

The Org Report

A monthly summary of organizational group activities.



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Project Pinnacle: Test environment connectivity testing begins

- [Project Pinnacle](#) is progressing well and on track to meet the respective implementation deadlines for its remaining four projects. (Pseudo Tie-Out went live June 12, and the Enhanced Combined Cycle project was suspended by the Board of Directors July 29.)
- The Environment Build-Out (EBO) project began the Member Test Environment's (MTE) connectivity testing Sept. 2; market participants have until Oct. 3 to test their systems' connectivity to the MTE. At that date, the EBO project will also come to a conclusion.
- Regulation Compensation kicks off its project in earnest with a liaison conference call Sept. 11; the Long-Term Congestion Rights project does the same Sept. 30. The two projects and Market-to-Market were all mandated by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and are on track to meet their March 1, 2015, implementation deadlines.

August Meeting Summaries

[Business Practices Working Group](#): The BPWG received updates on Business Practice Revisions (BPR) 051 (Aggregate Transmission Service Study waivers), BPR 054 (FERC Order 1000 Request for Proposal), and BPR 053 (Schedule Denial Criteria); all three will be presented to the Markets and Operations Policy Committee (MOPC) in October. The group also reviewed modifications to Business Practice 7060 (Notification to Construct and Project Cost Estimating Processes) as a result of [FERC Order 1000](#): BPRs 055 (FERC Order 1000 Changes to BP 7060) and 056 (NTC Project Close-Out Process).

[Change Working Group](#): The CWG discussed the work underway to streamline SPP's revision-request process and two liaison reports. The group was updated on Project Pinnacle; reviewed three Marketplace Protocol Revision Requests (MPRRs); and was introduced to – and discussed – the SPP website's makeover project.

[Corporate Governance Committee](#): The committee finalized candidates for the Board of Directors (Josh Martin and Larry Altenbaumer), Regional Entity Trustees (Gerry Burrows), and Members Committee (Phil Crissup, Duane Highley, Kristy Ashley, Jon Hansen, and Dave Osburn). Elections will take place during [October's Annual Meeting of Members](#). The committee is also recommending to the Board ITC's Kevin Burke fill a Human Resources Committee vacancy. The committee considered corrections to the Bylaws and Membership Agreement, which will also be addressed in October.

[Cost Allocation Working Group](#): The CAWG was briefed on Order 1000's implementation within SPP and reviewed a Regional State Committee report and the status of benefits metrics. The group was also updated on the [Environmental Protection Agency's \(EPA\) Clean Power Plan](#) and its impact on SPP's transmission planning, and reviewed and commented on the Seams Project's policy paper.

[Economic Studies Working Group](#): The ESWG discussed the 2015 Integrated Transmission Plan (ITP) 10-Year Assessment's consolidation methodology and the 2016 ITP10 scope and future assumptions.

[Market Working Group](#): The MWG focused on the consideration and approval of 12 MPRRs making their way through the SPP stakeholder process before heading to the MOPC in October. The group was also updated on SPP's Market Monitoring Unit and the Integrated Marketplace and its congestion-hedging activities. The latter included a proposal to facilitate an interim Transmission Congestion Rights auction to accommodate the [Integrated System's integration](#).

[Model Development Working Group](#): The MDWG approved a method to model mothballed and retired generating units. The group discussed SPP improvements to the modeling process – specifically in the transactions worksheet – and how they will help streamline efforts for the MDWG and ITP model sets. The MDWG approved several staff-proposed updates to the Modeling Procedure Manual, and also commented on a proposal to model on a load-serving entity or transmission customer reporting level.

Operations Training Working Group: The OTWG is finalizing the 2015 Customer Training Calendar. The 2015 Reliability Training Catalog will post Oct. 15, with registration opening Nov. 19. Project Pinnacle training initiatives are being developed.

Regional Compliance Working Group: The RCWG reviewed the Reliability Assurance Initiative's status, CIP-002 Methodology, CIP-014 Proposals for Third Party Assessments, and a North American Energy Standards Board presentation. The RCWG's Sept. 29 meeting will be held in conjunction with SPP's Compliance Forum and Regional Entity workshop.

Regional Tariff Working Group: SPP staff updated the RTWG on the Z2 Crediting Project and progress on the "matrix issue." The group reviewed tariff revisions in multiple BPRs, MPRRs, and Tariff Revision Requests; it will complete its review process before the October Board and MOPC meetings.

System Protection and Control Working Group: The SPCWG discussed several NERC compliance topics and reviewed the latest misoperations statistics. The group provided feedback on the upcoming Under Frequency Load Shed study and reviewed SPP criteria updates. The SPCWG completed its review of communications-related misoperations but is still looking at current practices for updating short-circuit cases in the MDWG's model-building process.

Transmission Working Group: The TWG approved a change to the ITP Near-Term Assessment's start and end dates, continuation of the 2015 ITP10's consolidation methodology, two BPRs, two interconnection requests, and SPP's role as a third-party verifier of stakeholder CIP-014-1 assessments. The group also discussed the CIP-002-5 methodology's latest draft and the EPA Clean Power Plan's impact assessment. Staff updated the TWG on joint operating agreement assessments with MISO and Arkansas Electric Cooperatives, Inc. and the Regional Cost Allocation Review II assessment.

Other Meetings

Credit Practices Working Group

Generation Working Group

Human Resources Committee

Operating Reliability Working Group

Project Cost Working Group

Regional State Committee

Seams Steering Committee

Strategic Planning Committee

September Meetings

Sept. 8 – Operations Training Working Group

Sept. 9 – Project Cost Working Group

Sept. 9 – Seams Steering Committee

Sept. 10 – Human Resources Committee

Sept. 10 – Transmission Working Group

Sept. 11 – Finance Committee

Sept. 12 – Market Working Group

Sept. 17 – Model Development Working Group

Sept. 17 – Regional Tariff Working Group

Sept. 18 – Economic Studies Working Group

Sept. 19 – Strategic Planning Committee

Sept. 22-25 – System Operation Conference

Sept. 23 – Critical Infrastructure Protection Working Group

Sept. 23 – Finance Committee

Sept. 23-24 – Market Working Group

Sept. 24 – Change Working Group

Sept. 24 – Credit Practices Working Group

Sept. 24-25 – Regional Tariff Working Group
Sept. 25 – Operations Training Working Group
Sept. 25 – Oversight Committee
Sept. 25-26 – Fall Settlements Conference
Sept. 29 – Regional Compliance Working Group
Sept. 29 – Regional State Committee
Sept. 30 – Generation Working Group
Sept. 30-Oct. 1 – SPP RE Fall Workshop

October Meetings

Oct. 1 – Cost Allocation Working Group
Oct. 1-2 – SPP Quarterly Compliance Forum
Oct. 2 – Business Practices Working Group
Oct. 3 – Operating Reliability Working Group

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