**TRANSMISSION MAINTENANCE COORDINATION COMMITTEE (TMCC) MINUTES**

**January 16, 2025**

**In person and Webex**

Steve Rutty, Acting Chairperson of the Transmission Maintenance Coordination Committee (TMCC), called the meeting to order at approximately 9:30 a.m.

# **ATTENDANCE**

***The following TMCC members attended:***

James Alligan (NextEra Energy Transmission)

Christian Henderson, P.E. (San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E)

Tibor Foki (International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local Union 47 (IBEW 47))

David Hahn (Western Area Power Administration (WAPA))

Alan Hernandez (Southern California Edison (SCE))

Edgar Pabon-Hernandez (Southern California Edison (SCE))

Ethan Stonecipher (International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local Union 1245 (IBEW 1245))

Michael Blunt (Trans Bay Cable (TBC))

Maria Ly (Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E))

Steve Rutty (California Independent System Operator Corporation (CAISO)) – Acting Chairperson

Ross Hohlt (DesertLink)

Bryan Pena (California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC))

Jim Useldinger (GridLiance West Transco (GWT))

Jed Ferguson (Valley Electric Association (VEA))

Christopher McClean (CEC)

***The following TMCC members were not in attendance:***

***The following members of the public were in attendance:***

Scott Vaughan (CAISO)

Kingsley Tenjoh (CAISO)

Adalaberto Baca-Chavez (CAISO)

Rod Tshunza (CAISO)

Parikshat Pathak (CAISO)

Trang Vo (CAISO)

Craig Williams (CAISO)

Monica Curry (San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E))

Alex Veileux (NextEra Energy Transmission)

Justin Flores (Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E))

Natalie Dawley (Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E)

Corrine (Southern California Edison (SCE))

Ali Amirali (Delaney Colorado River Transmission (DCRT))

Casey Reynolds (Delaney Colorado River Transmission (DCRT))

The following agenda items were addressed:

***Opening Comments:***

Tibor Foki, IBEW 47 Senior Business Representative, began a discussion on current industry news.

***Decision on 10/17/2024 General Session Minutes:***

The October 17, 2024 meeting minutes had not been distributed and therefore were not reviewed and approved. The minutes will be distributed for approval at the April 2025 TMCC meeting.

***CAISO Safety Briefing***

CAISO Facilities staff started the meeting with a general discussion of the evacuation plans for the CAISO building.

***Extended Day Ahead Market Project Update***

Trang Vo, CAISO Project Management Office Release Manager, provided a presentation on the development and implementation of the CAISO’s Extended Day Ahead Market (EDAM). Ms. Vo discussed the basic EDAM market design and provided a history of the steps towards its implementation west-wide. This included a review of the current schedule for the implementation with committed participants starting in May of 2026.

***Inspection Effectiveness and Risk-Base Inspection Frequency***

Natalie Dawley PhD P.E., PG&E’s Transmission Inspection and Maintenance Strategist, provided an overview and history of PG&E’s Transmission HFTD/HFRA Inspections. The presentation detailed PG&E’s transmission line inspection activites in High Fire Threat Districts (HFTD’s) and High Fire Risk Areas (HFRA’s) and included a discussion of the modeling used to determine threat areas. PG&E noted that they perform both visual inspections and supplemental targeted or specialized inspections including but not limited to, specific component wear testing and infrared, corona and structure climbing inspections.

**Overview of Delaney Colorado River Transmission (DCRT) Project Overview**

Ali Amirali, Managing Director Lotus Infrastructure Partners, provided an overview of the CAISO’s newest Participating Transmission Owner (PTO), Ten Link West, and the new 500kV Delaney – Colorado River Transmission Line including the associated 500kV Ceilo Azul Switchyard. The 125 mile 500kV transmission line was placed in service in June of 2024 and the first phase of the six bay 500kV Cielo Azul Switchyard is scheduled for completion in February of this year.

***Overview of GLW/VEA System Expansion***

Jim Useldinger, Senior Manager of Operations for GridLiance West (GLW), and Jed Ferguson, Director of Transmission Operations at Valley Electric Association (VEA), provided an overview of the core system and Beatty Substation upgrades being constructed to the GLW and VEA systems in Nevada. The upgrades were approved as part of the CAISO approved 2022-2023 Transmission Plan to establish GridLiance West and Valley Electric Association as a gateway for Nevada solar imports into California. They include the construction of numerous 500kV and 230kV substations and transmission lines and are scheduled to be completed by December of 2027.

***Proposed changes to Maintenance Defferal Requirements***

*This item was tabled until the next TMCC meeting due to time constraints.*

***NERC Reliability Standards, CIP and Compliance:***

No Compliance items were discussed

***Open discussion items:***

None

***New Business Issues and Future Agenda Items:***

TMCC members discussed topics the next TMCC meeting. Suggestions provided at the meeting included:

* Transformer Seismic retrofits
* CAISO maintenance deferral requirement
* Future CAISO PTO facilities

***CAISO control room tour:***

**TMCC MEMBER ACTION ITEMS**

* ISO will draft the minutes for this meeting and post as a document for the April 24, 2025 TMCC meeting;

The meeting was adjourned with no objections noted.