June Highlights

Energy Links Provides Secretariat for CASA-1000 Project

CASA-1000 Secretariat Coordinates CASA-1000 Procurement Process

In June, Secretariat organized four Procurement Committee meetings at which the status of all procurement packages was discussed with the project countries’ Procurement Committee members, IFC and technical consultant PGI. Throughout June, the CASA-1000 Secretariat and the cooperating partners have been successful in completing the following tasks:

- Review of Bids Evaluation Report (BER) for the World Bank (WB) funded Converter Stations in Tajikistan and Pakistan (TW01): The Secretariat coordinated development and submittal of a comprehensive response to the World Bank’s request for clarifications related to the WB review and “no objection” of the TW01 Converter Stations Bid Evaluation Report. Currently, the Converter Station package review is progressing without new issues through the WB No Objection process.

- Organization of pre-bid information meeting for HVDC transmission lines in Pakistan (TW02) and marketing event in Paris: The Secretariat received a proposal from the Pakistan PC members to delay the date of a proposed contractor information session in Dubai regarding the Pakistan HVDC transmission line construction tender - TW02 – until July 5 – 6, 2018. The Secretariat made all necessary arrangements to reschedule the meeting and inform international and Pakistan-based companies on these changes.
Also during the PC VC meeting on June 20, 2018, the project countries concurred with the Secretariat participation in the CIGRE power exhibition event in Paris on August 26 – 31, 2018. Details for CASA participation in CIGRE event in August were advanced with finalization and approval of booth graphics and payment of registration fees.

Videoconference with Kyrgyzstan Working Group and Contract Negotiations – IsDB funded HVAC TW05 Package: For HVAC transmission line in Kyrgyz Republic with IsDB funding (TW05), the CASA-1000 Secretariat reviewed the revised draft of the contract for construction of the IsDB-funded HVAC transmission line in Kyrgyzstan that conforms to current IsDB requirements, translated and sent to both the Kyrgyzstan working group and Contractor. The Secretariat informed participants of the PC VC meetings about the preparation of negotiation session on IsDB funded transmission line construction contract in Kyrgyzstan.

Development of CASA-1000 Document Management System: On June 28, 2018, the Secretariat conducted a full day working session in Bishkek with NESK PIU and Document Control staff regarding their connection into the CASA-1000 electronic Document Management System that will allow them to meet their contractual obligations regarding handling of data and, in particular, change order requests from contractors as required under their EPC Contracts. The first draft of the DMS Document Control Manual was finalized and prepared for countries’ review.

DC Operator Contracting Strategy: The RFP regarding the contracting of an organization to develop the CASA-1000 DC Operator Contracting Strategy was completed and posted on the CASA-1000, Energy Links and ECODIT web sites. The request for Expressions of Interest (approved by the CASA PC) for consultants to develop the first two phases of the DC Operator Strategy was sent to fifteen organizations to assess their interest in receiving the RFP that is expected to be issued in early July.

Tajikistan Bilateral Assistance

Support to National Energy Utility Barki Tojik on Power System Planning

During June 18 -20, 2018, Energy Links subcontractor DMCC (Ukraine) conducted the second training session for Barki Tojik staff on utilization of the Power Factory software by DigSILENT. Energy Links COP Andriy Mitskan and Head of Barki Tojik Planning Department Rezvon Sharipov attended the workshop. Eight trainees from Barki Tojik received practical knowledge on power network planning. Energy Links experts from DMCC conducted practical exercises on development of Tajik power system’s model and data input. Trainees received the tasks related to development of the power system model to complete before the next training session. Energy Links experts will provide a remote assistance to Barki Tojik specialists during the webinar that was scheduled for June 26, 2018.
Plans for July 2018

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- Address any issues received from the World Bank in support of approval of Converter Station BER.
- Coordinate and conduct Pakistan’s HVDC transmission line Contractor Information Session in Dubai, June/July 2018.
- Facilitate finalization of HVDC Owner’s Engineer contract negotiations and submit contracts for World Bank’s “No Objection”;
- Facilitate finalization of IsDB-funded contract in Kyrgyzstan and submit to IsDB for “No Objection”;
- Initiate negotiations on TW06 contracts upon receipt of No Objection approval from the World Bank;
- Initiate work plans with Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Pakistan to clear conditions to their financing agreements with WB, EIB and IsDB;
- Advertise and seek Expressions of Interest regarding consultant for DC Operator Strategy;
- Continue data population of CASA-1000 Document Management System. Finalize implementation plan, prepare system user manual and complete population of file structure.

Regional non-CASA

- Complete evaluation of the proposals to a solicitation for offers to supply transmission planning software for CDC Energia and Uzbekenergo to be used to model regional transmission system.

Tajikistan

- Continue the Financial Management classes in Managerial Accounting-1;
- Solicit implementers of energy saving measures for pilot project in water supply area and conduct evaluation of the proposals;
- Continue training for Barki Tojik staff on using the Power Factory - Transmission System Planning and Operation software;
- Draft legal and regulatory documents needed for institutional set up of the energy regulator.

Turkmenistan

- Based on the approved outline, continue work on development of the White Paper on newly opened opportunities for Turkmenistan power sector in light of the recent development in Central Asia United Power System.