



**Southwest Power Pool, Inc.
ECONOMIC STUDIES WORKING GROUP**

December 12, 2011

Net conference

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

• SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN •

1. The ESWG reviewed, edited, and approved the ESWG document titled “Concerns in light of expected EPA regulations”. This document was provided to the secretary of the Strategic Planning Committee.
2. The ESWG reviewed and edited Section 3.8 (RARTF Recommendation on Benefits to be Calculated) of the Regional Allocation Review Task Force’s (RARTF) Recommendation report. The updated section of the document was included in the approved draft of the RARTF Regional Cost Allocation Review Plan.

• **Minutes** •

Agenda Item 1 – Administrative Items

Vice-Chair Kip Fox (American Electric Power) called the meeting of the Economic Studies Working Group (ESWG) to order at 10:00 a.m., welcomed those in attendance, and verified that a quorum had been reached.

Agenda Item 1a – Attendance

There were 18 teleconference participants representing 7 of 11 members. Tim McGinnis (SPP staff) recorded the list of attendees.

Agenda Item 1b – Agenda Review

Vice-Chair Kip Fox (American Electric Power) presented the agenda for review and asked for any additions or corrections (Attachment – Agenda). The agenda was modified to include a review and edit by the ESWG of the section of the RARTF's Recommendation Document that involved the calculation methods of benefits.

Agenda Item 2 – EPA Regulation Concerns

Kip Fox (AEP) led a discussion of the review and edit of the document titled "Concerns in light of expected EPA regulations". The ESWG stakeholders and members provided comments and edits of this ESWG document. It was decided that some modeling inputs such as a list of generator unit retirements would be determined at a future ESWG meeting. This document was provided to the secretary of the Strategic Planning Committee.

A motion to approve the revised document was made by Paul Dietz (Westar) and seconded by David Ried (Omaha Public Power District). The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 3 – LOLE Study Update

Michael Odom (SPP Staff) provided an update about the Loss of Load Expectation Study. He said that model updates were made based on comments from the previous ESWG call and other stakeholder feedback. He will update the results based on the new runs and provide a draft report at the ESWG meeting on 1/12/2012.

Agenda Item 4 – ESWG Edit of RARTF Document (Benefits Calculation)

Kip Fox (AEP) led a discussion of the review and edit of Section 3.8 (RARTF Recommendation on Benefits to be Calculated) of the Regional Allocation Review Task Force's (RARTF) Recommendation report. The ESWG stakeholders and members edited language describing how the ESWG would provide monetized values for metrics being used in the Regional Allocation Review process. The updated section of the



document was emailed to the ESWG exploder and included in the approved draft of the RARTF Regional Cost Allocation Review Plan.

Adjournment

Vice-Chair Kip Fox adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tim Miller
Secretary



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• ATTENDANCE LIST •

Name	System
Kip Fox	American Electric Power
David Ried	Omaha Public Power District
Kurt Stradley	Lincoln Electric System
Al Tamimi	Sunflower Electric Cooperative
Paul Dietz	Westar
Bennie Weeks	SPS / Xcel Energy
Bruce Walkup	Arkansas Electric Cooperative Co
Jim Sanderson	Kansas Corporation Commission
Roy Boyer	SPS / Xcel Energy
Deral Danis	Plains and Eastern Clean Line, LLC
Steve Gaw	Wind Coalition
Tom Hesterman	Sunflower Electric Cooperative
Hamid Maghdan	Quanta Technology
Mitch Williams	Western Farmers Electric Coop.
Hanhan Hammer	SPP staff
Brett Hooton	SPP staff
Tim McGinnis	SPP staff
Michael Odom	SPP staff

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2. EPA Regulation Concerns..... All
3. LOLE Study Update..... Michael Odom
4. ESWG Edit of RARTF Document (Benefits Calculation)..... All