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LTCR Year 2/Round 1

Unstructured Testing

Overview

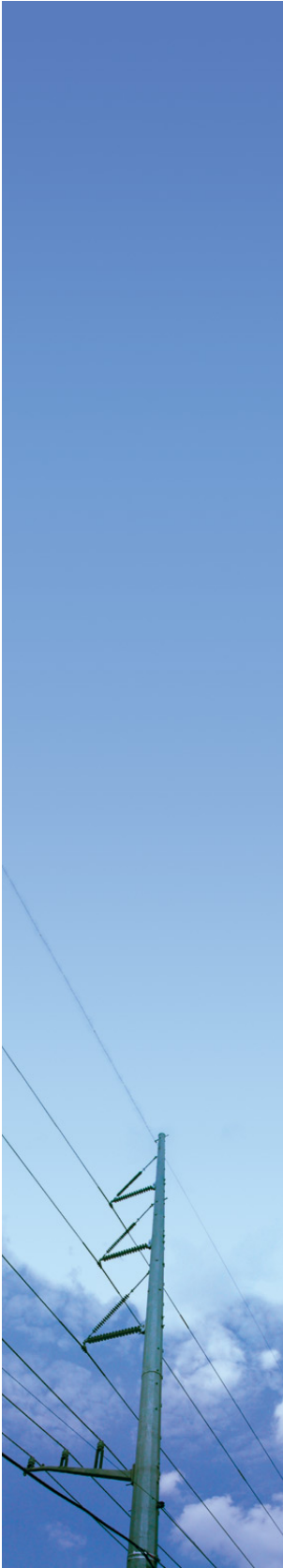


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Version Control

Version	Date	Author	Change Description
1.0	08/11/15	E. Brooks	Initial Draft
1.1	10/12/15	E. Brooks	Update FAQ Section

Document Purpose

This template should be used to provide initial and ongoing communication of member impacting projects to the CWG and membership.

The Project Manager should provide the MIPO with an initial review period. The CWG Representative should review the MIPO and provide feedback and response, including request for a MIPO review meeting, during the comment period.

All MIPO updates will be red-lined, and that version will be saved as MIPO_<PR#_NAME_V#.R#> where V# is the version number associated with the touch point, and R# is the release within that touch point. The latest version will have accepted redline from the previous version, and any new changes redlined. The CWG and/or project liaison will be notified of any MIPO change.

Executive Summary

The Long-Term Congestion Rights (LTCR) project established an Annual LTCR Verification and Annual LTCR Allocation process which made system changes to the congestion hedging software necessary to allow load serving entities (LSEs) and then Non-LSEs to hedge long-term power supply arrangements for more than one year.

Per FERC Order 681, SPP established long-term firm transmission rights, and per an October 2012 compliance ruling, SPP's compliance filing happened within 180 days after the commencement of the Integrated Marketplace which enabled the Commission to review the filing prior to the second year of market operations.

The completed LTCR Project allowed MPs an opportunity to test the LTCR system for Year 1. Due to timeline limitations, the LTCR Year 2 testing was proposed to be held after and apart from the LTCR Project. LTCR Year 2/Round 1 Testing is planned for the Market Participants for late 2015 as practice prior to the production run in February 2016. This testing is not required but recommended. MP Testing is unstructured because the focus is the customer experience.

Business Impact

Users Impacted

LTCR Liaisons will use the testing schedule below during the month of October and submit questions via the RMS TCR quick pick.

Business Functions Impacted

No changes

Technical Impact

SPP Systems/Processes Impacted

- No changes

iHedge Changes

- No new changes

Anticipated Member Systems/Processes Impacted

- No changes

Member Requirements

Eligible Market Participants that intend to acquire LTCRs and then subsequently continue to acquire/renew LTCRs in future years will need to be able to use the iHedge production system through the SPP Marketplace Portal and perform testing on their systems.

Testing

Market Participant testing will determine if member systems can successfully interact with SPP's iHedge system for the annual LTCR allocation for Year 2.

Training

SPP Customer Training has provided a self-study course titled “**Long-Term Congestion Rights (LTCR) Overview**” for our Members and Market participants. The course is now available through the [SPP Learning Center \(LMS\)](#). This course will enable Members and Market Participants to:

- Define the purpose of Long-Term Congestion Rights (LTCRs).
- Identify the features of LTCRs.
- Identify the steps in the LTCR process.

To request this training:

- Log into the [SPP Learning Center](#).
- On the Home page, click the icon labeled “LTCR Overview” under the heading FEATURED Integrated Marketplace Training.
- Click the “Request” button on the Training Details page.
- The system will return you to your transcript where you can launch the training at any time.

For questions about the SPP Learning Center, please contact us at lms@spp.org.

Implementation and Back-out Plan

The functionality already exists in production.

Summary of Testing Timeline

The following testing timeline summarizes the tasks and shows tasks start and completion dates.

Start Date	Responsible Party	Action	End Date
09/21/15	SPP Staff	Set-up Year 2 annual LTCR allocation	10/02/15
10/05/15	Market Participants	Submit Round 1 nominations	10/16/15
10/19/15	SPP Staff	Post Round 1 results	10/19/15
10/20/15	Market Participants	Submit Round 2 nominations	10/30/15

Assumptions

- Testing will be conducted for a 2016 market.
- Testing data will be used in this project. The candidates and results will be mock data, not reflective of production candidates and awards.

Risks

- None

Communication Plan

All project communication and information will be posted to the SPP Change Working Group Project Documentation folder. This MIPO will be updated upon change or with any new information, a redline version posted to the project documentation folder, and the CWG notified.

Next Steps

Action	Assignee	Status & Due Date
Publish initial MIPO	SPP	08/17/15
Update LTCR Liaison List	SPP	09/30/15
CWG September Presentation	SPP	09/16/15
MP Testing Starts	Market Participants	10/05/15
MP Testing Ends	Market Participants	10/30/15

FAQs

Frequently asked questions will be added to the document as identified or necessary.

[None at this time](#)

1. [Q: Why aren't all my LTCR entitlements showing as candidates in the LTCR Round 1?](#)

[A: The LTCR Allocation process is a two-round process. The first round is to renew/decline previously awarded LTCRs. The second round is to nominate additional MW amounts and/or paths to receive new LTCRs. The candidates to be granted in each round are represented in the LTCR market transmission service entitlements report.](#)

2. [Q: Why did I not receive all my 2015 LTCRs as Round 1 candidate LTCRs in the 2016 Annual LTCR Allocation?](#)

[A: SPP used the 2015 LTCR market in MTE as previously awarded 2015 LTCRs. In addition, SPP needs transmission service reservations for each of these previously awarded LTCRs. This information can be verified in the 2016 Annual LTCR Allocation's Transmission Service Reservation Private download. Columns J "LTCR ID \(previous year\)" and Column K "LTCR MW \(previous year\)" contain the entitlement information used to grant Round 1 candidate LTCRs.](#)