

September 8, 2005

To: Transmission and Resource Planners of the Colorado Coordinated Planning Group

Re: Meeting of the Colorado Long Range Transmission Planning Group

The Colorado Long Range Transmission Planning Group (CLRTPG) is meeting to review the long-range plan produced last year and explore potential changes. In order to help assure that transmission additions complement all the needs of utilities, customers, and load serving entities in our region, we have scheduled a meeting of the CLRTPG. The meeting will be held on September 15, 2005 from 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM, at the Tri-State Generation and Transmission (Tri-State) office, 1100 West 116th Street, Denver. We hope that your company will attend with both transmission planning and resource planning to represent your system needs and have the opportunity to provide input to these renewed study efforts.

Tri-State has recently announced plans to partner with Sunflower Electric in the development of a large coal-based generation facility near Holcomb, Kansas. Early estimates for the transmission to accommodate the generation indicate that 550 miles of new high-voltage transmission will be required into Colorado. In addition, Public Service Company of Colorado is presently in the process of a Least Cost Resource Plan, and evaluating proposals for approximately 2500 MW of generation resources to serve its needs for through 2013.

The goal of the CLRTPG continues to be the development of a long-range bulk transmission plan that will best fit the future needs of the State of Colorado given the anticipated load growth, collective knowledge of the transmission system, and potential sites for new generation resources. The transmission plan should result in a robust statewide view of a “back-bone” transmission system that eliminates the often “piece-meal” approach to transmission. This will be accomplished by developing a transmission system that will readily accommodate future generation development and optimize transmission additions.

Please be prepared to share any planned or speculative load and resource needs your company anticipates for the planning horizon through 2014. If you have any questions about the agenda for the meeting, please contact Thomas Green at 303-571-7223, or thomas.green@xcelenergy.com.

DRAFT AGENDA
Colorado Long Range Transmission Planning Group
September 15, 2005
TSGT Offices
1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Open Meeting

1. Introductions
2. Purpose (Overview)
3. Changes to Agenda
4. Background
 - 4.1. Review Original Scope (Handout)
 - 4.2. Phase 2 Scope
5. Membership
 - 5.1. Open Group
 - 5.2. Transmission Provider Group
 - 5.3. Non-Disclosure Agreement (Handout)
6. Schedule (Possible Handout)
 - 6.1. Goal for January
 - 6.2. Other phases
 - 6.3. Meetings

Transmission Provider Meeting

7. Review Tri-State Plans (TS Handout)
 - 7.1. 2013/14
 - 7.2. 2020
8. Review status of PSCo RFP (Handout)
9. Studies
 - 9.1. Base Cases
 - 9.2. Load Modeling
 - 9.3. Philosophies
10. Next Meeting