



**Southwest Power Pool
SEAMS PROJECT TASK FORCE MEETING**

May 1, 2014

Conference Call

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Agenda Item 1 – Administrative Items

Seams Project Task Force (SPTF) Chair Jacob Langthorn, IV, OG&E, called the meeting to order at 8:30am. The following SPTF members were in attendance:

Jacob Langthorn, IV, OG&E;	Paul Malone, NPPD;
Bary Warren, Empire;	Alan Myers, ITC Great Plains;
Dennis Reed, Westar;	Jason Shook, East Texas Cooperatives;
Sam Loudenslager, SPP Staff Secretary.	

Others on the call were:

Roy Boyer	Katy Onnen	Adam Bell	Adam McKinnie
Brett Hooton	Heather Starnes	Matt Harward	Tom DeBaun
David Kelley	Jim Jacoby	Shawnee Claiborn-Pinto	Meena Thomas

The draft minutes from the April 9th meeting were reviewed and approved. Chair Langthorn stated as a goal that he would like to end the June 18th face-to-face SPTF meeting with a near-final document or report. Sam Loudenslager, SPP, went over his presentation of the Seams Steering Committee White Paper on interregional projects and the Order 1000 Interregional Policy paper. The SPTF discussed both documents. A process needs to be developed for to allow SPP stakeholders to consider a seams project for approval that falls outside the Order 1000 process. Paul Malone, NPPD, indicated that in the cases where a project is discovered and that would be developed by SPP and a MISO transmission owner, MISO would need to engage to confirm that the project doesn't result in other transmission problems within MISO. Participants on the call also discussed cost allocation of a project between SPP and a neighboring entity.

After further discussion, the SPTF directed Staff to use the two documents as the foundation for the SPTF policy report. The SPTF also discussed that for a seams project the options that could be used for stakeholder review are: the ITP near term, the ITP10, and the high priority study process. The SPTF also stated once a policy paper has been approved that tariff changes would be necessary to incorporate the policy. It was pointed out that the ITP might need to be modified to evaluate a seams project as well. Brett Hooton, SPP, added that work has been done to enhance the ITP to better enable the identification and coordination of a seams project. Mr. Hooton committed to providing an update on the process to the SPTF.

Chairman Langthorn said that there were three items to be addressed: language regarding reliability and policy projects (if possible); a process for inclusion of seams projects in the ITP; and possible modification to the existing Joint Operating Agreements or applicable Tariff language. He also indicated that projects should be 100% regionally funded. Meena Thomas suggested that criteria for a seams project should potentially include that the project results in benefits to more than one zone.

The next call of the SPTF is May 16th from 8:30 to 10:00 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sam Loudenslager, Staff Secretary