
The Org Report

A monthly summary of organizational group activities.



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2010 Annual Report Published

SPP published its 2010 Annual Report, highlighting the year's major accomplishments. [Read the annual report](#) and [financial statements](#). To request a printed copy, please contact [Ronda Walters](#).

May Meeting Summaries

[Business Practices Working Group:](#) The group approved Business Practice Revision Requests (BPR) 001–SPP Coordination with Third Party Systems and BPR 002–Third Party Transmission Service Agreement Coordination during its May 19 meeting. The BPWG also discussed BPR 018–Generator Interconnection Procedures, BPR 020–Network Resource Interconnection Service, BPR 021–Authorization to Plan, and allocation of Available Flowgate Capacity after the close of a simultaneous submission window. These items will be discussed again during the group's June 23 meeting.

[Change Working Group:](#) The CWG held a Vendor Education Session May 3 focused on the Integrated Marketplace with the following vendors: Alstom, Customized Energy Solutions, Nexant, OATi, Physical Systems Integration, Power Costs Inc., Siemens, TEA, and Ventyx. The CWG held a joint meeting May 25 with the Market Working Group, Operating Reliability Working Group, and Consolidated Balancing Authority Steering Committee to clarify roles within the Marketplace. The meeting confirmed the CWG's role as the focal point for the Marketplace's implementation, testing, and deployment. The CWG's monthly meeting took place May 26 and included updates on current project status. The CWG is continuing to support work on the following active projects: the OPS1 Replacement project (continues to progress well), the Protocol Revision Request (PRR) 131 Data API project (technical specifications and a test environment will be made available in early June), and the Energy Imbalance Service (EIS) Market Release 1.0-2011 with its approved Nov. 8 implementation date. Work is progressing very well on the Corporate Center construction projects. The CWG will host an Integrated Marketplace Implementation Phase Kickoff in Dallas June 22-23 at the AEP facilities in the Renaissance Tower; its regular business meeting will be held June 23 in Dallas.

[Credit Practices Working Group:](#) Global market exchange [NASDAQ OMX](#) presented a possible solution to the central counterparty issue related to FERC Order 741. The group met again May 25 to discuss the proposal and determine next steps. SPP will make its compliance filing and indicate its intention to be compliant with Order 741's requirements by the time the Integrated Marketplace goes live in March 2014. In addition to working on the solution for Order 741, the group intends to work on the Marketplace's credit exposure calculations, as they will be needed to complete the new credit system's requirements.

[Economic Studies Working Group:](#) The ESWG discussed the draft Integrated Transmission Planning (ITP) Manual, selected metrics for use in the 2011 ITP 10-Year Assessment (ITP10), and reviewed comparisons of historical trends in SPP's EIS Market and reliability footprint against simulations of the same time frames with the economic study tools. Members are suggesting changes to the draft manual and continuing to review the simulations with staff. Several of the metrics used in the 2010 ITP 20-Year Assessment were selected for use in the 10-Year Assessment.

[Market Working Group:](#) The MWG reviewed current business, next steps for the Integrated Marketplace, and participated in a joint meeting with the Change Working Group, Operations Reliability Working Group, and the Consolidated Balancing Authority Steering Committee. The MWG reviewed presentations on the MISO's Combined-Cycle modeling functionality, Reserve Zone design, and proposals for the curtailment of Fixed Dispatched Resources and Price Volatility Make-Whole Payments. During the joint session, the MWG received updates on the Marketplace availability management's status and participated in a discussion clarifying the respective working groups' roles in the Marketplace's implementation. The MWG approved PRR 236 (Clarification of Testing Status) and PRR 237 (Clarify Proxy Pricing Requirements) and received updates from SPP Operations staff on re-pricing items during its review of the current business.

[Operating Reliability Working Group:](#) The ORWG reviewed progress to date and observed a demonstration of the new SPP Outage Scheduler (OS) software, currently under development. The group is developing a

proposed Outage Coordination document to coincide with the new OS release. The ORWG reviewed and approved the annual flowgate list and Transmission Reliability Margin (TRM) calculations and discussed Reserve Zones within the Integrated Marketplace. The Nebraska Public Power District provided a review and comparison of Criteria 9 against the NERC Blackstart Standards.

Operations Training Working Group: Mike Crouch (OG&E) shared some high-level information regarding his recent audit experience. Rod Lewis (KCPL) resigned his OTWG position; he retired effective May 13. SPP requested nominations to the appropriate exploder lists. The group reviewed potential locations for the 2012 System Operations Conferences, including KCPL/WRI, Nebraska entities, LUS, OG&E, SPS, and SPP. A Job Task Analysis workshop will be held in Little Rock June 21-23.

Seams Steering Committee: Staff presented its recommendation to the Congestion Management Policy Council for addressing SPP's concerns and industry impacts due to unreported market flows to the NERC Interchange Distribution Calculator. Staff reviewed key options discussed during the NAESB Business Practices Subcommittee's April 28 meeting to consider OATI's new software logic replacing current RTO applications (all RTOs will have the same Market Flow Calculations software). Staff also provided a brief summary of ongoing Seams Agreements issues: SPP-Entergy Seams Agreement, filed at FERC on May 2; clarification on the SPP/MISO Joint Operating Agreement; and an update on Current Seams discussions and activities.

System Protection and Control Working Group: The SPCWG and the Under Frequency Load Shedding (UFLS) Standard Drafting Team continued making revisions to the seventh draft of the SPP UFLS Regional Standard and will post it for another comment period in June.

Transmission Working Group: The TWG completed its annual review of flowgates and TRM values and made clerical revisions to SPP Criteria 3 and 12. The group discussed the proposed Special Protection Scheme policy and will share its outcome with the Market Operations Policy Committee in July. The TWG continued its involvement in the ITP process with the 2011 ITP10 by reviewing the models and the proposed Authorization to Plan Business Practice, and discussed the Registered Entity's TPL (Transmission Planning) interpretation.

Integrated Marketplace Update

- The program officially began its implementation phase by completing and executing key Statements of Work with its vendors May 31.
- Program staff has taken advantage of an information-sharing agreement with PJM and ERCOT to make site visits to PJM and discuss common issues with ERCOT.
- An Implementation Phase kickoff session for market participants has been scheduled June 22-23 in Dallas.
- Education sessions have been held with most internal and external stakeholders, state commissioners, and regulatory bodies through the Regional State Committee and Cost Allocation Working Group. Further sessions are being scheduled with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and each state commission.

Other Meetings

Cost Allocation Working Group

Critical Infrastructure Protection Working Group

Regional Tariff Working Group

June Meetings

June 1 – Cost Allocation Working Group

June 6 – Operations Training Working Group

June 8 – Credit Practices Working Group

June 9 – Transmission Working Group

June 13 – Special Strategic Planning Committee

June 13 – Oversight Committee

June 13-14 – Board of Directors Educational Meeting

June 14 – Settlement User Group

June 14 – Critical Infrastructure Protection Working Group

June 15 – Finance Committee Meeting

June 15 – Market Working Group
June 15 – Credit Practices Working Group
June 21 – Regional Entity Trustees
June 21 – Consolidated Balancing Authority
June 21-22 – Market Working Group Meeting
June 22 – Credit Practices Working Group
June 22-23 – Change Working Group
June 23 – Business Practices Working Group
June 23 – Seams Steering Committee
June 27 – Economic Studies Working Group
June 28 – Cost Allocation Working Group
June 29 – Regional Tariff Working Group
June 29 – Credit Practices Working Group

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