

The Org Report

A monthly summary of organizational group activities.



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SPP launches FERC Order 1000 process

SPP has developed a Transmission Owner Selection Process (TOSP) that allows competitive bidding on certain transmission projects, to comply with the [Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's Order 1000](#). Transmission facilities that meet the [SPP Tariff's](#) Attachment Y, Section I.1's criteria and are approved for construction (or endorsed by the SPP Board of Directors) after January 1, 2015, will be known as Competitive Upgrades. SPP is using the TOSP to solicit Competitive Upgrade proposals from Qualified RFP Participants (QRP).

The QRP application process began April 1. Entities interested in participating in the TOSP should first [download](#) the QRP Application and Application Instructions from SPP.org's [Order 1000 page](#). Applications must be submitted no later than June 30 for participation in 2015. Use [SPP's Request Management System](#) or contact [SPP Customer Relations](#) with your questions or for more information. Sign up for the [SPP Order 1000 exploder](#) to stay current.

March Meeting Summaries

[Business Practices Working Group:](#) The BPWG focusing on outstanding Markets and Operations Policy Committee action items and FERC Order 1000 Qualified Request Participant (QRP) and Detailed Project Proposal (DPP) Business Practices. The group finalized its input to the 2014 SPP Strategic Plan.

[Change Working Group:](#) The CWG was updated on the Integrated Marketplace's implementation and market activities, as well as [SPP's Phase II project](#). The group had significant discussion on Transmission Congestion Rights (TCR) underfunding on March 7; staff will research whether additional education is needed and present their findings at the April Market Working Group meeting. The CWG also asked staff to determine whether an Enhanced Combined Cycle (ECC) Task Force or project liaisons will be needed for the Phase II ECC work. The group was briefed on an improvement to the Transmission and Generation Implementation Tracking tool and reviewed its administrative and communication processes.

[Consolidated Balancing Authority Steering Committee:](#) With SPP now the footprint's Balancing Authority (BA), the CBASC has almost completed its original scope. The committee was originally designed to provide the members' BA experience from the Energy Imbalance Service Market. It provided invaluable expertise, review, and process development throughout the SPP BA's design, testing, and implementation phases. The CBASC is evaluating its long-term status; its options include remaining intact with a revised scope; folding under the Operations Reliability Working Group as a sub-committee or group; or relinquishing any responsibilities and ceasing to exist. The committee is also addressing the approval of the BA operating protocols document.

[Corporate Governance Committee:](#) The Corporate Governance Committee met to further discuss revisions to the SPP bylaws and SPP Membership Agreement associated with the addition of the [Integrated Systems](#) entities. Additional revisions are being made and will be reviewed with the Regional State Committee.

[Critical Infrastructure Protection Working Group:](#) The CIPWG was briefed on the recent [North American Electric Reliability Corporation](#) (NERC) Critical Infrastructure Protection (CIP) Committee meeting; received follow up information from a recent planning session; discussed options for SPP's June [RTO Compliance Forum](#); and received an update from NERC's CIP Version 5 Revisions Standard Drafting Team. The group discussed how one entity is managing its transition to the CIP Version 5 standards.

[Finance Committee:](#) The committee heard detailed reports focused on SPP's credit processes and SPP's business-process improvement initiative. There were no actions items on the agenda.

[Market Working Group:](#) The MWG discussed Marketplace Protocol Revision Request (MPRR) 169, which contains a new proposal for the Day-Ahead Must Offer design in response to a Markets and Operations Policy Committee request to revisit must-offer provisions regarding designated resources. The group decided to table all pending must-offer proposals until October, allowing more evaluation time of the current design. MWG Chair Richard Ross also announced the formation of a [Mitigated Offer Task Force](#) (MOTF) to address post go-live questions and issues related to mitigated offers and the mitigated offer development rules and guidelines.

Amber Metzker (Xcel Energy) will chair the task force, which first [meets April 11](#).

Operating Reliability Working Group: The ORWG reviewed recent Integrated Marketplace go-live activities and shared notes on what was working and what needs to be further addressed. The group reviewed and approved several MPRRs and approved a new business practice from the BPWG.

Operations Training Working Group: The OTWG is preparing for the second of five 2014 System Operations Conferences (SOC). Registration is closed for the April 21-24 conference in Lafayette, La. The March SOC in Little Rock received positive evaluations from its attendees.

Oversight Committee: The committee devoted its meeting to the FERC Order 1000 processes and its role and previews of the Market Monitoring Unit's annual State of the Market report and Boston Pacific's annual Looking Forward Report. The committee also heard regular quarterly activity reports from Internal Audit, Compliance, and Market Monitoring.

Project Cost Working Group: The PCWG discussed a directive from the [Strategic Planning Committee Task Force for FERC Order 1000](#) (SPCTF) to evaluate the length of time required for request-for-proposal (RFP) responses in the Transmission Owner Selection Process (TOSP). The SPCTF asked the group to evaluate whether the proposed RFP 90-day response period is adequate. Discussion will continue during the April PCWG meeting. The group also discussed the TOSP's other key components, including the Qualified RFP Participant and Detailed Project Proposal processes.

Regional Compliance Working Group: The RCWG discussed the key issues to be undertaken in 2014. These include raising compliance awareness; developing a process for issue resolution; collaboration and coordination of the standards process; and collective Balancing Authority compliance. The group filled two open voting-seat vacancies with Mike Stafford (GRDA) and Michael Deloach (AEP).

Regional Tariff Working Group: The RTWG reviewed and approved tariff revisions to correct language to clarify the OOME (out-of-merit energy dispatch) process and language converting Long-Term Congestion Rights into TCRs prior to the ARR Annual Allocation. Staff updated the group on the Z2 Crediting Project. The RTWG began its review of tariff revisions necessary for the Integrated System's integration.

Seams Steering Committee: The SSC agreed to the [Seams Project Task Force](#) (SPTF)'s charter, which directs the SPTF to develop criteria for seams projects. The committee finalized its input into the SPP Strategic Plan's development. SPP staff reviewed the unreported-flows issue, providing examples of the change in unreported flows after a recent fix to the calculation methodology. The SSC reviewed the MISO South integration's status and the implementation of the Operations Reliability Coordination Agreement. The committee reviewed edits to the SPP-MISO Joint Operating Agreement incorporating calculation procedures of market flow. The ongoing SPP-MISO Coordinated System Plan Study was discussed, along with a high-level overview of the study scope's concepts. The draft scope will be reviewed during an [SPP-MISO Interregional Planning Stakeholder Advisory Committee meeting](#) April 8 at MISO.

Transmission Working Group: The TWG approved Business Practice Revisions (BPR)-044 and BPR-050; the 2015 Integrated Transmission Planning (ITP) 10-Year Assessment constraints, and a Criteria Revision Request for SPP Criteria 12.1.5.3. The group also discussed the [High Priority Incremental Load Study](#), a revision to the ITP Manual, and revisions made to the 2015 ITP10 Scope. The TWG plans to vote on these items for approval in April.

Other Meetings

[Cost Allocation Working Group](#)

[Economic Studies Working Group](#)

[Generation Working Group](#)

[Regional State Committee](#)

April Meetings

April 8 – Project Cost Working Group

April 10 – Economic Studies Working Group

April 10 – Settlements User Group

April 10 – System Protection and Control Working Group

April 11 – Credit Practices Working Group

April 15-16 – Markets and Operations Policy Committee

April 17 – Credit Practices Working Group

April 21-24 – SPP System Operations Conference

April 22-23 – Market Working Group

April 23-24 – Change Working Group

April 23-24 – Regional Tariff Working Group

April 24 – Operations Training Working Group

April 25 – Business Practices Working Group

April 25 – Generation Working Group

April 28 – Regional State Committee

April 28 – SPP RE Trustees

April 29 – Board of Directors/Members Committee

May Meeting

May 5 – Operations Training Working Group

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