

November Meeting Summaries

Business Practices Working Group: The BPWG reviewed Revision Request (RR)57 (FERC Order 1000 Clean-up & NTC Suspension Language) and a Markets-and-Operations-Policy-Committee-assigned action item dealing with Behind the Meter Generation. RR57 was intended to be presented for approval at the January MOPC meeting, but will require further review by the involved working groups before this can occur. Action Item 239 – Behind the Meter Generation is being initially framed by the Billing Determinant Task Force. The BPWG will have its initial review of the draft Business Practice at the next teleconference meeting, scheduled for Dec. 9, 2015. Registration for the 2016 BPWG meetings is now available on spp.org.

Change Working Group: The CWG discussed the Z2 Credit Stacking project and upcoming Markets, Settlements, and Transmission Congestion Rights releases along with the Multi-Day Tagging release planned for January 2016. The group also received a briefing on the Stakeholder Prioritization Process now underway and was provided with an Enhanced Combined Cycle/Gas Day education session.

Cost Allocation Working Group: The CAWG amended and approved their 2016 meeting schedule dates, specifically the (four) WebEx/Teleconference dates. Those dates were changed to the second Tuesday of the month following the Board of Directors meetings. The group made plans to continue their work on the Aggregate Study Waiver Criteria Scope document and the New Member Cost Allocation Review Process document at their Dec. 1, 2015 meeting. CAWG members heard a summary on the outcome of the Regional State Committee's Oct. 26 meeting and a report on the Value of Transmission Study, and provided feedback to the SPP Website Project Team on the functionality of the new SPP.org. Additionally, the group heard presentations on the Capacity Margin Task Force efforts and the SPP-MISO Settlement Agreement.

Economic Studies Working Group: The ESWG continued work on the generation resource and siting plans for the 2017 ITP10 and began work on model development for the Regional Cost Allocation Review II.

Finance Committee: The FC completed review of the 2016 SPP operating and capital budgets as well as determining a rate for the 2016 administrative fee. The committee is recommending an administrative fee rate of 37¢/MWh for 2016. The Committee also approved RR126 (Netting of TCR Credit Portfolio), which will now go to the MOPC and then on to the SPP BOD.

Generation Working Group: The GWG discussed their joint meeting with the Capacity Margin Task Force and the Operating Reliability Working Group that was held at the end of October. The group continues to stay informed and involved with the CMTF's activities. The GWG Report focusing on operational data from summer 2015 was also reviewed and discussed. The group plans to finalize the report in December. Finally, there are a few vacancies in the process of being filled. Nominations were due in November and are being reviewed.

Market Working Group: The MWG formed a new focus group called the Price Formation Focus Group during its Ramp Product Focus Group discussion. The Price Formation Focus Group will examine from a holistic perspective whether prices are appropriately incentivizing resources, capturing marginal costs and providing sufficient price transparency. The MWG passed six revision requests, including RR127 (JOU Combined Option - Aggregate Energy Offer Curve), which eliminates a potential gaming opportunity on potential higher than normal Energy Offer Curve Make-Whole Payments, and RR125 (Removal of Day-Ahead Limited Must-Offer). The MWG finalized the presentation to the Board of Directors on the Market Monitoring Unit Annual State of the Market recommendations.

Operating Reliability Working Group: The ORWG met Nov. 9 and approved three agenda items: RR113 (Node Connectivity Requirement Enhancement), RR115 (Resource Retirement Timeline), and RR95 (Modification of Business Practice 1500 DC Ties – IS DC Ties). The group approved the consent agenda and held discussions about reserve margin adjustments from the Loss of Load Expectation study. The ORWG was notified with dates for load shed drills and a winter preparedness conference call. The ORWG also was updated with the latest voting results from MOPC and provided an explanation for why the "proposed" status should be used in SPP CROW. The ORWG also held discussions over RR 81 (Control Status Clarification), GMD Kp Level, RTCA and Netmom Topology Verifications, Collective Posting of RC/TOP Next Day Reliability Studies, the new SPP website and RR 98 (Expanding the use of SPP CROW).

Operations Training Working Group: Registration for all 2016 Reliability Training courses opened Nov. 9, and the process has been smooth. Development of training materials for all 2016 training courses continues on schedule. The OTWG continues to solicit nominations for additional members until Dec. 31, 2015.

Oversight Committee: The OC selected the Independent Expert Panelists in a conference call Nov. 11. Separately, the OC granted a subsequent request of the Industry Expert Panel to extend the designated review period for SPP RFP-000001 an additional 30 days.

Project Cost Working Group: The PCWG began the development of a new business practice that defines a methodology for determining when a Competitive Upgrade has reached the 50 percent completion milestone. Attachment Y provides that the 2 percent cash deposit required by a Designated Transmission Owner(s) upon accepting the responsibilities of developing a Competitive Upgrade be refunded to the DTO(s) when the 50 percent completion milestone is reached. The new business practice will describe the process for making this determination. The group also reviewed improvements proposed by staff to the study estimate process in Integrated Transmission Planning studies.

Regional Tariff Working Group: The RTWG reviewed tariff revisions addressing the MISO Settlement Agreement outcome. The group also reviewed tariff revisions addressing changes to the Transmission Settlement Dispute process. Market Design presented revision requests to modify the Local Reliability Make Whole Payment Distribution Amount; Rejection of Incomplete Timeline; and Rejection of Incomplete Market Registration Documentation. Staff also presented updates to the Z2 Crediting Project.

Reliability Compliance Working Group: The RCWG hosted its final face-to-face meeting of the year Nov 17 in Tulsa. They recently had their charter approved by the Corporate Governance Committee and the Board of Directors. Open nominations were held to increase the representation for the group, and they have added seven approved voting members, which include Sunflower, Oklahoma Municipal Power Authority, Western Area Power A, Midwest Energy, EDP Renewables, ITC and Xcel Energy. The RCWG has three task forces that will be dissolved by Dec. 31, 2015, as their work has been completed. These include the Grid Security Task Force (GSTF), the Revision Request Task Force (RRTF) and the Predictive Generation Report Task Force (PGRTF).

Transmission Working Group: The TWG held its quarterly face-to-face meeting Nov. 17 in Little Rock. The TWG approved numerous items, including updates to the CIP-002-5.1 methodology; a modified TPLTF Charter; and RR95 (Modification of Business Practice 1500 DC Ties – IS DC Ties), RR97 (Improved Notifications for Telemetry and Control System Status to the SPP RC and BA), and RR113 (Node Connectivity Requirement Enhancement). The TWG also discussed the progress of its Attachment AQ Improvement Task Force, the 2016 ITPNT, the 2017 ITP10 Siting process and the TPL-001-4 analysis and reporting. A new task force was created to handle the dynamic modeling efforts that are being required by new NERC standards.

Upcoming Meetings

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