

# Memorandum

**To:** ISO Board of Governors

**From:** Nancy Saracino, Vice President, General Counsel and Chief Administrative Officer

**Date:** July 6, 2011

**Re:** **Decision on Transmission Maintenance Coordination Committee Status**

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***This memorandum requires Board action.***

Management recommends that the Board of Governors modify the status of the Transmission Maintenance Coordination Committee (TMCC) from its current status as an advisory committee to the Board to an advisory committee to Management.

Management recommends the following:

***Moved, that the ISO Board of Governors modifies the status of the Transmission Maintenance Coordination Committee from an advisory committee to the Board to an advisory committee to Management for the reasons described in the memorandum dated July 6, 2011.***

***Moved, that the ISO Board of Governors authorizes Management to make any necessary and appropriate filings with the Federal Regulatory Energy Commissions to effectuate the change to the Transmission Maintenance Coordination Committee status.***

## **BACKGROUND AND MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATION**

The Transmission Control Agreement—the agreement that all ISO participating transmission owners must enter into—requires the ISO to establish and maintain the TMCC. As described in Section 7 of Appendix C to the Transmission Control Agreement, the purpose of the TMCC is to develop and revise maintenance procedures with input from participating transmission owners and stakeholders and make recommendations to the ISO concerning transmission maintenance standards. The Transmission Control Agreement does not require that the TMCC be an advisory committee to the Board.

In its October 30, 1997 order authorizing operation of the ISO, FERC directed the ISO to create a permanent maintenance coordination advisory committee (81 FERC

¶ 61,122 at p 61,571 (1997).) Accordingly, the ISO Board created the TMCC as an advisory committee to the Board pursuant to Section 2 Article IV of the ISO bylaws. The TMCC has operated as an advisory committee to the Board since ISO inception.

In recent months, Management and TMCC members have been discussing the benefits of modifying the status of the TMCC as part of an effort to build on the collaborative nature of the existing TMCC meetings. Modifying the status of the TMCC as proposed would allow for additional flexibility in the meeting structure while at the same time retaining the key role of the TMCC. On May 25, 2011, the TMCC approved proposed amendments to the TMCC charter by a vote of 7-0-0 that would effectuate the evolution of the TMCC from an advisory committee to the Board to an advisory committee to Management.

The TMCC will continue to function much in the same way as it has over the last 11 years. The qualifications and composition of TMCC members is the same. The Board, however, will no longer be responsible for appointing members. Instead, the ISO will solicit interest in the form of a market notice; develop a list of candidates; and present candidates to the TMCC for a vote. Meetings will continue to be open to the public except as otherwise noticed.

The TMCC will continue to fulfill its responsibilities under the Transmission Control Agreement, and any recommendations of the TMCC concerning transmission maintenance standards will continue to require Board approval. Additionally, the TMCC will continue to have the opportunity to appear before the Board. The modification from board advisory committee to a management advisory committee reflects the evolution of the ISO board from a large stakeholder board to a more traditional five person board and the reality that management works closely with the TMCC to ensure the TMCC fulfills its obligations.

Accordingly, the ISO recommends Board approval to modify the status of the TMCC and make any necessary FERC filings to implement this change.