

The Org Report

A monthly summary of organizational group activities.



June 2014

[May Meeting Summaries](#)
[Other Meetings](#)
[June Meetings](#)

NERC, NAESB on pace to meet FERC orders

The [North American Electric Reliability Corporation](#) (NERC) and [North American Energy Standards Board](#) (NAESB) are each on track to meet [Federal Energy Regulatory Commission](#) (FERC) orders to develop and file respective standards. The NERC standards ballot body last month passed the Physical Security CIP-014 standard to meet an order requesting reliability standards to protect critical facilities from malicious physical attacks. An overwhelming industry consensus led to an abbreviated NERC standards-development process that took less than 60 days, as compared to the normal 12-18 months. NERC was to file the approved standard by June 5.

NAESB is continuing its work to meet a separate FERC order to develop business practices aligning the natural gas trading day with the electric scheduling day by the end of August 2014. The work will ensure natural-gas supplies for electric generators will meet day-ahead generation schedules. NAESB has held several open forums in Houston, with strong participation from both the electric and gas-pipeline industries. A proposed new start time for the natural-gas trading day and intraday nomination periods is nearing a final vote. SPP has worked with other ISO/RTO Council members to ensure market changes are conducive to RTO tariffs and market structures. A final vote on the proposal was scheduled during a June 2-3 meeting of the Gas-Electric Harmonization Forum in Houston.

May Meeting Summaries

[Business Practices Working Group:](#) The BPWG approved business practice revisions related to a reformat of Business Practice 7060 (Notification to Construct and Project Cost Estimating) and modifying Business Practice 5300 (Schedule Denial). The group will consider waiver requests in the new Aggregate Transmission Service Study process in June.

[Change Working Group:](#) The CWG discussed its quarterly change-reporting process, the compatibility of various web browsers with Integrated Marketplace systems, and the Opportunity Cost Calculator Member Impacting Project Overview. SPP staff updated the group on the Pseudo-Tie Out and Market-to-Market projects.

[Consolidated Balancing Authority Steering Committee:](#) The CBASC is preparing a proposal to the Markets and Operations Policy Committee that would transition the group into a Balancing Authority working group. The re-formed committee would become a sub-committee or group under the Operations Reliability Working Group, easing assigned requirements as part of the SPP tariff's Attachment AN. The committee is also concluding its voting process to formally approve the BA Operating Protocols document.

[Corporate Governance Committee:](#) The committee finalized its work on changes to SPP's membership agreement and bylaws necessitated by the addition of the Integrated System (IS) entities (Western Area Power Administration's Upper Great Plains Region, Basin Electric Power Cooperative, and Heartland Consumers Power District). The revisions will be presented at a special meeting of Members and the Board of Directors/Members Committee in June.

[Cost Allocation Working Group:](#) The CAWG conducted an educational session to discuss the IS' integration process. Member concerns led the group to agree on not making a recommendation to the Regional State Committee on whether it should approve, reject, or take no action on changes to various governance documents, as proposed by SPP staff.

[Generation Working Group:](#) The GWG reviewed upcoming NERC standards and revisions that would be applicable to generation owners; revised criteria language for the accreditation of wind and solar resources capability; and continued its review of [Gas Electric Coordination Task Force \(GECTF\)](#) activities. The group is also developing a report that would be performed on a bi-annual basis, coinciding with the SPP system's summer and winter peak-load data.

[Market Working Group:](#) The MWG met jointly with the GECTF to discuss and provide input on GECTF-identified issues that need to be addressed by SPP stakeholders. The MWG also approved six Marketplace

Protocol Revision Requests (MPRRs); MPRR 180 contains proposed changes for implementation of a Federal Service Exemption carve-out to accommodate Western Area Power Administration's Federal Power Western-UGP Federal Service into the Integrated Marketplace.

Operations Training Working Group: The OTWG prepared for the June System Operations Conference in Springfield, Mo. The group continued its Project Pinnacle training initiatives, and is planning 2015 budget and course-deliverables discussions.

Regional Compliance Working Group: The RCWG is developing a compliance index identifying supporting NERC Standard documentation and areas of mutual dependency between member companies and SPP for compliant practices. The group is also involved in collaborative efforts on a revision-request project to help strengthen teamwork between working groups and yield consistent processes, and transferring SPP criteria to the operating protocols (members are collaborating with other working groups to share insights and comments on the process and the communication output to the member entities). Finally, the RCWG is continuing to focus its expertise on maintaining compliant positions for member companies partnering with the SPP RTO.

Regional Tariff Working Group: The RTWG scheduled additional time in May to review and approve tariff revisions that will help transition the IS entities into SPP's tariff. The group also reviewed Tariff Revision Requests 119 (Attachment H), 120 (Attachment AI), 127 (Attachment J, Section III.D.2), and 128 (M2M Changes to Attachment AE) and was updated by SPP staff on the Z2 Crediting project.

Transmission Working Group: The TWG discussed the valuation of SPP transmission, the consistency of project-tracking costs vs. rates, the merits of double-circuit transmission, and an alternate reliability limit to trigger notification-to-construct letters. The TWG also approved the annual Flowgate Assessment and associated Transmission Reliability Margin values.

Other Meetings

Credit Practices Working Group

Economic Studies Working Group

Model Development Working Group

Operating Reliability Working Group

Project Cost Working Group

Regional State Committee

Seams Steering Committee

System Protection and Control Working Group

June Meetings

June 6 – Business Practices Working Group

June 9-10 – Board of Directors/Members Committee

June 9 – Oversight Committee

June 9-10 – Board of Directors Educational Workshop

June 11 – Strategic Planning Committee

June 12 – Economic Studies Working Group

June 12 – Human Resources Committee

June 13 – Transmission Working Group

June 17 – Regional Entity Trustees

June 17-18 – Market Working Group

June 18-19 – Operating Reliability Working Group

June 19 – Change Working Group

June 19 – Credit Practices Working Group

June 19 – Seams Steering Committee

June 23-26 – System Operations Conference

June 24 – Economic Studies Working Group

June 25-26 – Regional Tariff Working Group

June 26 – Operations Training Working Group

June 30 – Business Practices Working Group

June 30 – Generation Working Group

July Meetings

July 1 – Operating Reliability Working Group

July 2 – Cost Allocation Working Group

This is a summary of recent SPP organizational group meetings. For more information about a group, please visit SPP.org and select that committee on the [Org Groups](#) page. Documents are located in the left column.

Please contact [Tom Kleckner](#) in the Communications Department with questions or comments about *The Org Report*.

[SPP Calendar](#)

[The Org Report Back Issues](#)

[SPP Governing Documents](#)