
The Org Report

A monthly summary of organizational group activities.



July 2015

June Meeting Summaries

Balancing Authority Operating Committee: The BAOC continued its work to develop a Load Shed Drill for the company and its members. SPP will analyze the results of the drill and provide a report to participants on the lessons learned.

Critical Infrastructure Protection Working Group: The CIPWG met June 16 and was briefed on the North American Electric Reliability Corporation's (NERC) Critical Infrastructure Protection Committee programs and heard presentations concerning security awareness, communication and hostile intruder programs. The group was also briefed on the new SPP.org site, plans to organize regional activities for NERC's Grid Exercise (GridEx III) in November 2015 and a white paper being developed by the Regional Compliance Working Group's Grid Security Task Force.

Economic Studies Working Group: The ESGW continued its work on scoping, futures development, study methodologies and data review in preparation for the 2017 ITP10 study assessments. The ESGW also has approved charter changes that expand membership by four voting members and redefine the group's scope of activities to be more consistent with current Tariff processes.

Gas Electric Coordination Task Force: The GECTF held two meetings in June to continue discussions related to potential changes to timeframes for the Integrated Marketplace based on FERC Order 206. The GECTF developed Revision Request (RR) 100 and started working through the process by gaining approval from the MWG and the RTWG. The RR will be presented to the ORWG early in July. The proposal will be discussed in the Markets and Operations Policy Committee (MOPC). In addition to the proposed changes to the gas day, the group has been capturing information for the pros and cons of the solution for the required Tariff filing and related response to FERC Order 206.

Generation Working Group: The GWG approved RR58_CRR014 which updates SPP Criteria Section 12.1 to address the implementation of MOD-025-2 effective July 1, 2016. The group is coordinating with other groups for review and approval. The group also finalized its bi-annual report that looks at operational data from the 2014-2015 winter season. The report will be included in the meeting materials for the July MOPC meeting. Finally, the GWG continues to follow the Capacity Margin Task Force's direction and how any recommendations will impact the GWG.

Market Working Group: The MWG in June discussed and approved the Gas Electric Coordination Market Timeline Change, the Annual Allocation Percent Change and the STRUC with QS Carve Out Revision Requests. MWG worked on Transmission Congestion Rights improvements and discussed Joint Owner Units in the Integrated Marketplace. The MWG also reviewed the 15-Month Report on Must Offer.

Model Development Working Group: The MDWG held a conference call June 26 to discuss and vote on the updates made to the Model Development Procedure Manual to be compliant with the NERC standard MOD-032-R1. The group approved a new revision of the manual.

Operating Reliability Working Group: The ORWG held a face-to-face meeting June 3-4 hosted by the Nebraska Public Power District in Grand Island, Neb. The ORWG reviewed and approved Revision Requests 81 and 94. SPP staff presented the ORWG three additional Revision Requests concerning changes to SPP Criteria RR96, RR97 and RR98. The ORWG did not take action on these Revision Requests and directed SPP staff to make modifications to be presented at a future ORWG meeting. SPP staff presented on multiple informative items related to operating reliability, markets and SPP's new website. The ORWG reviewed and approved changes to the flowgate list.

Operations Training Working Group: The OTWG in June continued discussions regarding 2016 Reliability and Integrated Marketplace training offerings. SPP Customer Training is currently soliciting hosts for its 2016 System Operations Conferences (SOCs). The OTWG Charter revisions are finalized and this item is on the July MOPC Consent Agenda. Registration remains open and seats available for the Nov. 12, 2015, SPP-hosted NERC Continuing Education Provider Workshop.

Regional Compliance Working Group: The RCWG met June 1 in Kansas City, Mo., for a face-to-face meeting. The following task force and subcommittees now have approved charters - Revision Request Task Force (RRTF), Predicted Generation Report Task Force (PGRTF), Grid Resiliency Task Force (GRTF), Events Analysis Task Force (EATF), Risk Based Compliance Monitoring Task Force (RBCM TF) and the RTO Outreach Subcommittee. Presentations on the MOD-032 Procedure Manual and a North American Energy Standards Board Overview by SPP staff were discussed. The RCWG has submitted responses to their first two Revision Requests, RR97 and RR98, via the Request Management System (RMS). The next RCWG meeting will be Sept. 28 in Dallas.

Regional State Committee: The RSC held a conference call on June 15. During the meeting, the RSC considered the draft scoping document developed by the Cost Allocation Working Group related to matters of cost allocation related to the integration of new members. In addition, the RSC received updates on the activities of the Capacity Margin Task Force and possible revisions to the RSC Bylaws. The RSC reviewed the draft agenda for the July quarterly meeting and topics for its annual retreat. The next meeting of the RSC will be July 27 in Kansas City, Mo.

Seams Steering Committee: The SSC met June 1 in Dallas. The first primary topic was a review of the March 6, 2015 operating day. On this day, MISO exceeded their agreed to limit of 2,000 MW for flows between MISO North/Central to MISO South. This resulted in SPP and TVA both calling a Transmission Loading Relieve Level 5 event on separate flowgates. Since March 6, SPP, MISO and other impacted parties have been discussing the lessons learned. SPP staff also presented an overview of the results of the SPP-MISO Coordinated System Plan Study. The Study identified four potentially cost effective interregional projects. It is expected that three of these will be proposed for independent review by the two RTOs for potential project approval. There will be an SPP-MISO Joint Operating Agreement Joint Stakeholder meeting on Aug. 13 at MISO's office in Carmel, Ind. SPP staff asked stakeholders to propose potential agenda items for the meeting. The next SSC meeting will be on Aug. 12.

Transmission Working Group: The TWG had two net conferences in June. On June 3, the TWG voted to approve the 2015 Flowgate Assessment. This included approving the new additions, removals and the Transmission Reliability Margin values for each flowgate. On June 19, the TWG endorsed the NERC Standard PRC-023-3 Attachment B.4 list; approved the TPL-001-4 Guidance Document; approved the withdrawal of the Mingo and Ruleton 115 kV capacitor banks; and approved staff's recommendation not to allow the South Waverly 161/69 kV transformer to be cost allocated at its high-side voltage.

Upcoming Meetings

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