# Update and Overview: Eastern Interconnection Planning Collaborative

Including a Summary of Response to DOE FOA Proposal As of August 27, 2009

## **Overview**

- Recap of prior conceptual design
- Update of EIPC activities
- In-depth review of DOE bid proposal
- Future activities and stakeholder interaction
- Discussion of challenges and opportunities

## **EIPC Conceptual Design**

#### **Eastern Interconnection Planning Collaborative**

- Rolls-up regional plans
  Coordinates with Canada, Western Interconnect and ERCOT
- Receives stakeholder input and holds public meetings
- Performs studies of various transmission alternatives against national, regional and state energy/economic/environmental objectives
  - Identifies gaps for further study



- Regional Policy recommendations
- State energy policies
  - Rate Policies



DOE/FERC

#### **States**

Policy recommendations

• State energy plans



Regional/state compliant plans provided as input

Study gaps relative to national, regional and state policy

Regional

Plans and

**Projects** 



ISO / RTOs & Order 890 Entities

 Produce Regional Plan through regional stakeholder process, including state regulatory authorities





**Publishes Annual** 

Interconnection

**Analysis** 

**FERC** 

- Review/direction
- Order adjustments

## **EIPC Update**

- Initial focus was to establish the structure and agreements for an EIPC Analysis Team, comprised of all NERC Planning Authorities in the Eastern Interconnection
- Next step is to begin the formation of an EIPC stakeholder process and multi-constituency steering committee
- Progress slowed due to the release of a Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) issued by the DOE related to interconnection level planning
- The FOA proposal deadline is September 14
- Following the submission of the DOE bid, the EIPC plans to resume the development of the stakeholder process including stakeholder meeting(s) to be scheduled this Fall

## **EIPC DOE Bid Proposal**

DE-FOA-000068: Issued June 15, 2009

Seeks proposals on two "Topics" for each of the three Interconnections:

- Topic A: Interconnection-Level Analysis and Planning
- Topic B: Grants to States

Bids Due: September 14, 2009

## EIPC DOE Bid Scope

## Bid covers entirety of "Topic A"

- Establishment & Funding of a multi-constituency
  Stakeholder Process open participation, meeting space,
  professional facilitators, etc.
- Funding to support study work Consultant and Planning
  Authority costs for carrying out bid activities
- Potential funding of complementary university work consistent with DOE Funding Announcement
- Funding available for NGO participation on Steering Committee and Stakeholder Working Group
- Stakeholder meetings and Webinars open to all parties

## EIPC DOE Bid Governance

#### Overview of Governance Structure

- Stakeholder Steering Committee (SSC)
  - Make-up to be determined by stakeholders with facilitation by The Keystone Center
  - At least 1/3 of Steering Committee to be made up of state representatives (as specified in the FOA)
- EIPC Analysis Team
  - Made up of NERC-certified Planning Authorities
  - Technical consultants retained by Planning Authorities
- Project Manager

## **EIPC DOE Bid Project Objectives**

- 1. Roll Up and Analysis of Approved Regional Plans
  - Aggregate modeling, interconnection-wide analysis
  - Transmission reliability analysis
  - Production cost analysis and sensitivity runs
  - Stakeholder input

## EIPC DOE Bid Project Objectives

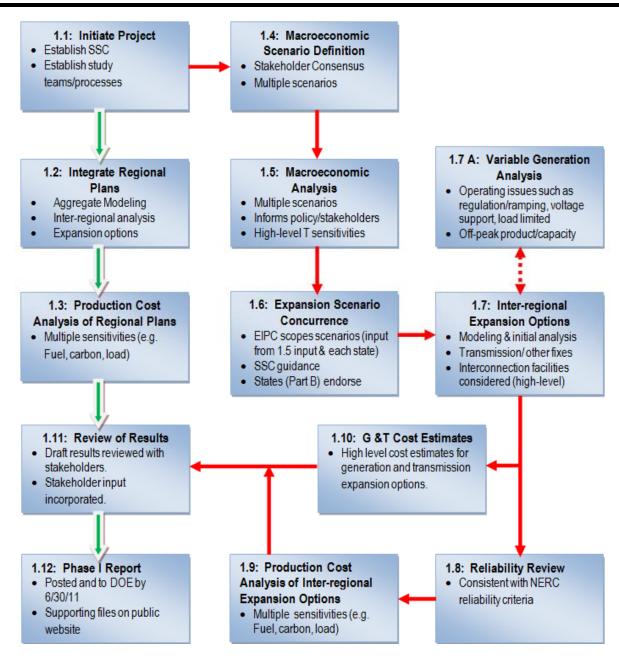
#### 2. Inter-regional Expansion Scenarios

- Initial input on Macroeconomic scenarios provided through the Stakeholder Steering Committee
- Macroeconomic Analysis performed to inform policymakers/ stakeholders
- Expansion scenarios selected for development of inter-regional transmission expansion options

## **EIPC DOE Bid Project Objectives**

- 3. <u>Development of Inter-Regional Transmission</u> <u>Expansion Options</u>
- High level (230 kV+) expansion options developed for specified scenarios
- Reliability Review of expansion options
- Production Cost analysis of inter-regional expansion options
- Product is high level transmission option(s) to inform policy, rather than specific transmission plans, projects or routes

## **EIPC DOE Bid Process Flow Chart**



## EIPC DOE Bid Deliverables

### <u>Deliverables</u>

- First Report to DOE due June 30,2011
- Second Report to provide updated information due June 30, 2013

## **EIPC DOE Bid Resources**

#### Resources

- Principal Investigators: ISO-NE, NYISO, PJM, MISO, TVA, Southern, Entergy, MAPPCOR
- Other Planning Authorities: Contribute technical personnel and data
- Charles River Associates (Production Cost Modeling)
- Oak Ridge National Laboratory (Reliability Review)
- The Keystone Center (Stakeholder facilitation)

## **EIPC DOE Bid Next Steps**

### Next Steps

- Bid to be filed by September 14, 2009
- DOE selection anticipated by Nov 2, 2009 and Final Contract by Dec 31, 2009
- Reach-out to states and other policymakers
- First Stakeholder Meeting(s) Fall, 2009
- Establish Website and continue stakeholder communication

## **Challenges/Opportunities**

- Need for adequate DOE funding for Eastern Interconnection work recognizing size and complexity of region
- Need for consensus on scenarios given resource limitations and complexity of scenarios
- Development of an effective stakeholder process
- Collaboration among states, regions and all stakeholders

# Questions