



Southwest Power Pool
ECONOMIC STUDIES WORKING GROUP
March 16, 2012
Web Conference

• SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN •

1. The ESWG approved Option 2: the identification of common projects across futures for use in the 2013 ITP20.
2. The ESWG approved the use of future weightings in order to consolidate the transmission plans to one recommended transmission portfolio in the 2013 ITP20.



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• MINUTES •

Agenda Item 1 – Administrative Items

Agenda Item 1a – Call to Order, Introductions

Chair Alan Myers (ITC Great Plains, LLC) called the meeting of the Economic Studies Working Group (ESWG) to order at 8:06 a.m., welcomed those in attendance, and asked for introductions (Attachment – Attendance List).

There were 26 web conference participants representing 9 of 13 members.

Agenda Item 1b – Receipt of Proxies

Tim Miller (SPP staff) received proxy statements. There were no proxies identified.

Agenda Item 1c – Review of Agenda

Chair Alan Myers (ITC Great Plains, LLC) presented the agenda for review and asked for any additions or corrections. Kip Fox (AEP) asked that discussion of the SPP policy survey be added (Attachment – Agenda).

Agenda Item 2a – Impact of ESWG Weighting Decision

Charles Cates (SPP staff) presented two different approaches to the development of the recommended transmission expansion portfolio and recommended that the ESWG move forward with Option 1: the identification of common problems across futures.

The group entertained discussion of the recommendation and a performed a straw poll indicating unanimous support for Option 2: the identification of common projects across futures.

A motion to use Option #2: the identification of common projects across futures was made by David Ried (OPPD) and seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 2b – Development Process for Recommended Transmission Expansion Plan

Continuing with the presentation, Charles Cates (SPP staff) explained three different methods by which Option 2 could be completed and recommended that the ESWG adopt the Weighting method, in which the selection of common elements with a weighting system will be used to consolidate the projects from the five futures.

The group entertained discussion of the recommendation and a performed a straw poll indicating unanimous support for Option 2: the identification of common projects across futures.

A motion to use the weighting method: the identification of common projects across futures was made by Leon Howell (OGE) and seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 2c – Other items

Chair Alan Myers (ITC Great Plains, LLC) requested if any other items merited discussion. Two items were raised: the particular weighting values for each future and a proposal from Dan Lenihan (OPPD) regarding the treatment of flow biases in the study.



The group discussed the particular weighting values for each future and tentatively scheduled a email vote for the week of March 26th to approve the weightings provided in the Weighting Example (Future 1: 50%, Future 2: 15%, Future 3: 10%, Future 4: 15%, and Future 5: 10% with a threshold of 60%) (Attachment – Future Weighting Proposal).

Dan Lenihan (OPPD) raised his concern that a single flow bias (as noted in the 2012 ITP10) does not match the expectations of OPPD as they witness both North to South and South to North flows in real-time operation of the grid. He recommended that the 2013 ITP20 scope include a provision that if a single flow bias is identified, a sensitivity to study other biases be undertaken; he will present this to the TWG during their next discussion of the 2013 ITP20 scope.

Agenda Item 2d – SPP Policy Survey

Kip Fox (AEP) expressed confidentiality concerns regarding the policy survey and data used in the 2013 ITP20.

Closing Items

Chair Alan Myers (ITC Great Plains, LLC) requested if any other items merited discussion. Finding none, the meeting was adjourned at 9:59 a.m. on Friday, March 16, 2012.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tim Miller,
Secretary



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Al Tamimi	Sunflower
Alan Myers	ITC Great Plains
Bennie Weeks	Xcel Energy
Bruce Walkup	AECC
David Ried	OPPD
Kip Fox	AEP
Kurt Stradley	LES
Leon Howell	OGE
Randy Collier	City Utilities Springfield, MO
Adam McKinnie	MO PSC
Bill Leung	Consultant
Charles Cates	SPP staff
Dan Hartman	
Dan Lenihan	OPPD
Deral Danis	Clean Line Energy
Jason Shook	GDS Associates
Jim Krajecki	CES-LTD
Jim Hotovy	NPPD
Josh Ross	SPP staff
Katherine Prewitt	SPP staff
Mitch Williams	WFEC
Nathan McNeil	Midwest Energy
Pat Mosier	AR PSC
Roy Boyer	Xcel Energy
Tom Hestermann	Sunflower
Walt Cecil	MO PSC



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• A G E N D A •

8:00 am – 11:00 am

1. Administrative items
 - a. Call to Order, Introductions.....Alan Myers (10 minutes)
 - b. Receipt of Proxies Tim Miller (5 minutes)
 - c. Review of AgendaAlan Myers (5 minutes)
2. 2013 ITP20 Scope.....Charles Cates (2.5 hours)
 - a. Impact of ESWG weighting decision
 - b. Development Process for Recommended Transmission Expansion Plan: 3 Options
(Approval Item)
 - c. Other items
 - d. SPP Policy Survey.....Kip Fox (10 minutes)

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Futures Weighting Proposal

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Weighting Example

- **Threshold \geq 60% (Example)**
- **Project A included in recommended portfolio**
- **Projects B, C, and D NOT in recommended portfolio**

	Future 1	Future 2	Future 3	Future 4	Future 5	Score	Inclusion in Expansion Plan?
	50%	15%	10%	15%	10%		
Project A	✓	✓				65%	Yes
Project B		✓	✓	✓		40%	No
Project C		✓	✓		✓	35%	No
Project D	✓					50%	No