



## THE ORG REPORT: JUNE 2016

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A monthly summary of organizational group activities.

### JUNE MEETING SUMMARIES

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#### *BUSINESS PRACTICES WORKING GROUP (BPWG): JUNE 16*

The BPWG reviewed RR 88 details related to timing. Revision Request (RR) 88 is scheduled for submission at the July Markets and Operations Policy Committee (MOPC) meeting. The July 2016 meeting (moved to a teleconference 1:30-4 p.m., July 27) is scheduled to review RR 170 (Seams Cost Allocations) and a yet-to-be-submitted RR dealing with Z2 Crediting clarification.

#### *COST ALLOCATION WORKING GROUP (CAWG): JUNE 7*

The CAWG unanimously approved a recommendation for the Regional State Committee (RSC) to approve SPP staff's Group A recommendation for the Safe Harbor Cost Limit Waiver Requests as presented. They took no action on the recommendation regarding Group B but will expect an update from staff at their next meeting.

The group also heard presentations on the Regional Cost Allocation Review II Results, the Z2 Crediting Project Status Update, the Aggregate Study Waiver Criteria, the Project Tracking Report and the Crediting Process Task Force (CPTF) Update.

#### *CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROTECTION WORKING GROUP (CIPWG): JUNE 14*

The CIPWG was briefed on the NERC Critical Infrastructure Protection (CIP) Committee's programs and heard a presentation by the Department of Homeland Security's regional director. The group received updates from the Electric Subsector Coordinating Council on their efforts to improve information-sharing through the Electricity Information Sharing and Analysis Center (E-ISAC) and other programs and regarding the E-ISAC Member Executive Committee and Member Engagement Committee.

The group discussed modifications to the CIP Standards Drafting Team, which has started work recently. Jennifer Flandermeyer of Kansas City Power and Light is the SPP region's representative,

and she has asked for member feedback on the drafting team's work. Calls to provide regular updates will be scheduled.

#### *MARKET WORKING GROUP (MWG): JUNE 21*

The MWG reviewed SPP staff's comments on RR 154 (Repricing Timelines and Requirements) and assigned staff action items. The MWG will review RR 154 again at their July meeting.

The group directed staff to pursue an hourly headroom adjustment to the minimum headroom requirement instead of using a fixed number.

They discussed incentives for non-dispatchable variable energy resources (VERs) to become dispatchable VERs and will continue to discuss these options in future meetings.

#### *MARKETS AND OPERATIONS POLICY COMMITTEE (MOPC): JUNE 6*

The MOPC met by teleconference to discuss waivers for base-plan funding based on Z2 crediting. The group approved Group A's waiver requests and tabled Group B's.

#### *MODEL DEVELOPMENT WORKING GROUP (MDWG): JUNE 29*

The MDWG established the case list for the 2017 Series Powerflow, Dynamics and Short Circuit MDWG models; established the 2017 Powerflow and Short Circuit schedules; and is working to create further efficiencies within the powerflow model-building schedule.

#### *OPERATING RELIABILITY WORKING GROUP (ORWG): MAY 31 – JUNE 1*

The ORWG met in Tampa, where it approved:

- A consent agenda including the minutes of its May 5 meeting
- RR 134 (Outage Scheduler De-rate Threshold)
- Draft language for the 30-Minute Standardization of Ratings
- 2016 Flowgate Candidates and Transmission Reliability Margin Values
- Withdrawal of MPRR 155 (Modification of Out of Merit Energy (OOME) Rules)
- 2016 Variable Generation Integration Study Revise Scope

The ORWG received an update regarding the SPP load-shed test, heard from the Voltage Task Force and discussed with representatives from the Florida Reliability Coordinating Council their operational challenges with solar photovoltaics.

The group discussed TOP Posted Studies, edits to the communications protocols, an oscillation event using PMU data, public appeals, the summer assessment sensitivity review and Eastern Interconnection system inertia.

The ORWG recognized Darrel Yohnk of ITC Holdings for his service to the group.

### *PROJECT COST WORKING GROUP: JUNE 1*

The PCWG received an update on the work being done by the Minimum Design Standards Task Force, which is developing a second version of the Minimum Transmission Design Standards for Competitive Upgrades, expected to be ready for a review by the MOPC in October.

The group also reviewed Business Practice 7060 as an informational item to educate the new members of the group on the Notification to Construct process.

### *REGIONAL ENTITY (RE) TRUSTEES: JUNE 13*

The RE Trustees approved the SPP RE 2017 Business Plan & Budget of \$10.9 million, an increase of about 8 percent or \$0.77 million from 2016. While the majority of the budget increase is driven by inflationary costs and the 2017 audit schedule (including moving four CIP audits from 2016 to 2017 due to the delay in the CIP V5 effective date), the SPP RE is also budgeting for a fourth trustee and an increase in the use of shared staff in the SPP Engineering department to support reliability assessments and other NERC special studies. The trustees also reviewed NERC's 2016 State of Reliability Report.

### *RELIABILITY COMPLIANCE WORKING GROUP (RCWG): JUNE 7-8*

The RCWG met in Lincoln, Neb., at the headquarters of Lincoln Electric System. It approved RR 163 as presented by SPP's Clayton Mayfield and reviewed for future approval RR 134 presented by SPP's Neil Robertson.

The RCWG's Events Analysis Task Force (EATF) presented new compliance assessment guides for events and an event analysis overview document, which the group will next take to the Events Analysis Working Group (EAWG). The EATF will seek retirement at the next RCWG meeting, as their scope has been completed.

The Misoperations Summit will be held Oct. 26 at the SPP Corporate Center in Little Rock, Ark. The technical and compliance participant event will be a collaboration of the RCWG and the System Protection and Control Working Group. Registration is now open on SPP.org.



## UPCOMING MEETINGS

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