



The CAISO 2015-2016 Study Plan is well written, easy to read and understand. As a suggestion for improvement NTTG offers the following comments.

First, the Study Plan section 3.2, last paragraph, should be updated to include a discussion on the FERC Order 1000 regional and interregional planning coordination requirements. This update may be appropriate at this time since FERC has accepted the regions regional planning compliance filings and a substantial portion, if not all, of the planning compliance for interregional coordination. The interregional coordination will be implemented by all planning regions this year. Even though the details underlying interregional coordination are under construction at this time, the Study Plan would benefit from a general discussion of the Attachment K framework/obligations that will be implemented in 2016 by all planning regions. This is important since the outcome from interregional coordination may influence the results in CAISO final transmission plan.

Second, Order 1000 requires that the potential impacts on neighboring regions due to CAISO transmission additions be part of the decision matrix for selecting new transmission into the regional transmission plan. Perhaps this is already part of the CAISO decision matrix, but it doesn't appear to be discussed in the Study Plan.

NTTG recognizes that the timing difference between when FERC responded to the regions' Order 1000 regional and interregional compliance filings and the time when CAISO drafted the 2015-2016 Study Plan likely influenced this draft of the Study Plan. However, it may be appropriate for CAISO to bridge this timing gap and update the Study Plan with additional information regarding implementation of FERC Order 1000.

Thank you for the opportunity to review the CAISO 2015-2016 Study Plan.

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