

**Southwest Power Pool  
SETTLEMENT USER GROUP  
Minutes  
Conference Call  
September 8, 2010**

**Call to Order**

Bill Olson called the meeting to order of the Settlement User Group (SUG) at 1:00pm on September 8, 2010, and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Attending the meeting were Bill Olson(SPS), Ken Donald(Utilicast), Tony Alexander(SPP), John Luallen(SPP), Kim Farris(SPP), Arthur Sabb(SPP), Shane Hill(SPP), Deepa (PCI), Pat Vogelei (Exelon), Tom Sobotka(NPPD), Joel Lee(NPPD), Sandy Skipton(SECI), Will Amos(OGE), Jamie Wheeler(GRDA), Stephen Espey (TEA), Kathy Schuerger (Xcel), Kathy Nelson(NPPD), Jill Coffey(KCPL), Kristy Tackett(EDE), Susan Quinn (Westar), Doug Clark(AEP), Rhonda Robinson(CALP), Pam Ballhagen(MCG), Melie Vincent(ACES), Sean Liechty (ACES), Gail Eichelmann(Xcel), Kari Hollandsworth(GSEC), Christopher Werner (AEP), Jon Sunneberg (NPPD), Barbara Holloway(AECC), Matt Miller(AEP), Bryn Wilson(OGE), Steve Wolf (KBPU), Karen Nguyen(CALP) and MaryJo Montoya(Xcel)

**Minutes Approval**

Minutes were reviewed and approved for the August 12, 2010 meeting.

**Dispute Metrics** – Shane Hill presented a monthly summary of dispute activity for the EIS market for 2010 year-to-date. The summary contained both data currently provided to the SPP BOD and a separate set specifically crafted for the SUG, meeting the request from last month's call. Tom Sobotka expressed interest in seeing a breakdown of disputes by type. Staff agreed to investigate the possibility as long as there was no danger of exposing proprietary information.

**Financial Schedules Submittal Process** - Kim Farris presented a summary of the activity in off-line discussions among members of the SUG and at the MWG since the last call. The summary, taken from the Future market protocols, describes a more rigorous confirmation process, which requires both parties to explicitly confirm submittals. Additionally, the MWG objected to the provision of a 7-day window to set-up the agreement template, which defines the settlement parameters of the hourly submitted quantities. The system requirements will include programmatic submittal and validations of new agreements such that parties may create and confirm them in a more real-time fashion, without requiring manual review by SPP staff. Contracts for Supply of Operating reserve obligation will still require the 7-day window to allow for operational approval. The hourly quantities for Contracts for Supply must be submitted before the opening of the DA Market by 8:00am the day prior to the Operating Day, but may be submitted up to a month in advance.

**Settlement Reports** - Ken Donald presented the conclusions reached at a meeting between SPP staff and the vendors who provide shadow settlement systems in the SPP market which occurred on September 1. Settlement Reports will be published via a Relational Data Exchange, which alleviates the burden on SPP systems of actually writing .xml files each day and focuses

on settlement validation. The Data Exchange will support interaction with web browsers and programmatic interfaces and will enforce security via digital certificates in a mediation layer. The settlement reports are broken down into categories:

- Daily Statements: a line item summary of the day's activity
- 5-minute determinants: input data, intermediate determinants and results of calculation which occur with 5-minute periodicity
- Hourly and daily determinants: input data, intermediate determinants and results of calculation which occur with hourly or daily periodicity and the hourly aggregation of 5-minute results

There is a potential, but as yet unconfirmed, possibility that the exchange will also be used to publish data in advance of the Initial Settlement. Market invoices will also be provided via the exchange and will remain essentially the same except that the data will be presented with Operating Day and Asset Owner granularity. SPP has also begun to define what transactions it will make available to support the EQR function. The exchange would also be the source of this data. Examples of the vision for a "flat" vs. the existing "nested" .xml structure were provided. As the requirements are solidified, updates will be given to the SUG.

**Meter data Submittal process** – John Luallen led the group through a continuation of the presentation begun on the July call, which describes each step of the data manipulation between submitted actual values and billable quantities. The focus for today was metering related to Demand Response Resources and the need to calculate reduction against a baseline when actual values are not submitted and gross-up a host load to avoid double counting the reduction. The presentation will continue with the steps for backing Transmission losses out of the 'top-down' load in a Settlement Area and the calibration calculation during the next call. Doug Clark introduced some concern that the language of Appendix D of the Future Market Protocols does not completely describe the 5-minute meter submittal option. SPP staff will follow-up to ensure any changes need to the document are fed into the protocol review.

**Training - Operating Reserve Cost Allocation Charge Types** - Ken completed review of the Market Settlement Training II presentation. Bill Olsen discussed a plan to complete and review the take-home assignments for this topic during the next call. The group commences TCR charge type training at the October User Conference.

**Market Working Group Update** - Ken Donald made a brief statement about the ongoing pursuit of a change to the cost allocation of regulation service which would include resources not following dispatch and a modification to the timeline for allocation of ARR and TCR auctions, which are not thought to impact settlement calculations.

### **Future SUG Meetings**

With the fact-to-face meeting at the end of the month, there will be no SUG teleconference in October.

The Annual Settlement User Conference will be held in Little Rock at the AECC offices on October 26 & 27. The first day of the conference will focus on Future Market training, while the second day will focus on existing market and transmission settlement production issues. A reception will also be held from 5-8pm the evening of Monday, October 25. Please register on the SPP calendar for each of these events you will be attending.

**Adjourn Meeting**

With no further business, Bill thanked everyone for participating and adjourned the call at 2:47pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Donald  
Acting Secretary