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SECTION 305 NGEC Executive Board

MINUTES

MARCH 26, 2019

11:30 EASTERN

CONFERENCE CALL

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| FACILITATOR | <i>Eric Curtit, Chair, S305 NGEC Executive Board</i> |
| ATTENDEES | Board Members: <i>Eric Curtit, Charlie King, Ray Hessinger, Tim Ziethen, Michael Lestingi, John Oimoen, John Oimoen for Arun Rao, Jon Dees for Allan Paul, Kyle Gradinger, Mike Jenkins, Brian Beeler II, Support Staff:</i> <i>Steve Hewitt, Shayne Gill, George Hull, Michael Burshtin, Mike Murray, Dave "Emeritus" Warner</i> |
| ABSENTEES | Board Members: <i>Amanda Martin, Ron Pate, John Rosacker, Arun Rao, Allan Paul, Tim Hoeffner, Support:</i> <i>Jason Biggs, Momo Tamaoki, John Bell, Beth Nachreiner, Strat Cavros, Tammy Krause, Larry Salci, Jeff Gordon, Michael Burshtin, Byron Comati</i> |

DECISIONS MADE

1.

Welcome – Eric Curtit, Chair, S305 NGEC Executive Board:

Chairman Curtit opened the call and asked Steve Hewitt to call the roll.

2. Roll Call – Steve Hewitt, NGEC Program Manager:

Steve Hewitt called the roll and confirmed the presence of a quorum.

3.

Action items Review – Steve Hewitt:

Steve Hewitt noted that most open action items are covered under the agenda.

The status of one action item not covered specifically by today's agenda:

Amtrak Locomotive Procurement – 3-12-19:

On the Locomotives (Chargers):

There was not much new on the Locomotive procurement – they are just waiting to get started.

On the car/trainset procurement:

Bids are coming in. An extension has been requested by several companies and has been accepted by Amtrak, but the overall process continues to be expeditious.

4.

Approval of the Minutes from the 3-12-19 conference call meeting – Eric Curtit, MoDOT:

On a motion offered by Michael Lestingi, FRA, and seconded by John Oimoen, IDOT, the minutes from the 3-12-19 conference call meeting were approved as presented.

5.

Update – Multi-State Rail Car Procurement – Kyle Gradinger, Caltrans:

Kyle Gradinger provided the following update for inclusion in today's (3-26-19) minutes:

System-level FDR approvals of the Carbody & Clearance, Water & Waste, HVAC, Gap Filler, Digital Communications, Diagnostic System, Double Sliding Step, Accessible Toilet Room, Safety Appliances, Lighting Systems, Semi-Permanent and H-type couplers, Trucks, Exterior Doors, Interior Doors, Gangway, Brakes, Analog Communications, Diaphragm, Electrical System and Trap Door have been provided to SCOA/Siemens. A new revision of FDR Wheelchair Lift has been submitted for review. FDR related CDRLs and other submittals continue through the review and approval process. FDR Approval is targeted for end of March.

The first 14 carshells are in production at Siemens Sacramento Facility. Carshells #1 and #2 are in the final assembly phase. Interior wiring is being installed in carshell #1. Insulation and interior cable duct to be installed in Carshell #2. Carshell #3 and Carshell #4 have completed the finishing coating process. Carshells 5-7 are in storage pending passivation scheduling. Carshell #8 s in the passivation stage and #9 is in inspection. The remaining carshells are in various stages of integration and welding.

CALTRANS met with the California ADA community last week in Sacramento to discuss project status and updates to coach ADA features.

The FAI process is underway and FAIs have occurred for the Carshell Complete, Digital Communication System, Lighting System, Couplers, Sanitary System, Sidewall Lining, FRP Panels, Brake System, Interior Doors, Truck Frame, Flooring and heated panel and Battery Charger. Open items are being addressed and the FAIs are revisited for closure by the customer team as needed. The HVAC, Full Truck, Sliding Step, Seats, Electrical Cabinet, Windows, Analog Communications, Electrical Switch Cabinet and Fully Assembled Bogie occurred in February. Passenger Seats, Table, IDOT Passenger Information System, and Wheelset are scheduled for March. FAI for Double Sliding Steps is scheduled for April.

Chairman Curtit noted that Kyle Gradinger had asked for information/an update on the METRA procurement to be provided on this call, if possible. Eric reached out to John Oimoen, IDOT, who has agreed to provide an update on the next Executive Board call. Steve Hewitt will add it as an agenda item for 4-9-19.

6. Update: Metro-North Dual Mode Locomotive Procurement – Revised RFP – Ray Hessinger, NYSDOT:

Ray Hessinger reported that the Phase 2 proposal due date continues to be April 12, 2019.

7. Update: Document Control – Steve Hewitt for Tammy Krause:

Tammy Krause was unavailable for the call today (3-26-19) but provided the following update which was read into the record by Steve Hewitt:

The Revision B2 version of the single level specification (305-003 Revision B.2) is currently being compiled and will be provided to Steve Hewitt when it is complete, and the website will be updated at that time.

The single level train set specification revision is still ongoing (making its way through the various technical working groups). The interiors technical working group requested the original DCRs that were submitted, and they have been provided.

8. Update: Equipment Acquisition and Ownership Working Group – Eric Curtit:

The Equipment Acquisition and Ownership Working Group will be meeting next week – 4-4-19. Thus far, three of four DRAFT sections (Planning, Revenue Service and Sustainability) have been received and distributed among working group members. The DRAFT section on Implementation has not yet been provided.

FRA (Jeff Gordon) has submitted initial comments on the three DRAFT sections received to date, and those comments have been distributed to working group members.

On the call next week, the section drafts will be discussed, and a plan for next steps will be determined. Eric noted, "we are still in the subject matter phase" and once all input has been gathered, we will "see where we are and discuss next steps".

9. Distribution of the NGEC two-pager – educational document –

200 hard copies produced by MoDOT – 157 hard copies have been distributed and approximately 350 have been distributed electronically.

Most recently, AASHTO and OneRail were sent 50 each for distribution on the Hill and/or where appropriate.

Additional copies can be obtained by contacting Steve Hewitt at shewitt109@aol.com

**10.
Other:**

With no other business forthcoming, Eric Curtit adjourned the meeting around 11:42am Eastern.

The next conference call will be 4-9-19

Decisions/Action Items

Update – Multi-State Rail Car Procurement as of 3-12-19:

See agenda item 5 in the minutes.

Metro North Dual Mode Locomotive Procurement – Update as of 3-12-19:

The due date for final proposals is 4-12-19.

METRA Equipment Procurement:

CALTRANS has asked for information/updates on the METRA equipment procurement. John Oimoen, IDOT, will provide an update on the next call – 4-9-19.

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Next update 4-9-19

Charger Updates from States and Amtrak:

On 10-23-18, at Chairman Curtit's request, States and Amtrak provided summary updates on the Charger Locomotives now that they have been placed in service. The Chairman will be asking for these updates on a periodic basis, with the next update planned for the NGEC 2019 Annual Meeting – 2-22-19.

On 2-22-19 at the Annual Meeting, Charger experience updates were provided and captured in the minutes of that meeting.

Next update – as appropriate.

**S305 NGEC Executive Board Conference Call
March 26, 2018
11:30 AM – 12:30 PM Eastern
Call in number: 888 585-9008 conference access: 559-120-127**

Agenda

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| 1. Welcome and Open the Meeting | Eric Curtit |
| 2. Roll Call | Steve Hewitt |
| 3. Action Items Status Review | Steve Hewitt |
| 4. Approval of Minutes from 3-12-19 conference call meeting | Eric Curtit |
| 5. Update: Multi-State Car Procurement | Kyle Gradinger |
| 6. Update: Metro North – Dual Mode Locomotive Procurement – revised RFP | Ray Hessinger |
| 7. Update: Document Control | Tammy Krause |
| 8. Update: Equipment Acquisition and Ownership Working Group | Eric Curtit |
| 9. Status: Distributing the NGEC two pager educational document | Steve Hewitt |
| 10. Other | All |

Next Call-4-9-19