Draft Meeting Summary

R-Project Discussion November 18, 2021

2:00-4:00 CDT/1:00-3:00 MDT

Teams meeting – Calendar Invite

Attendees:

NPPD: Jim Jenniges, Paul Brune, Bonnie Hostetler

POWER Engineers: Ben Bainbridge

Holland and Hart: Sandi Snodgrass

USFWS: Mark Porath, Jeff Runge, Angela Burgess

Review meeting summary from October 28, 2021

* No changes

HCP Updates

* NPPD will provide updated information on transmission restrictions and mobile generation deployment (still in progress).
* Permit Area will remain the same.
  + Appropriate to discuss habitat differences in different portions of the permit area.
* Need to explain that Thedford substation is complete and that mitigation is in place for that impact.
* NPPD will include all access in covered activities and will cap permanent access at 19 acres.
* The parties have confirmed that the HCP can request coverage for ABB take that is currently exempted by the 4(d) rule. NPPD will take that approach.
* NPPD is gathering the new information noted in the HCP Update List. USFWS will provide any other relevant materials after they have reviewed a draft of the HCP.
* Action: Jim will send to Jeff the latest ABB dataset that NPPD has, and Jeff will check to see if there is a more up-to-date dataset.
* Use the conservative density of 0.13 ABB/acre used in the original HCP to calculate take, but compare it against more recent data.

Third-Party Contractor Scope of Work

* Action: Jim to resend original Draft Scope of Work for USFWS’s consideration.
* Action: Mark to provide NPPD a final scope of work to be included in an RFP.

Agenda for call with solicitor

* Action: Mark to coordinate call with solicitor.

Whooping cranes

* Action: Jeff/Mark to talk to Matt Rabbe and Joe Skorupa for potential schedule of WHCR call in January.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

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| **Action** | **Responsibility** | **Status** |
| Schedule call and topics for discussion with Field Office, USFWS Solicitor, NPPD to discuss SEIS Scope and the judge’s decision. | Mark Porath | Initiated  10-28-21  Ongoing |
| Check if there is a more recent update to the range-wide ABB data. | Jeff Runge | Initiated  11-18-2021 |
| Send the previous database back to Jeff for comparison. | Ben Bainbridge/Jim Jenniges | Completed  11-22-2021 |
| Ben/Jim to analyze NPPD’s project-specific dataset with the same method used on the 2014 dataset for the original 0.13 density. | Ben Bainbridge/Jim Jenniges | Initiated  11-18-2021 |
| Send draft scope of work to Mark. | Jim Jenniges | Completed 11-18-2021 |
| Return final scope of work to NPPD. | Mark Porath | Initiated  11-18-2021 |
| Coordinate whooping crane discussion in January with Matt Rabbe and Joe Skorupa. | Mark Porath/Jeff Runge | Initiated  11-18-2021 |