
The Org Report

A monthly summary of organizational group activities.



September 2015

August Meeting Summaries

Balancing Authority Operating Committee: The BPWG reviewed Revision Request (RR) 56-Upgrade Determination and Short-Term Reliability Project Process. This RR is scheduled for approval at the Markets and Operations Policy Committee (MOPC) meeting in October. The BPWG will meet Sept. 29 to consider RRs related to re-dispatch and FERC Order 1000.

Gas Electric Coordination Task Force: The GECTF discussed the future of the GECTF, an update related to FERC Order 206 and FERC's recent approval of SPP's Marketplace Protocol Revision Request (MPRR) 223 (Conservative Operations) with a minor change needed within the SPP Tariff. FERC's response to Order 206 is expected in October.

Market Working Group: The MWG reviewed the market designs for Enhanced Combined Cycle, Quick Start Resource Enhancements, Day-Ahead Must Offer and Local Reliability Make-Whole Payment Distribution Amount. The MWG discussed the recommendations from the SPP Market Monitoring Unit on the Annual State of the Market Report. The MWG approved the impact assessments for RR 106-Outage Deviation and RR 82-Modification of Make-Whole Payment Grace Period.

Operating Reliability Working Group: The ORWG discussed RR 106-Outage Deviation and explained how the Reliability Unit Commitment (RUC) Make-Whole Payment (MWP) distribution amount will work for resources that are offline in the Real-Time Balancing Market (RTBM), but not de-committed or dispatched to zero. The ORWG voted to approve RR 56-Upgrade Determination and Short-Term Reliability Project Process, and RR 58-EIA-411 changes for MOD standards without opposition or abstention. The ORWG also discussed RR 98, expanding the use of SPP CROW; TOP-004 R3, which outlines how SPP handles double-circuit contingencies; the removal of the Cooked Creek Special Protection Scheme (SPS); and the Criteria to Protocols Initiative. The ORWG was provided an update to the NERC reliability standard activities and the current progress to RR 96-Transmission Outage Timing Requirements Notification.

Operations Training Working Group: The OTWG is finalizing dates and locations for the six 2016 System Operations Conferences. Development continues for the Oct. 7-8 Marketplace Symposium. The 2016 training offerings are being finalized for the Customer Training calendar.

Project Cost Working Group: The PCWG reviewed RR 56-Upgrade Determination and Short-Term Reliability Project Process, which describes a new business practice to categorize transmission upgrades as Competitive or Short-Term Reliability. The business practice outlines the procedures SPP utilizes to determine which Tariff process described in Attachment Y should be used to select a Transmission Owner for upgrades approved by the SPP Board of Directors. This process occurs between the time the project is approved by the Board and when SPP issues Requests for Proposals (RFP) or Notifications to Construct (NTC). The PCWG approved the document unanimously.

Regional Compliance Working Group: The RCWG discussed the SPP conversion from Criteria to Protocols Initiative and a more technical discussion on Inter-Control Center Communications Protocol (ICCP) and Extensible Markup Language (XML). The RCWG will be sending out nominations for a minimum of two open positions on the group. The new charter includes member representation with a minimum of 17 members with no maximum. The next meeting is Sept. 28.

Regional Tariff Working Group: The RTWG continued monitoring progress of the Z2 Crediting Project. The group reviewed a Business Practice that develops procedures to insure the proper section of the Tariff is used to issue NTCs. Staff presented a Revision Request that will correct a discrepancy between the forecasted system capacity and the capacity available during the monthly TCR processes and a Revision Request that addresses the Real-Time Outage Deviation charge type in the RUC MWP distribution section.

System Protection and Control Working Group: The SPCWG is actively reviewing misoperations related to relay settings, logic errors and engineering errors. The group is collecting information on types of misoperations and preparing to analyze the data. The group has developed a timeline for the process and paper to present to the MOPC. The paper will address root causes and lessons learned of misoperations. The group reviewed and agreed to changes in the Under-Frequency Load Shedding (UFLS), which will be sent out for comment. The group started a review of the Western Area Power Administration's SPS and gave preliminary approval until additional information is

submitted. The group also reviewed the status of existing SPSs and approved the removal of Ensign Wind Farm's SPS. The next meeting is Nov. 4-5.

Transmission Working Group: The TWG discussed several topics, including a report from the Transmission Planning Improvement Task Force, updates to the NERC Assessments, Fast Fault scan benchmarking results, Market Impacts of Transmission Expansion and SPP's Annual Flowgate Assessment process. The TWG also approved several items including the Critical Infrastructure Protection (CIP)-014-2 Scope (pending review with SPP's Legal Dept. and the RCWG), a recommendation for the MOPC Action Item 206 on Limited Operations of Generators, updates to the 2016 Integrated Transmission Planning Near-Term (ITPNT) scope to reflect schedule updates based upon the Competitive Transmission Process Task Force (CTPTF) recommendation for noncompetitive cost estimates and RR 56. The TWG also heard an introductory discussion on how staff plans to evaluate nonstandard transmission solutions, nontransmission solutions and metrics for reliability project selection. The next meeting is Sept. 16.

Upcoming Meetings

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