

SECTION 305/209 – NGENC – 514 Subcommittee

MINUTES

MARCH 9, 2015

4:00PM EASTERN

CONFERENCE CALL

FACILITATOR	<i>Jeremy Jewkes</i>
ATTENDEES	<i>Darrell Smith, Mario Bergeron, Tom Butler, Ashok Sundararajan, Marci Petterson, Brian Beeler, John Bell, Ray Hessinger, Jennifer Sellers, Jason Biggs, Jeremy Jewkes, Ron Pate, Bryan Hong</i>
ABSENTEES	<i>Shayne Gill, David Kutrosky, Stan Hunter, Allan Paul, Quentin Huckaby, Arun Rao</i>

DISCUSSION/DECISIONS

1. Welcome and Open Meeting:

Jeremy Jewkes welcomed participants and began the meeting.

2. Roll Call – Jeremy Jewkes:

Jeremy Jewkes called the roll.

3. Recap – FFY 2015 Q1 Reconciliation:

Participants were asked about their thoughts on the presentation. It was noted that the 2014 report update is practically complete and will be followed up on soon.

4. Review and confirm status, timing and notes on Next Steps items – All:

Jeremy Jewkes facilitated a walkthrough and discussion of the "2016-2020 Priorities.20150302" PDF file that was sent to members of the subcommittee prior to the call. In addition to the status of each task or subtask, those involved provided further information about the work.

Task #2&1 (Major Introduction of State-Owned Equipment and Spares). It was mentioned that how everything ties together is something that'll need to be thought about carefully. Many components are tied to updates in the CIP.

Task #10 (Bridging Equipment Into State of Good Repair). A discussion occurred regarding locomotives. Working with Amtrak would be beneficial as the process starts, in updating the five year forecast about what the states will use. This can minimize the waiting time for information, and allow the data to answer forecasting needs. All the information is going into the model. The importance of properly capturing the data and timing as the cars are deployed was also mentioned.

Task FMCS B1 (Appendix for Equipment Capital Charges). The conversation following this update included the suggestion to see how the 209 Working Group is proceeding with restructuring details as they are still going through the cost research, in order to make sure the subcommittee stays consistent.

Task FMCS B2-1 (SOGR Backlog Details). Updates on the work are ongoing.

Task #12 (Delineate Boundaries for Discussion). This is included in the major update. This item has a targeted completion date of June, but can be changed if necessary. The issue of possible overlap with other groups was mentioned. It was suggested that the subcommittee share with them the new structure about the discussions on equipment capital that are happening, along with the other places that they occur. Some examples include the 209 Working Group, quarterly User Group meetings with Amtrak, etc.

Task FMCS B3 (Cost Controls/Defined Costs). Some states might be interested in doing audits through their processes and reporting back. Currently waiting for upcoming 2014 year-end reconciliation. If FMCS has a report with questions and areas of concern was a subject of discussion as a quality control on the reconciliation process. It is noted that the group is in general agreement. Updates were also discussed. The expectation is

that these will just be relatively minor items. Amtrak will need to regroup and figure out how much to present. It is currently working on tables (detailing things such as units used and the full cost-per-state) created through Microsoft Access that can be sent out once the data is in-hand. They will look different than the former Excel versions. However, the display of operating cost figures will not change.

Task #9 (Scope Specificity). Amtrak will not have next steps until the PMO is hired. For now it is tabled and will be monitored.

Task #6 (Quality Assurance and Quality Control Procedures). Given the assessment that states care about equipment functioning well and operating correctly, how well it matches against performance measures is important. A question was raised, asking if this task needs to be moved to another group. The subcommittee will wait until looking at the performance group's published findings, which were just released this morning. The specifications will need to match the standards of this group. The subcommittee will circle back on this at a later meeting.

The following four tasks are complete: 8 (Cost Details), 11 (Funding Adjustments), FMCS B2-3 (Detail on SOGR Determination), and FMCS B2-2 (Process to Pay for Overhauls in Proportion to Use).

The last items are tasks which did not rise to the level of national issues, or are ones that could emerge as national issues in the future.

1. Task #13 (Repair of Wrecked or Otherwise Out-Of-Service Equipment). These things aren't exactly out in the open. Amtrak is currently negotiating with states. Task is tabled.
2. Task #4 (Capital Equipment Procurement by Amtrak). It was suggested that Amtrak add another sentence to the CIP saying that it will work with the states. Identifying processes while protecting Amtrak's ability to competitively bid could allow states to get information quicker. Amtrak suggested adding sole-sourcing, which is dependent on state policies.
3. Task #14 (Equipment End-of-Life). Task is tabled.
4. Tasks #15 (Custom Branding), 16 (Custom Overhauls), and 17 (Differing Capital Overhaul Needs). These are contract items being handled at the corridor level unless something significant happens.

5. Confirm QA/QC as Performance Measures (All)

No action taken.

6. Other issues/questions:

No other issues or questions mentioned.

Next call – March 23, 2015 – 4:00PM Eastern

Adjourn –

With no further business to come before the subcommittee today, Jeremy Jewkes adjourned the call at 4:48 PM Eastern.

Decisions and Action Items

ATTACHMENTS

Next Generation
Equipment Committee



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acquisition, financing and management of passenger rail equipment.

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4:00pm. Eastern

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