



THE ORG REPORT: AUGUST 2016

A monthly summary of organizational group activities.

AUGUST MEETING SUMMARIES

BUSINESS PRACTICES WORKING GROUP (BPWG): AUG. 16

The BPWG reviewed and rejected RR 171 (Z2 In-Service Date Clarification), recommending instead that the issue be addressed in SPP's Operating Criteria. The group is awaiting RR 170 (Seams Transmission Projects) and RR 158 (Network Service Definition) from other groups.

COST ALLOCATION WORKING GROUP (CAWG): AUG. 9

The CAWG unanimously approved their proposed 2017 meeting schedule. They discussed the 20 percent wind criteria used to evaluate safe-harbor requests and discussed comments received from Lincoln Electric Power, Dogwood Energy, Northeast Nebraska Public Power District and the Wind Coalition.

CAWG members reviewed the revised New Member Cost Allocation Review Process and corresponding list of acronyms. The latest version includes suggested language options 1, 2 and 3 in Section 6.4 regarding the Regional State Committee's (RSC) role in the new member integration process for cost-sharing and cost-allocation.

SPP staff provided a status update on the Attachment Z2 crediting project, and the group also received updates on interregional activities between SPP and MISO and from the RSC, Transmission Planning Improvement Task Force, Regional Tariff Working Group, Markets and Operations Policy Committee, Economic Studies Working Group, Regional Allocation Review Task Force, Project Cost Working Group and the Process Improvement Tariff Task Force.

CAPACITY MARGIN TASK FORCE (CMTF)/GENERATION WORKING GROUP (GWG)/SUPPLY ADEQUACY WORKING GROUP (SAWG)

The CMTF and GWG recommended to the Markets and Operations Policy Committee (MOPC) in July to retire both groups and create the SAWG in their place. The MOPC approved the recommendation, and the Corporate Governance Committee approved the SAWG's charter in August.

The SAWG is responsible for developing and implementing policies and processes to ensure reliable supply of capacity necessary to meet demand and supply adequacy requirements/methodologies in SPP. They also are responsible for ensuring these processes and policies meet compliance obligations of North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) Reliability Standards.

HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE (HRC): AUG. 9

The HRC conducted their annual review of the SPP 401(k) Plan and received a report from SPP's 401(k) Plan Investment Manager.

The committee also conducted an annual review of the performance of the 401(k) Plan Investment Manager and reviewed the annual Fraud Prevention Report, an HR metrics report presented by SPP staff and a report of current-year, benefit-plan expenses and savings and benefit-plan strategy.

MARKET WORKING GROUP (MWG): AUG. 23

The MWG approved 10 revision requests, including RR175 (Ramp Shortage Compliance), approved to comply with FERC Order 825.

The group reviewed the annual violation relaxation limits (VRL) analysis and voted to increase the first VRL block for operational constraints to \$750 (from \$500). They also discussed stored energy market design, revision request process changes and instantaneous peak load.

OPERATING RELIABILITY WORKING GROUP (ORWG): AUG. 4

The ORWG unanimously approved a consent agenda including their July 7 meeting minutes and RR123 (Modification to Business Practice 2050). The group also reviewed liaison reports from the Voltage and Operating Criteria Review Task Forces and discussed the following:

- RR168 (Short Term Emergency Rating)
- The 2017 ORWG meeting schedule
- Multi-unit gas plant contingencies
- Reporting switching equipment outages
- Updates to emergency preparedness and operations standards
- Updates to the Reliability Coordination Restoration Plan
- Updating SPP data specifications for IRO-010-2 and TOP-003-3
- The high-frequency PJM event

OPERATIONS TRAINING WORKING GROUP (OTWG): AUG. 1

The OTWG met about reliability and marketplace training and continued discussions about which virtual, instructor-led training (VILT) courses to offer in 2017. These deliberations will continue in September.

The group discussed a proposal for 2017 System Operations Conferences (SOC), and members voted to implement the proposal in 2018 once a set of metrics is developed to compare experiences. Topics are still being received and reviewed for 2017 SOCs, and members are encouraged to continue to submit ideas.

Development of the 2017 reliability training calendar has begun, and members agreed to a proposal to hold 12 restoration drills including eight black-start and four partial restoration drills.

The group initiated its annual charter-review process and will consider updates next month. Members were reminded about:

- 1.) The 2016 Marketplace Symposium in Little Rock on Oct. 5 and 6
- 2.) Upcoming reliability training courses
- 3.) Registering for upcoming Marketplace training sessions, available in the SPP Learning Center

REGIONAL TARIFF WORKING GROUP (RTWG): AUG. 24-25

The RTWG reviewed SPP members' comments on RR187 (Planning Reserve Margin) and discussed tariff revisions in RR162 (PMU for New Generator Interconnection) and RR176 (Clarification to Schedule 2 of the Tariff). The RTWG approved the tariff revisions in RR180 (ITP Transmission Needs).

SPP staff presented a status update on the Z2 crediting project and an update to the 10-year forecast.

RELIABILITY COMPLIANCE WORKING GROUP (RCWG): AUG. 23

The Reliability Compliance Working Group (RCWG) unanimously approved RR 164 (ITP Schedule Clarification) and approved with comments RR 134 (Outage Scheduler Derate Threshold).

The group also reviewed the Misoperations Summit agenda. The summit will be held at the SPP Corporate Center on Oct. 26.

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE (SPC): AUG. 8

The SPC discussed FERC's recently issued complaint finding that SPP's tariff may be unjust, unreasonable and unduly discriminatory or preferential because it does not include a refund commitment by nonpublic utility transmission-owning members whose revenue requirements are recovered under the tariff. Following discussion, staff was directed to seek an extension of time to respond and to work with nonjurisdictional entities to develop a consensus straw proposal and/or filing for consideration by jurisdictional entities and the SPC.

[TRANSMISSION WORKING GROUP \(TWG\): AUG. 24](#)

The TWG's discussed the 2017 ITPNT assessment, handling of retiring generation and feedback from the recent planning summit. The group approved RR 186 and the SPP Criteria 5.5 analysis for the Midwest Transmission Project.

[VOLTAGE TASK FORCE \(VTF\): AUGUST 30](#)

The VTF discussed the NERC drafting team's efforts related to voltage limits and SOLs.

PowerTech Labs provided updates to the 2017 VIS and held discussions related to the transient stability analysis that SPP will perform.

The VTF expressed interested in scoping the 2018 VIS to include the Transmission Planning Improvement Task Force's chronic operational issues but will need other groups, such as the TWG, to define chronic operational issues before proceeding.

The group discussed the online VSAT timeline for implementation and is working to compare SPP's voltage criteria with neighboring ISO/RTOs. Once the comparison is complete, the VTF will create a new section in their criteria for voltage and stability.

Finally, the VTF received an update on efforts to improve voltage calculations within SPP's state estimator.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

To view the current schedule of meetings, [visit the SPP.org Calendar](#).

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