



# THE ORG REPORT

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## September 16 Future Markets Educational Workshop

SPP is hosting a second workshop to give Markets and Operations Policy Committee (MOPC) representatives and other stakeholders another opportunity to learn about Future Markets. [Register for the September 16 workshop](#) in Dallas, which will cover:

- Transmission Congestion Rights
- Combined Cycle Methodology
- Five-Minute Settlements
- Marginal Losses

If you need a better understanding about the Future Markets design, this is a great chance to interact with SPP staff and get answers to your questions. The MOPC will vote on the Future Market Protocols at their October meeting.

## August Meeting Summaries

**Cost Allocation Working Group:** The CAWG has shifted its focus to be a liaison group between the Regional State Committee (RSC) and SPP activities. As such, the CAWG has appointed representatives from the state commissions to report on activities for various working groups of interest to the RSC. The CAWG will continue to work on cost allocation and other issues as assigned.

**Change Working Group:** The CWG held a planning session to review and improve its interactions, roles, and responsibilities, and made significant improvements in the coordination and communication of member-impacting efforts. There were no significant changes to the standard agenda of project statuses. For the Future Markets program, the CWG will have responsibilities similar to those held by the Market Implementation Task Force leading up to EIS Market launch. The CWG will begin coordinating the Future Markets testing and implementation schedule, and will review Future Markets member touch points at their next meeting.

**Generation Working Group:** The GWG is finalizing revisions to the Net Capability spreadsheet and to the SPP Criteria regarding Wind Plant Net Capability. The group submitted a request to SPP Operations for historical wind plant data.

**Market Working Group:** The MWG met four times in August, reserving nine days for Future Markets design activities and one day for current business activities. The MWG received updates from SPP's Market Monitoring, Regulatory, and Operations groups, and reviewed outstanding Protocol Revision Requests (PRRs). PRR 226 (XML Notification of CME) and PRR 228 (2011 Offer Cap Calculation Update) were approved. The group continued to work through design elements of the Future Markets Transmission Congestion Rights process and began final review of the Future Markets Protocols. The MWG will continue final review of the Protocols through September, and present the final version to the MOPC in October.

**Model Development Working Group:** The MDWG approved the 2011 Series Powerflow model set, as well as the 2011 Series Powerflow and Dynamics model-building schedule. In September, the MDWG expects to approve the Dynamics model set and vote on the Model Improvement Task Force white paper.

**Operating Reliability Working Group:** The ORWG reviewed and approved PRRs 211, 223, and 224. They continued discussion on Criteria Appendix 7 revisions, received an update on the Clean Line Energy project, and discussed the re-assignment of Operating Reserves between members of the Reserve Sharing Group.

**Operations Training Working Group:** The OTWG's Job Task Analysis task force completed development of the high-level job task list for the Balancing Authority and Transmission Operator job roles. The task force will conduct educational sessions for members in conjunction with the approval of PER-005-1. The OTWG filled a voting member vacancy with Stanley Winbush of AEP. The group decided it would not pursue an update of the General Physics modules for the 2011 budget. 2011 System Operations Conference dates were tentatively set (March 28-31, April 18-21, September 26-29, and October 24-27).

**Regional Tariff Working Group:** The RTWG heard updates from the Billing Determinant, Conditional Firm, and

Crediting Process Task Forces. They discussed PRR 225, Generation Station Power, and compliance filings for Order 729/676E and Integrated Transmission Planning (ITP). The group unanimously approved the ITP compliance filing language, TRR-017-Resident Load, TRR-018-Loss Election, and TRR-021–Meter Agent Clarification for JOU. The RTWG unanimously moved to accept the Transmission Reliability Margin Implementation Document.

**Transmission Working Group:** The TWG approved SPP Criteria changes and endorsed Notification To Construct modifications. The group also discussed SPP Criteria 4 supporting documentation, the Model Improvement Task Force’s white paper, and the TWG’s involvement in the ITP 20-Year Assessment. They began a conversation about the growing need for SPP to conduct reactive planning studies for new EHV facilities within SPP; the topic will be expanded in the future. The TWG began reviewing and will continue to review in September the [ITP manual](#).

## September Meetings

- September 1 - Transmission Working Group Net Conference
- September 2 - Seams Steering Committee Meeting
- September 2 - Corporate Governance Committee Meeting
- September 8 - Human Resources Committee Meeting
- September 8 - Operating Reliability Working Group Meeting
- September 8 - Model Development Working Group
- September 9 - Market Working Group Net Conference
- September 10 - Generation Working Group Net Conference
- September 10 - Market Working Group Net Conference
- September 10 - SPP Consolidated Balancing Authority Teleconference
- September 13 - Transmission Working Group Net Conference
- September 13 - Economic Studies Working Group Teleconference
- September 13 - Operations Training Working Group Teleconference
- September 13 - Economic Studies Working Group /Transmission Working Group Net Conference
- September 15 - Business Practices Working Group Meeting
- September 15 - Regional Tariff Working Group WebEx / Teleconference
- September 17 - Market Working Group Net Conference
- September 20/22 - Market Working Group Meeting
- September 21/22 - RE Fall Compliance Workshop
- September 22 - Cost Allocation Working Group Teleconference
- September 23 - 2010 Quarterly Compliance Forum
- September 23 - Change Working Group Teleconference
- September 24 - SPP Consolidated Balancing Authority Teleconference
- September 24 - Critical Infrastructure Protection Working Group Meeting
- September 29 - Cost Allocation Working Group Teleconference
- September 29 - Finance Committee Meeting
- September 30 - Oversight Committee (formerly Compliance Committee)
- September 30 - Operations Training Working Group Face-to-Face Meeting
- September 30 - Regional Tariff Working Group

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