

The Org Report

A monthly summary of organizational group activities.



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Project Pinnacle: Final two projects go live, on schedule

- [Project Pinnacle](#), the follow-up to the Integrated Marketplace, replicated the latter's success by successfully reaching its March 1 Go Live on time and under budget. Project Pinnacle completed its aggressive timeline when its remaining two projects – Regulation Compensation (Reg Comp) and Market-to-Market (M2M) – were implemented on schedule. Reg Comp and M2M were the last of three Federal Energy Regulatory Commission-mandated projects; the third, Long-Term Congestion Rights, previously went live Feb. 2 – again, as scheduled.
- Two other Project Pinnacle projects were completed last year. A sixth project, Enhanced Combined Cycle, has been deferred until 2017, following a further evaluation of the very complex project's costs and benefits and the Integrated System's integration.

February Meeting Summaries

Balancing Authority Operating Committee: The BOAC approved a review and updated methodology for the Emergency Operations Plan.

Business Practices Working Group: The BPWG performed its annual charter and organizational group survey reviews, received updates on various Markets and Operations Policy Committee (MOPC) action items, and reviewed Business Practice Revision (BPR) 059 (Competitive Upgrade Request for Proposal Issuance). BPR 059 represents a modification to Business Practice 7700 (FERC Order 1000 Request for Proposal) and is slated for presentation to MOPC in April. In March, the BPWG will revisit BPR 059 and review current business practices related to transmission service provided with re-dispatch options.

Change Working Group: SPP staff briefed the CWG on Project Pinnacle and associated projects' status ("we will cross the finish line within budget and on time") and its final three projects. The CWG also discussed the Z2 Crediting project and the timing of future meetings, and elected Michelle Trenary (Tenaska) as its vice-chair.

Corporate Governance Committee: The CGC reviewed and discussed filling vacancies on the Members Committee, the Human Resources Committee, and the Strategic Planning Committee. The committee also recommended changes to SPP's bylaws that could potentially increase the size of the Board of Directors.

Credit Practices Working Group: The CPWG voted to accept financials prepared according to International Financial Reporting Standards to meet minimum criteria for market participation.

Market Working Group: The MWG approved five Marketplace Protocol Revision Requests (MPRRs), with extensive discussion and final approval of MPRR 234 (Trading Hubs & Resource Hubs). The MPRR contains detailed protocol and tariff changes related to the Integrated Marketplace hubs' processes and rules.

Operating Reliability Working Group: The ORWG worked through multiple revision requests, announced a new staff secretary (Casey Cathey), discussed a new rating submission tool, and reviewed the Midcontinent ISO (MISO) Reliability plan with Integrated System changes. The group also discussed the MOPC-requested Wind Integration study; Geomagnetic Disturbances Transmission Operator plans; initiating outage-coordination metrics/reporting; and SPP criteria-to-protocols conversion.

Operations Training Working Group: The OTWG has responded to lengthy System Operations Conference (SOC) waitlists by encouraging all entities to process SOC withdrawals and substitutions in a timely manner. Integrated Marketplace Training has opened more RUC net conference sessions for registration.

Regional Entity Trustees: The Trustees approved the revised 2015 SPP RE staff performance goals and metrics.

Seams Steering Committee: SPP staff updated the SCC on FERC's response order to SPP's Market-to-Market (M2M) filing. [FERC](#) accepted SPP's language while requiring a few edits to a compliance filing made Feb. 23. The committee was also briefed on tests and preparation for M2M's March 1 implementation. The SSC discussed an ongoing joint study with MISO and a previously completed joint study with Associated

Electric Cooperative (AECI). The latter discussion focused on the lessons learned and improvements for future studies with AECI.

System Protection and Control Working Group: New chair Bud Averill (Grand River Dam Authority) presided over his first SPCWG meeting, during which the group discussed several [North American Electric Reliability Corporation](#) compliance topics and reviewed the latest misoperations statistics. The SPCWG is now reviewing misoperations data related to relay settings, logic errors, and engineering errors; a white paper is expected to address root causes and lessons learned. The group also discussed 2014 criteria changes that will need to be submitted on the new form; discussed and reviewed an Under Frequency Load Shedding plan update and accompanying study; and began a review of SPP Minimum Design Standards (MDS) while suggesting changes to the [MDS Task Force](#).

Other Meetings

[Cost Allocation Working Group](#)

[Economic Studies Working Group](#)

[Generation Working Group](#)

[Project Cost Working Group](#)

[Regional Tariff Working Group](#)

[Transmission Working Group](#)

March Meetings

March 9 – Generation Working Group

March 9 – Regional State Committee

March 10-11 – SPP RE Spring Compliance Workshop

March 11-12 – Quarterly Compliance Forum

March 12 – Settlement User Group

March 13 – Market Working Group

March 16 – Strategic Planning Committee

March 16-18 – Market Working Group

March 17 – Critical Infrastructure Protection Working Group

March 18 – Change Working Group

March 18 – Transmission Working Group

March 19 – Credit Practices Working Group

March 19 – Operations Training Working Group

March 19 – Regional Tariff Working Group

March 24 – Business Practices Working Group

March 25-26 – Regional Tariff Working Group

March 26 – Oversight Committee

March 31 – Regional Compliance Working Group

March 31-April 1 – Economic Studies Working Group

April Meetings

April 1 – Project Cost Working Group

April 2 – Finance Committee

April 2 – Operating Reliability Working Group

April 2 – Seams Steering Committee

April 3 – Generation Working Group

April 6 – Summer Assessment Webinar

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