

SECTION 305 NGEC Executive Board

MINUTES

DECEMBER 4, 2018

11:30 EASTERN

CONFERENCE CALL

FACILITATOR	<i>Eric Curtit, Chair, S305 NGEC Executive Board</i>
ATTENDEES	Board Members: <i>Eric Curtit, Charlie King, Tim Ziethen, John Bell for Ray Hessinger, Michael Lestingi, Arun Rao, Amanda Martin, Amanda Martin also as proxy for John Oimoen, Allan Paul, Mike Jenkins, Support Staff:</i> <i>Steve Hewitt, Jeff Gordon, Tammy Krause, Larry Salci, Shayne Gill</i>
ABSENTEES	Board Members: <i>Ray Hessinger, Ron Pate, John Rosacker, Tim Hoeffner, John Oimoen, Brian Beeeler II, Kyle Gradinger Support:</i> <i>Jason Biggs, Jon Dees, Beth Nachreiner, Mike Murray, Strat Cavros, Byron Comati, Michael Burshtin Bernard Reynolds, Patrick Centolanzi</i>

DECISIONS MADE

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

Chairman Curtit, MODOT, 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 action items not covered by today’s agenda:

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.

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Next Update: 2-22-19 NGEC Annual Meeting

4. Approval of the Minutes from the 11-20-18 Conference Call Meetings – Eric Curtit:

A motion was offered by Arun Rao, Wisconsin DOT, and was seconded by Amanda Martin Iowa DOT, to approve the minutes from 11-20-18 as presented. With a quorum having been established, and no objections or exceptions noted, Chairman Curtit determined that consensus had been achieved the minutes of 11-20 -18 are approved as presented.

5. Update – Multi-State Rail Car Procurement - Kyle Grading, Caltrans:

Kyle Grading was unavailable, but Caltrans provided the following update for inclusion in today's minutes (12-4-18) Steve Hewitt read them into the record:

Of the three critical Cab Car DCRs, two have been approved by the NGEC subcommittee – Carbody/Cab Construction and Cab Area Floor Height. The pending Car Length Over Couplers DCR would be an allowed exception to the PRIIA specification pending approval of an NGEC rule change. The PRIIA specification text would not be changed. A DCR regarding the PRIIA vertical curve requirements has been reviewed by Amtrak and will be submitted soon.

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, Exterior Doors, Trucks and Brakes have been provided to SCOA/Siemens. Interior Doors is currently in queue for approval. Remaining actions for Gangway are complete with system level approval expected soon. Caltrans submittals to FRA for Safety Appliance and Carbody are complete and under review. The package containing the Clearance Envelopes have been submitted to Amtrak for review and approval.

The first 12 carshells are in production at Siemens Sacramento Facility and carshell #1 has passed its FAI and associated rework has been completed. Carshell #2 is in the passivation process. Carshell #3 has completed the integration and associated inspection. Carshells 4 through 8 are in various stages of weld integration and Carshells 9 through 12 are in the initial stages of construction with center sills completed. The expansion of the Sacramento production facility is slightly delayed due to permitting issues but there is no effect on the schedule thus far.

The FAI process is underway and FAIs have occurred for the Carshell Complete, Digital Communication System, Lighting System, Couplers, Sanitary System, Sidewall Lining, 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. FAI for the Low Floor Door Panel is to be conducted in December.

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Update: Metro-North Dual Mode Locomotive Procurement – Ray Hessinger, NYSDOT:

Ray Hessinger, NYSDOT, was unavailable. John Bell, NYSDOT, reported that there was no change from the last report.

Metro-North will be re-issuing the RFP with appropriate federal clauses and with the use of federal funds

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Update: Equipment Acquisition and Ownership WG – Eric Curtit:

Eric Curtit reported that the working group met last week and is preparing a DRAFT report for presentation to the NGENC Executive Board during the annual meeting on 2-22-19. The next working group call will take place on 12-11-18.

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Update: Document Control – Tammy Krause:

Tammy reported that there are no changes to the status of current DCRs.

She added that the DCR link on the website is “broken” and she will work with AASHTO to get it fixed.

With regard to the cab car-length DCR (177) and potential NGENC procedure changes:

Eric Curtit summarized his recent discussion with NGENC Review Panel Consultant, Larry Salci, and a proposed remedy (one-time) allowance for the DCR changing cab car length. Eric asked Larr to provide an overview with his recommendation.

Larry Salci recommended that the NGENC Board simply adopt a resolution to approve a one- time only allowance for the additional length to the Cab Car. He suggested that there is no need to amend Document Management Procedures. “The rationale for this approval is the original bi-level contract was in default and as part of the cure the single level cab car technical proposal was approved by the states. The NGENC Document Management Procedures (305-100) never anticipated the DCR process to be utilized to address contract default issues. Therefore, to preserve the States NGENC policy of standardization and the single level tech spec 85' length over coupler pulling face, a one-time allowance will be approved by ‘resolution of the NGENC Board’. This will prohibit any future potential “allowance” requests and not change the Document Management Policy designed for DCRs that improve the spec.”

Larry strongly believes it is in the best interest of NGENC to do this as a one-time resolution due to the unusual circumstances surrounding this procurement, but not make a policy change impacting future procurements or the NGENC specification.

Arun Rao raised the question of what if any impact this resolution will have on Wisconsin’s intent to procure cars – not necessarily as an option (since there are no options) but as an add on to the current procurement.

Larry, and Michael Lestingi, FRA, did not feel that this should be a problem, since Wisconsin DOT is now a part of the Mid-West “consortium” and this is a part of the Service Plan. However, FRA will want to see the resolution language to make sure there are no negative impacts.

Ultimately, it was agreed that Larry Salci will prepare the draft resolution for circulation (by Steve Hewitt) to the NGENC executive Board members for review and comment, with the intent being to consider it for approval on the next call – 12-18-18.

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Other:

Allan Paul, NCDOT, alerted Board members to the fact that FRA issued a notice of a stay for the SSP Rule. It can be found in today's Federal Register.

With no other business forthcoming, Chairman Curtit adjourned the meeting at 12:05PM Eastern.

Due to schedule and holiday conflicts the 12-18-18 and 1-1-19 Exec Board calls were canceled. The next call was set for 1-15-19.

The next conference call is 1-15-19

Decisions/Action Items

Update – Multi-State Rail Car Procurement as of 12-4-18:

See agenda item 5 in the minutes.

The Charger - Diesel-Electric Locomotive and Mid-West Section 6 Plan Update 10-9-18:

The Section 6 Plan has been accepted by FRA (as previously reported on 7-3-18).

No other updates reported on 12-4-18

Metro North Dual Mode Locomotive Procurement – Update 12-4-18:

Metro-North has canceled its Dual Mode Locomotive procurement for now. When it went on the street, it was assumed that the purchase of the new equipment was to be with 100% state funding.

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Next update – as appropriate

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Equipment Acquisition and Ownership Best Practices Working Group – 11-6-18:

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S305 NGEN Executive Board Conference Call

December 4, 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 11-20-18 | Eric Curtit |
| 5. Update: Multi-State Car Procurement | Kyle Gradinger |
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| 7. Update: Equipment Acquisition and Ownership Best Practices/Lesson Learned WG | Eric Curtit |

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| | Room Block information - reminder
Overview- DRAFT agenda – firming up speakers/topics
Confirming attendees – Board Members - Registering with Steve Hewitt for the meeting
Timeline for Presentations (if using Power Point – optional) – 2-16-19 | |
| 10. | Other | All |

Next Call -1-15-19

**PRIIA Section 305 Next Generation Corridor Equipment Pool Committee (NGEC)
8th Annual Meeting
February 22, 2019
8:00 am – 12:45 pm EST
Hyatt Regency, Capitol Hill, Washington, DC**

DRAFT Meeting Agenda

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| 8:00 - 8:25 am | Registration |
| 8:25 – 8:30 am | Hotel Safety Briefing – Hotel Staff |
| 8:30 – 8:35 am | Convene Annual Meeting: Eric Curtit, Missouri DOT, NGEN Chair |
| 8:35 - 8:40 am | Self introductions |
| 8:40 – 8:45 am | Roll call – establish the presence of a quorum: Steve Hewitt, NGEN Program Manager |
| 8:45 – 8:50 am | Review Meeting Agenda: Eric Curtit
Review Meeting Packets: Steve Hewitt |
| 8:50 – 8:55 am | Approval of the Minutes from the February 12, 2019 Executive Board conference call |
| 8:55 – 9:10 am | Chairman’s Report - Eric Curtit, Chair, NGEN Executive Board |
| 9:10 - 9:25 am | Update from The Federal Railroad Administration - Michael Lestingi, FRA |
| 9:25 – 9:40 am | Update from Amtrak Government Affairs – TBD, Amtrak |
| 9:40 - 9:50 am | Treasurer’s Report & Finance & Administrative Subcommittee update - Tim Ziethen, Amtrak |
| 9:50 – 9:55 am | Consideration of Acceptance of the Treasurer’s Report – Eric Curtit |
| 9:55 - 10:15 am | Progress Report: Technical Subcommittee - Charlie King, Amtrak |
| 10:15- 10:25 am | Annual Progress Report: Document Control Management – Tammy Krause |
| 10:25 – 10:35am | Presentation- FRA/University of Nebraska High Speed Wireless Study – Tariq Omar, FRA
Hamid Sharif-Kashani, University of Nebraska |
| 10:35 – 10:45 am | Break |
| 10:45 – 11:25 am | Equipment Procurements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Multi-State Single Level Cars – Kyle Grading, Caltrans b. Metro-North Dual Mode Locomotive Procurement – Ray Hessinger, NYSDOT c. Amtrak Equipment Procurements – Charlie King, Amtrak |
| 11:25 – 11:55 am | The Charger Locomotives deployment – status reports from the states and Amtrak |

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Mid-West States Experience – John Oimoen, IDOTb. California experience – Kyle Grading, Caltransc. Washington State Experience – Ron Pate, WSDOTd. Amtrak Experience – Charlie King, Amtrak
11:55 – 12:10 pm	Progress Report – Equipment Acquisition and Ownership Best Practices Working Group – Eric Curtit - Overview DRAFT report
12:10-12:30 pm Curtit	Discussion: FRA’s New Rail Safety Rule: Impact on the NGEC and Future Procurements – Eric Curtit
12:30 – 12:45 pm	Questions/Comments/Other Issues - All Attendees
12:45 pm	Closing Comments/Adjourn – Eric Curtit