



## THE ORG REPORT: SEPTEMBER 2016

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A monthly summary of organizational group activities.

### SEPTEMBER MEETING SUMMARIES

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#### [BALANCING AUTHORITY OPERATING COMMITTEE \(BAOC\)](#)

The BAOC is in the process of reviewing the Emergency Operating Plan and plans to publish the next revision in October.

#### [COST ALLOCATION WORKING GROUP \(CAWG\): SEPT. 8](#)

The CAWG unanimously approved proposed modifications to the new member cost allocation review process and Scott Bents's and Jason Chaplin's participation on the Supply Adequacy Working Group as non-voting liaisons.

The group received a status update on the Z2 crediting project and heard presentations on cost allocation for wind, the 125 percent of load aggregate study criteria, the Export Pricing Task Force's scope, the AECI/SPP-MISO Interregional Update and the increase of SPP's administrative fee rate cap to \$0.43.

#### [CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROTECTION WORKING GROUP \(CIPWG\): SEPT. 27](#)

The CIPWG received a briefing on the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) Critical Infrastructure Protection Committee's programs. They discussed the new Modifications to CIP Standards Drafting Team and requirements for low-impact devices and how to evidence controls during an audit.

The group also determined locations for 2017 meetings, elected a new vice chair and approved the working group's charter.

### *FINANCE COMMITTEE: SEPT. 27*

The Finance Committee reviewed SPP's 2017 Operating Plan. Members of the Strategic Planning Committee were invited to participate, and meeting participants determined the plan, as documented, presented a reasonable scope of work for SPP in 2017.

### *HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE (HRC): SEPT. 26*

The Human Resources Committee made a recommendation to the Finance Committee for compensation pool funding to be included in the 2017 budget.

The committee received and reviewed a survey report by Mercer Consultants of compensation and benefits for SPP staff. This survey is typically conducted every three years.

### *MARKET WORKING GROUP (MWG): SEPT. 20*

The MWG reviewed and approved a recommendation by SPP staff to implement market design for solar-powered generation resources.

The group also discussed the revised proposal to clarify and enhance marketplace repricing timelines and requirements. The proposal was approved via RR191 (Repricing Timelines and Requirements).

Finally, the group discussed a proposed marketplace enhancement with XO Energy to implement a real-time congestion hedge in SPP. The group directed interested stakeholders to contact XO Energy if there is interest in developing a revision request.

### *RELIABILITY COMPLIANCE WORKING GROUP (RCWG): SEPT. 19 & 30*

At their Sept. 19 meeting, the RCWG re-elected vice chair John Allen (City Utilities of Springfield, Mo.) to a two-year term and welcomed two new voting members: Stace Kegley (Grand River Dam Authority) and Kalem Long (Empire District Electric).

The RCWG held a conference call Sept. 30 at which they reviewed 10 revision requests (RR). They approved four — RRs 173, 175, 185 and 192 — via consent agenda, four — RRs 168, 182, 183 and 193 — on the regular agenda, and they determined to address RR 188 via an email vote and push review of RR 177 to the October conference call.

The group compiled, reviewed and endorsed comments regarding SPP Balancing Authority Operating Plan 5.0.

A Misoperations Summit sponsored by the SPP Regional Entity and Regional Transmission Organization with collaboration from the RCWG and System Protection and Control Working Group is scheduled for Oct. 26 at SPP's Little Rock headquarters.

#### **REGIONAL TARIFF WORKING GROUP (RTWG): SEPT. 21-22**

The RTWG reviewed tariff revisions in RR187 (Planning Reserve Margin). The group reviewed and approved eight revision requests and updates to the SPP MOPC Revision Request Process. SPP staff presented an update on the Z2 project and provided instructions and links to access Z2 input data.

#### **SUPPLY ADEQUACY WORKING GROUP (SAWG): SEPT. 28-29**

The SAWG's charter was approved by the Corporate Governance Committee in August 2016. The group is responsible for development and implementation of policies and processes to ensure reliable supply of capacity necessary to meet demand and supply adequacy requirements/methodologies in SPP. The SAWG is also responsible for ensuring these processes and policies meet compliance obligations of NERC reliability standards.

At their first meeting, the SAWG covered administrative items related to their initiation, expectations and future meetings. They reviewed their charter, began identifying expected deliverables and established a work plan and associated timeline to be refined at future meetings.

The Generation Work Group's Mitch Williams presented transition items the SAWG will take over as the GWG is retired. The Gas Electric Coordination Task Force and SPP staff reported on RR187 tariff language being developed through the Capacity Margin Task Force. SPP's Shannon Mickens gave a presentation on reliability standards.

The group discussed how distributed generation is currently reported in the capacity construct and how it should be handled under the new reserve margin construct, and SPP staff gave a presentation on potential changes under consideration regarding software used to perform loss of load expectation (LOLE) studies.

#### **SYSTEM PROTECTION AND CONTROL WORKING GROUP (SPCWG): AUG. 31**

The SPCWG identified sub-sub causes for Q4 2015 and Q1 2016. The group will include this information in their whitepaper on misoperations.



### *TRANSMISSION WORKING GROUP (TWG): SEPT. 23*

The TWG approved staff's recommendations for incorporating non-consequential load loss into the 2016 Integrated Transmission Planning Near-Term (ITPNT) assessment; invalidating potential violations using reactive device settings; a change to the revision request process and RRs 193, 174 and 168.

Staff presented a recommendation for the use of transmission operating guides in the 2017 ITPNT, but the TWG thought additional work was needed before approving the process. Staff will bring back the item later.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

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

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