Scheduling RTO 101

OMS is offering to all member states the opportunity to sign up for either a half-day or full-day course called RTO 101. This special educational offering is being underwritten by Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory and the Department of Energy Office of Electric Transmission and Distribution. **There is no charge to the OMS member states for this on-site educational visit.**

Arrangements have been made for John Chandley of LECG Consulting to make one presentation of RTO 101 for each state commission. Mr. Chandley is available to come to a location in each state to present the course modules and to answer questions about their content. Each state should make a commitment that at least ½ of their Commissioners attend the sessions, along with pertinent staff, in order to get the most benefit from the on-site visit. Outside stakeholders may also be invited, depending on the wishes of the Commission.

1. **First, determine the depth of understanding or your audience in appreciating the presentation.**

   The Basic RTO 101 is about What RTOs do and Why. Its focus is on reliability - what we did before, what we can do with an RTO dispatch. It ends with describing the principal dispatch functions relating to regional reliability and how those functions lead to the creation of spot markets. Follow-on modules cover LMP theory and examples, FTR theory and examples (and concerns).

   Membership will remember that we had an opportunity to view a one hour session of these presentations in June at the MARC meeting in Madison. Because the basic block of material with the LMP and FTR modules covers quite a bit of material, **we suggest that you may want to choose that package, and plan for it to cover the whole day.**

2. **Next, OMS membership should contact the OMS office with suggested dates to arrange their RTO 101 presentation.** We will put you in touch with John Chandley directly to work out specific details: date, location, and commission contact person.

   If you feel your commission is already comfortable with some of these issues, you may arrange with Mr. Chandley to trim the basic section and add in other modules such as resource adequacy in an RTO framework, or how RTO transmission pricing changes our views on transmission planning and investments.

   As you can see, the **modules currently available, build upon each other.** First begin with: 1) Basic RTO 101, then 2) LMP Theory and examples, then 3) FTR Theory and examples, then 4) Resource Adequacy in an RTO framework and 5) RTO Transmission Pricing, Planning and Investment.