
The Org Report

A monthly summary of organizational group activities.



January 2016

December Meeting Summaries

Board of Directors/Members Committee: The Board of Directors and Members Committee approved the 2016 SPP Operating and Capital Budgets as submitted and established an assessment rate and tariff administrative fee (schedule 1-A) of 37¢/MWh beginning Jan. 1. The board and committee also conducted its annual organizational effectiveness review, which included the stakeholder satisfaction survey results. The summary of actions taken and meeting minutes are available [here](#).

Business Practices Working Group: The BPWG reviewed Revision Request 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. RR 57 is scheduled for January MOPC presentation, subject to timely approval by the remaining secondary working groups. MOPC Action Item 239 – Behind the Meter Generation is still being developed by the Billing Determinant Task Force (BDTF). The BPWG will review the proposal upon approval by the BDTF and the Regional Tariff Working Group. Upcoming changes driven by FERC Order 676-H: NITS on OASIS and the new webSmartTag and webSmart OASIS applications also were reviewed. The BPWG is scheduled to reconvene Jan. 29.

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 and changes to address FERC Order 676-H (NITS Web OASIS Modifications), which will be effective in April.

Cost Allocation Working Group: The CAWG revised their working group/committee liaison reporting assignments for the 2016 meeting year. The CAWG approved Shawnee Claiborn-Pinto as the CAWG liaison/nonvoting member on the Project Cost Working Group, superseding John Krajewski effective Jan. 1. The group heard a high-level update on the status of the Z2 Crediting Project and the work that the Transmission Planning Improvement Task Force is doing to improve processes for both the Integrated Transmission Plan - ITP10 and ITP20. CAWG members made revisions to the working draft of the New Member Cost Allocation Review Process document and discussed the inclusion of subjects that will be used to aid in the development of "Step One" of the Aggregate Study Waiver Criteria Scope document. Both the New Member Cost Allocation Review Process and the Aggregate Study Waiver Criteria Scope will be reviewed at the Regional State Committee meeting in January. Additionally, the group heard an update on the Capacity Margin Task Force efforts, which focused on the status of a four-tiered package approach and the next steps in the approval process. The next CAWG meeting is Jan. 5, where Dallas Rippey of the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission will officially begin his term as the new chairman.

Economic Studies Working Group: The ESWG completed the generation resource and siting plans for the 2017 ITP10.

Finance Committee: The Finance Committee heard reports on the following topics: i) SPP business process improvement initiatives; ii) corporate liability insurance program; iii) pension mortality table selection and other key pension valuation assumptions; iv) 2015 financial audit pre-audit report; and v) 2014-15 SOC-1 controls audit.

Gas Electric Coordination Task Force: The GECTF received notification that FERC accepted SPP's compliance filing in Docket Nos. ER15-2377 and EL14-27. As part of the acceptance, FERC directed SPP to submit annual informational reports for the next three years. Implementation is planned for Oct. 1.

Generation Working Group: The GWG finalized their report on operational data from the summer season of 2015. The report will be presented to the CAWG and MOPC in January. The group also reviewed the GWG Charter and determined that no changes were needed at this time. Finally, the GWG continues to stay informed and involved with the Capacity Margin Task Force activities.

Market Working Group: The MWG discussed RR114 (Energy Storage Rules to the Marketplace), RR139 (Make-Whole Payments for Lost Opportunity Cost for Dispatchable Generators) and RR135 (Revision of Physical Withholding Rules). The MWG will discuss these items again in the January MWG for approval. During the Price Formation discussion, the MWG Chair approved creating the Price Formation Task Force to examine from a holistic perspective whether prices are appropriately incentivizing resources, capturing marginal costs and providing sufficient price transparency.

Operating Reliability Working Group: The ORWG approved five items and recorded two action items. The group approved the consent agenda, which contained the November meeting minutes, RR127 (JOU Combined Option – Aggregate Energy Offer Curve), RR125 (Removal of Day-Ahead Limited Must-Offer), RR130 (Commitment Notification Enhancement) and RR113 (Node Connectivity Requirement Enhancement). Jim Useldinger (GridLiance) stepped down as chairman but will remain an ORWG voting member, and Allen Klassen (Westar Energy, Inc.) was approved as the new ORWG chairman. The ORWG charter was expanded to 17 members, and the additional seats were filled by Craig Speidel (Western Area Power Administration), Chance Myers (Western Farmers Electric Cooperative) and Matthew Stoltz (Basin Electric Power Cooperative). The vice chairman position will be discussed at the January meeting in Denver, where the ORWG members will vote on the position.

Operations Training Working Group: The OTWG development of training materials for all 2016 training courses and System Operation Conferences continues on schedule.

Reliability Compliance Working Group: The RCWG reviewed and approved RR130 (Commitment Notification Enhancement) and will send some additional comments for the MWG’s consideration.

Seams Steering Committee: The SSC reviewed and updated the Joint Operating Agreement (JOA) being negotiated between SPP and Saskatchewan Power. The SSC also reviewed a FERC filing regarding seams projects cost allocation; language to better coordinate third party impacts between SPP and MISO; and a tariff revision request dealing with the distribution of revenues received from the recently settled SPP-MISO dispute. The SSC also heard updates on a number of different operational issues. The group reviewed the Firm Flow Entitlement (FFE) impacts that changed due to the integration of the Integrated System and reviewed operational and settlement data resulting from the Market-to-Market transactions between SPP and MISO for the month of October. The next SSC meeting is Jan. 6.

Transmission Working Group: The TWG reviewed draft Steady State and Short Circuit reports SPP staff wrote to demonstrate compliance with the new NERC TPL-001-4 standard. The TWG also was informed of a Department of Energy study that will analyze the DC Ties of which all but one fall in SPP’s footprint. This analysis will review all aspects of the infrastructure connecting the Eastern Interconnect with ERCOT and the Western Interconnection. The TWG endorsed a method for staff to evaluate nontransmission solutions in the 2016 ITPNT process. This process would continue the use of already approved reliability metrics as a starting point for evaluation of solutions for needs identified in the 2016 ITPNT. The TWG also reviewed and approved a modification to SPP’s Disturbance Performance Requirements document used to analyze stability of the Bulk Electric System for NERC TPL studies, as well as other studies performed by and for SPP’s Engineering Department. The TWG also approved SPP’s 2015 TPL Assessment reports for Steady State and Short Circuit to satisfy NERC Standard TPL-001-4. The TWG also reviewed staff’s progress with the stability portion of the 2015 TPL Assessment for TPL-001-4. The next scheduled meeting is Jan. 20.

Upcoming Meetings

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