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Preliminary GECTF Issues List as Developed at January 29th-30th Meeting

Administrative/General Issues:

1. The GECTF should coordinate with the NERC GEITF to ensure that both groups are informed as to the other's progress and goals.
2. The GECTF Chairs should clarify the voting procedures to be used for the approval of the Final Issues list to be voted out of the subcommittee. (Note, please see my email on this)

Flexibility/Planning:

3. Discuss the impact of generation load swings caused by weather and other factors on the need for gas flexibility.
9. Discuss ways to accommodate the natural gas requirements of new generation as it comes online in various regions.
16. Discuss the possible need for policy guidance from the FERC on the issue of cost allocation for new natural gas pipeline / LDC infrastructure and new service offerings that may be necessary to support increased power scheduling flexibility.
18. Discuss the potential implications that changes allowing more flexibility to non-firm shippers might have on the service levels and contractual rights of existing firm shippers.
19. Discuss the potential need for new pipeline and LDC tariff service offerings to accommodate the need for additional scheduling flexibility.
21. Discuss whether there is a need for more intraday flexibility in gas scheduling to match / support power scheduling.

Timelines (Gas Day/Electric Day):

4. Discuss the desire to "sync" the Gas Day with the various Power Days to create an "Energy Day"
5. Discuss the desire to coordinate nomination deadlines so that the gas and power deadlines are more closely correlated.
7. Discuss and clarify regional power timelines, WEQ members to provide additional information on various regions.
8. Discuss the notice requirements to be provided to pipelines / service providers by shippers (i.e., generators, LDC's, producers, marketers) of load and flow change.
10. Discuss ways to address the fact that, while there is one national "gas day", there are many regional "power days", creating associated difficulties in cross-commodity standardization.
13. Discuss the need to distinguish between issues relating to the structure of transportation contract portfolios and those that may relate to the need for changes to the natural gas day.
15. Discuss and clarify the differences in the timing of peaking requirements between natural gas and power.



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17. Discuss the potential for FERC to provide market incentives to encourage entities with peaking requirements to diversify their transportation contract portfolios to support those requirements.
 20. Discuss the implications of any changes to the natural gas day on natural gas production issues.

Settlement:

6. Discuss the desire of certain parties to allow for cross-commodity netting in contractual arrangements.

Reliability:

11. Discuss the impact of any contemplated changes on natural gas and power reliability concerns.
22. Discuss and clarify the differences in terminology between natural gas and power (i.e., does "Firm" mean the same thing in both commodities?)

Scheduling:

12. Discuss differences in the factors driving dispatch priority between natural gas and power.

Communications Protocols:

14. Discuss the need for increased and/or more formal communication protocols between natural gas and power operations / control room personnel.

Note: Original numbering was maintained from the January 29-30, 2004 GECTF meeting.