

U.P. Energy Summit

Transmission Policy Perspectives

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Agenda

- Who we are
- Federal policy proposals
- ATC's position and perspective
- Renewables and regional efforts

Who we are

- Transmission-only utility
 - Owns, operates and maintains 9,350 miles of lines in Michigan, Minnesota, Illinois and Wisconsin
 - Plans and builds new transmission
 - Regulated by FERC (rates) and state regulators (siting)
 - MISO (Midwest Independent System Operator) member
- Operational on January 1, 2001





National leader in building transmission

- Our track record – expert builder providing high quality
- \$2.1 billion in investment in 8 years
 - 1,700 miles of line upgraded or built
 - Connected 4300 megawatts of new generation (18 locations)
 - Increased import capability (600mw)
- Safety IFR (incident frequency rate) of 2.1 – better than industry average



Proposed legislation - Federal

- HR 2454, the American Clean Energy and Security Act – June 2009 (House)
- American Clean Energy Leadership Act of 2009 (Senate)


ATC's position on legislation (planning)

- All energy is equal
- No position on whether or not Federal renewable energy standard legislation should be enacted
- Proposals would largely permit existing planning processes to continue
- No objection to enhanced transmission planning requirements
 - Objects to the implementation of a process that imposes transmission upon a region on a top-down basis



ATC's position on legislation (siting)

- No objection to legislation that would truly implement a stakeholder-driven process that uses synergies among local and regional plans to create more significant transmission projects
- No concern regarding enhanced Federal siting authority –we have had great success siting transmission
- Supports FERC lead agency authority for federal permitting



ATC's position on legislation (cost allocation)

- Transmission is an enabler
- Inclusion of cost allocation authority for the FERC with respect to new transmission could be helpful
 - Linkage between those who benefit and those who pay as defined overtime:
 - False sense of precision
 - Project by project cumbersome
 - ATC model
- Supports the ability to use new lines for all generation resources



ATC and renewables

- Connected 400 MW of wind
- Helping states meet renewable goals through UMTDI and other regional studies
- Well positioned to accommodate new sources of green energy generation



Questions

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