October 1 meeting:

- Alliant Energy
- Commonwealth Edison
- Dairyland Power Cooperative
- Madison Gas & Electric
- Manitowoc Public Utility
- Marshfield Electric & Water
- Minnesota Department of Commerce
- MSB Energy Associates
- Public Service Commission of Wisconsin
- We Energies
- Wisconsin Public Power Inc
- Wisconsin Public Service
- Xcel Energy

Following is a summary of Customer/Stakeholder feedback received at this meeting, categorized beneath the relevant meeting agenda item. If an agenda item is not mentioned below, it did not generate significant discussion, resulting in feedback or questions, at the meeting. See meeting materials for full agenda and presentation content.

Action Items for Stakeholders

ATC is requesting input on the following issues:

1. Benefit of lowering the reserve margin.
2. Ranking of sensitivity analysis options.
3. Generating unit changes such as uprates, derates and retirements.
4. Criteria for determining restrictions on generator maintenance scheduling in PROMOD.
5. Load shape.

PSCW Docket

The PSCW has opened a docket on access (Docket #137-EI-100). The ATC filing is due March 25, 2005. Subsequent to ATC’s filing, the PSCW will be opening the docket for input from other entities. The format of participation by other stakeholders is unknown at this point. ATC’s filing will be a summation of the work performed to date, which is consistent with the request from the PSCW. Stakeholders may have an opportunity to comment on a draft of the ATC filing. However, due to the short timeframe, the opportunity for comments may be very limited.

Alternatives/Sensitivites/Bounding for PROMOD Analysis

No additional suggestions for the alternative or bounding analyses were proposed for the 2005 PROMOD simulations. However, stakeholders provided many ideas for the sensitivity analysis to be performed. ATC will be sending out via email the list of sensitivity analysis for ranking by the stakeholders. ATC is requesting that each company supply only one ranking of these sensitivities. The final ranking will determine the priority of the analysis to be performed in 2005 since there is limited time to perform the analysis due to long simulation times. Some other suggestions were supplied regarding demonstrating the variability of parameters in the analysis (e.g., tornado diagrams).

ATC has requested feedback on the load shape to use in the PROMOD analysis. ATC has 2001 and 2002 load shape data available for the PROMOD footprint, which is larger than ATC. Since each year will contain anomalies, the best solution may be to perform sensitivity analysis using the two different load shapes available.

Decision Matrix

Discussion primarily revolved around the “3x Market Savings” values and the method for determining the scores given for “Other Factors”. Stakeholders agreed that the production cost savings presented in the Decision Matrix are the minimum savings that will be seen in a market because they represent bidding at cost. There is disagreement over the use of a factor of 3 for projecting market savings since that value was determined from experience at the California ISO. However, stakeholders agreed that production costs are the low end of savings and the “3x” are potentially the high end of the savings, which is the representation that ATC is making with this bounding. The method of determining the scoring for the “Other Factors” will be explained more fully in the filing for the PSCW docket.

Twenty Year Assessment

To perform a twenty year assessment, ATC will be growing load beyond the available EIA 411 forecast. In addition, ATC will be minimizing the amount of “fake” generation added to the models. The LDCs indicated that they would be open to discussing their capacity expansion plans with ATC since ATC does not want to bias the system if no generation development is planned for an area. ATC will be holding stakeholder meetings on the twenty year assessment project throughout 2005.