



**Southwest Power Pool**  
**REGIONAL STATE COMMITTEE TELECONFERENCE SPECIAL MEETING**  
**September 8, 2004**

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**Agenda Items 1 & 2 – Administrative Items**

RSC President Denise Bode (OCC) called the meeting to order at approximately 10:00 a.m.

Other members in attendance or represented by proxy were:

- Vice President Sandra Hochstetter, Arkansas Public Service Commission (APSC)
- J. Michael Peters, Proxy for Board Member Brian Moline, Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC)
- Board Member Steve Gaw, Missouri Public Service Commission (joined the meeting in progress) (MPSC)
- Jess Totten, Proxy for Secretary Julie Parsley, Texas Public Utility Commission (TPUC)

Others in attendance were:

- Sam Loudenslager, Arkansas Public Service Commission
- Richard House, Arkansas Public Service Commission
- Tom DeBaun, Kansas Corporation Commission
- John Sievers, Kansas Corporation Commission
- Mike Proctor, Missouri Public Service Commission
- Steve Dottheim, Missouri Public Service Commission
- James Watkins, Missouri Public Service Commission
- Ryan Kind, Missouri Office of Public Counsel
- Joyce Davidson, Oklahoma Corporation Commission
- Kelli Leaf, Oklahoma Corporation Commission
- Ken Zimmerman, Oklahoma Corporation Commission
- \_\_\_\_ Diaz, Louisiana Public Service Commission
- Stacy Duckett, SPP
- Cheryl Robertson, SPP
- Michael Deselle, AEP
- Terry Gallup, AEP
- Osha Kirsten, EEI
- Tom Stuchlick, Westar Energy
- Bill Wiley, OG&E
- Daryl Gillam, SWPA
- Tom Littleton, OMPA

A quorum was declared. There were no minutes of prior meetings available for approval.

### **Agenda Item 3 – Business Meeting**

**CBTF:** Sam Loudenslager (APSC), Chair of the Cost Benefit Task Force (CBTF), asked Ken Zimmerman (OCC) to provide an update concerning the cost benefit study (CBS) and work of the CBTF. Ken said that the Committee has been discussing the scope of the project and contract terms with the selected vendor, and that they are not at a point where they have a contract ready for approval by the RSC, but that they are close. He said that he expects to have the issues resolved this week or early next week and to be ready to present it to the RSC for approval at the meeting on September 15.

President Bode raised the issue of who would sign the contract. Vice President Hochstetter pointed out that the RSC bylaws require two board members to sign contracts that the RSC enters. President Bode expressed concerns about the issue of prejudgment in signing the contract, if a proceeding involving the work of the vendor is later presented as evidence in a case that comes before her Commission. Vice President Hochstetter said that this was not an issue in Arkansas, and that perhaps she and another board member could sign the contract. President Bode expressed the view that the lawyers of the Commissions should consider the prejudgment issue and the terms of the bylaws, and there could be further discussion of this issue at the next RSC meeting.

**CAWG:** Mike Proctor (MPSC) reported that he sent out this morning two Powerpoint presentations that summarized the progress that the cost allocation working group (CAWG) has made in developing a policy on the allocation of costs of transmission expansion. The presentations include a summary of areas of agreement and areas where guidance is needed from the RSC. These presentations are intended to provide a framework for the discussion of this issue at the September 15 meeting. Mike provided a summary of the areas of agreement and issues on which guidance is needed, and a discussion of some of the unresolved issues followed.

Michael Deselle, of AEP, asked whether the presentations that Mike had sent to the RSC members would be available to others. Mike said that he would send the presentations to the SPP for posting on the web page.

**Travel policy:** President Bode said that she or Oklahoma staff would contact Treasurer David King concerning the development of the travel policy.

**Other topics of discussion:** Steve Gaw, Board Member from the MPSC, asked whether other members had reviewed a tariff provision on confidentiality in the tariff of the Midwest Independent System Operator. Vice President Hochstetter said that they had seen the tariff and planned to file a letter related to the tariff proceeding. Chairman Gaw suggested that other state commissions review the provision.

### **Agenda Items 4 & 5 – Future Meetings**

The RSC is scheduled to meet in person in Austin on September 15 at 3:00 p.m. at the offices of the Texas Public Utility Commission. Arrangements will be made for participation by telephone.

The CAWG has discussed the possibility that a meeting will be needed as a follow-up to the September 15 meeting to resolve any issues related to cost allocation for transmission expansion. The date suggested for the meeting was October 6. There was no objection to this proposal, and

President Bode asked that Jess pass this on to Bridget Headrick, so that notice of the meeting could be given.

**Adjournment**

**There being no other business, Vice President Hochstetter moved to adjourn. There were no objections. The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:30 a.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

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Julie Parsley, Secretary