

The Org Report

A monthly summary of organizational group activities.



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Project Pinnacle: Regulatory issues now the program's focus

- [Project Pinnacle's](#) three projects continue to progress well and remain on track for early 2015 implementation. The Long-Term Congestion Rights (LTCR) began functional testing with market participants Nov. 10; testing has also begun for Regulation Compensation (Reg Comp).
- Regulatory filings now represent Project Pinnacle's greatest risk. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) [accepted SPP's extension request](#) for the LTCR project Nov. 25, but SPP must still file operating-tariff changes related to Reg Comp and Market-to-Market with FERC by Dec. 15.

November Meeting Summaries

[Business Practices Working Group:](#) The BPWG reviewed current Business Practice Revisions (BPRs) 051 (Aggregate Transmission Service Study Waivers), 065 (Network Resource Interconnection Service) and 059 (FERC Order 1000 Request for Proposal) and was updated on 15-minute scheduling options and modifications to the market protocol ramp-reservation requirements. The group reviewed the implications of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (FERC) approved North American Electric Standards Board Book 3.0, particularly requirements around Service Across Multiple Transmission Systems (SAMTS) and Network Integrated Transmission Service (NITS) on the Open Access Same Time Information System (OASIS). SAMTS becomes effective Feb. 2, 2015, and NITS on OASIS was deferred until 2016.

[Change Working Group:](#) The CWG discussed the Integrated System's integration into the SPP footprint and SPP's 2014 Strategic Plan. The group was also briefed on Project Pinnacle, with a heavy focus on regulatory updates. The group also discussed the CWG's roles and responsibilities and reviewed the group's representation to determine where new membership outreach may be focused.

[Corporate Governance Committee:](#) The CGC moved to fill vacancies on the Strategic Planning Committee by nominating Mike Wise (Golden Spread) as chair and Dennis Florom (Lincoln Electric) as a member. The committee reviewed organizational effectiveness, including member attendance at group meetings and clarifying the timing of Integrated Systems entities' membership into SPP. The CGC also reviewed its potential expansion for independent transmission companies, determining the committee and Members Committee should be as expansive as possible.

[Cost Allocation Working Group:](#) The CAWG approved revisions to its 2015 meeting schedule to include four WebEx/teleconferences; reviewed cost allocation for non-FERC Order 1000 seams projects; and discussed FERC Order No. 681 as it related to long-term congestion rights. The group also evaluated regulatory issues relative to the Order 1000 competitive process and discussed CAWG representation for the [Capacity Margin Task Force](#).

[Market Working Group:](#) The MWG approved six Marketplace Protocol Revision Requests (MPRRs), which will be recommended for approval to the Markets and Operations Policy Committee (MOPC) in January – pending review by the Regional Tariff and Operating Reliability Working Groups. The MWG also discussed outstanding action items and a schedule related to SPP's compliance filing for FERC Order 681 on long-term congestion rights. The schedule includes a [joint meeting](#) with the CAWG Dec. 10 to discuss design-change decisions for the compliance filing.

[Operations Training Working Group:](#) The OTWG has opened registration for all 2015 reliability training courses. The development of Project Pinnacle training initiatives remains on schedule. All 2015 OTWG meetings are now open for registration on the SPP website.

[Seams Steering Committee:](#) The SSC reviewed a staff proposal adding SPP-MISO Joint Operating Agreement language outlining a process for additional coordination when creating tie-line flowgates. The group approved revisions to the [Negotiations Policy Statement](#) which will be posted on the SPP website. Quarterly seams metrics – including a review of the flow between MISO Midwest and MISO South – were presented to the SSC.

Strategic Planning Committee: The SPC authorized SPP staff to file supplemental comments to the Environmental Protection Agency Dec. 1 in response to the agency's issuance of a Notice of Data Availability associated with its proposed Clean Power Plan Rule.

System Protection and Control Working Group: The SPCWG discussed several North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) compliance issues and reviewed the latest misoperations statistics. The group reviewed and proposed several changes to its charter; the proposed changes will be submitted to MOPC for approval in January. The SPCWG reviewed SPP's Minimum Design Standards (MDS) document and provided suggested changes to the MDS Task Force.

Other Meetings

Credit Practices Working Group

Economic Studies Working Group

Generation Working Group

Model Development Working Group

Operating Reliability Working Group

Project Cost Working Group

Regional Tariff Working Group

Transmission Working Group

December Meetings

Dec. 8 – Finance Committee

Dec. 8 – Operations Training Working Group

Dec. 8 – Oversight Committee

Dec. 9 – Board of Directors-Members/Committee Meeting

Dec. 9 – Project Cost Working Group

Dec. 10 – Cost Allocation/Market Working Groups

Dec. 10 – Transmission Working Group

Dec. 11 – Economic Studies Working Group

Dec. 11 – Settlement User Group

Dec. 16 – Transmission Planning Summit

Dec. 16-17 – Market Working Group

Dec. 17 – Transmission Working Group

Dec. 17-19 – Regional Tariff Working Group

Dec. 18 – Change Working Group

Dec. 18 – Credit Practices Working Group

Dec. 18 – Operating Reliability Working Group

January Meetings

Jan. 5 – Operations Training Working Group

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