
The Org Report

A monthly summary of organizational group activities.



October 2015

September Meeting Summaries

Balancing Authority Operating Committee: The BAOC reviewed their charter and the SPP Open Access Transmission Tariff (OATT) Attachment AN. The BAOC also published the latest version of the Emergency Operating Plan on the SPP website.

Critical Infrastructure Protection Working Group: The CIPWG was briefed on NERC Critical Infrastructure Protection Committee programs and heard presentations concerning information-sharing for the electrical industry. The group also met Mark Bowling, SPP's Security and Compliance Director, and received briefings on the new SPP website, an entity's use of the Tripwire Product and a white paper being developed by the Regional Compliance Working Group's Grid Security Task Force.

Cost Allocation Working Group: The CAWG continued their discussions on the next steps relating to the New Member Cost Allocation Process, and the Proposed Scoping Document on the Aggregate Study Waiver Criteria. The group received an update on the Incremental Long-Term Congestion Rights (ILTCR) compliance order relating to Docket No. ER14-2553-001. Presentations on the History of the Waiver Process, 3rd Quarter Project Tracking Report, Regional Review Results/Interregional Order 1000 Filing, and the Capacity Margin Task Force (CMTF) efforts also were shared with the group. Additionally, CAWG discussed the Sept. 21, 2015, Regional State Committee (RSC) meeting agenda and the working group reports.

Economic Studies Working Group: The ESWG approved the scope for the 2017 ITP10 and continued discussion on analysis methodology and review of modeling data for the study.

Market Working Group: The MWG reviewed and approved a number of Revision Requests including RR112 (Enhanced Combined Cycle Clean-Up), RR116 (Quick Start Resource Enhancements) and RR119 (Long Term Congestion Rights Compliance). The MWG continued their discussion on RR105 (OOME Cap and Floor Enhancement) and the JOU Combined Resource Option. The MWG had a separate conference call to review the MUU Marketplace Update, RTO Marketplace Update and Regulatory Report.

Operating Reliability Working Group: The ORWG approved the consent agenda, which contained RR56 (Upgrade Determination and Short-Term Reliability Project Process). The ORWG reviewed outage coordination metrics and approved RR96 (Transmission Outage Timing Requirements Notification). The ORWG approved RR82 (Modification of Make-Whole Payment Grace Period), the Ensign Special Protection Scheme, the Miles City System Protection Scheme, the Crossroads System Protection Scheme and RR98 (Expanding the Use of SPP CROW). The group also held discussions around COM-001-2, COM-002-4, RR115 (Notification of Resource Retirements), Synchro phasors and System Monitoring, Load Shed Crew Exercise, RR113 (Node Connectivity Requirement Enhancement), Ratings Process Status Update, GMD Sat Phone Notification, Regulation Performance Update, SPP RSG Annual Obligation, Upcoming NERC Standard Changes and Reciprocal Coordinated Flowrates.

Operations Training Working Group: The OTWG approved the 2016 Customer Training – Reliability Calendar, which will post to the SPP Learning Center and SPP's website in October. Registration for the 2016 sessions will open Monday, Nov. 9 at 2 p.m. Preparations are being finalized for the Marketplace Symposium Oct. 7-8 in Little Rock.

Regional Compliance Working Group: The RCWG approved RR117 (Splitting SPP Criteria), finalized their Charter language for submission to the MOPC October 2015 consent agenda and reviewed nominations for voting member slots, which closed Oct. 2, 2015. The next meeting is Tuesday, Nov. 17 in Tulsa where they will be hosted by the Grand River Dam Authority.

Regional Tariff Working Group: The RTWG reviewed revisions that would update the OATT to be consistent with the conversion of the SPP Criteria to SPP Operating Criteria and SPP Planning Criteria. The group also reviewed tariff revisions that would allow Western Area Power Administration-Rocky Mountain Region to continue its participation in the Integrated Marketplace post Oct. 1, 2015. Market Design presented revision requests to modify the Make-Whole Payment Grace Period, Enhanced Combined Cycle Clean Up and Quick-Start Real-Time Commitment.

System Protection and Control Working Group: The SPCWG discussed several Remedial Action Schemes (RAS) and Special Protection Systems (SPS) in the SPP footprint and approved WAPA's Miles City HVDC SPS; Basin

Electric's Rapid City HVDC SPS; modification of the Crossroads Wind Farm SPS; and removal of the Ensign Wind Farm SPS. These are now passed to the other working groups for review and to the Markets and Operations Policy Committee (MOPC) for approval. The next meeting is Nov. 4-5 in Kansas City.

Transmission Working Group: The TWG approved the results of the Regional Review of the Interregional Projects identified in the SPP/MISO CSP study, WAPA TRM values, the removal of the Ensign Wind Farm SPS, modification of the Crossroads SPS, review of the Miles City HVDC SPS and modified email voting protocol. The TWG also approved and discussed several items related to the 2017 ITP10, including the consolidation methodology and how to determine a reliability need. The group approved the Constraint Assessment Methodology, Reliability Hours, Generator Outlet Facilities Methodology and the Voltage Stability Assessment Methodology. In a separate meeting, the TWG also approved the 2017 ITP10 Scope, Revision Request 117 (Splitting SPP Criteria) and the Rapid City HVDC Converter Station SPS.

Upcoming Meetings

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