



THE ORG REPORT: NOVEMBER 2016

A monthly summary of organizational group activities.

NOVEMBER MEETING SUMMARIES

[BALANCING AUTHORITY OPERATING COMMITTEE \(BAOC\): NOV. 15](#)

A new member was announced: Laurie Gregg, manager system operations, Lincoln Electric Systems. They also reviewed additional comments for the Emergency Operating Plan that were submitted by the Reliability Compliance Working Group (RCWG). To improve face-to-face participation for the Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) winter/summer preparedness workshop, the BAOC will meet when the Operating Reliability Working Group (ORWG) is having a face-to-face meeting, whenever possible.

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

CAWG reviewed the aggregate study criteria relating to safe harbor requests. Discussions will continue in December with the goal of bringing a preliminary recommendation to the Regional State Committee (RSC) in January 2017. The group received a verbal report from the Oct. 24, 2016, RSC meeting, an update on the work expected to be completed by the Export Pricing Task Force (EPTF), and the Supply Adequacy Working Group (SAWG), respectively. Additionally, CAWG heard presentations on the status of the Z2 Crediting Project and the planned efforts of the Z2 Task Force, and heard updates on the activities being carried out by various working groups and task forces.

[CHANGE WORKING GROUP \(CWG\): NOV. 16](#)

The CWG discussed the Z2 Credit Stacking and Enhanced Combined Cycle (ECC)/Gas Day projects and other upcoming markets, settlements, and Transmission Congestion Rights (TCR) releases and ongoing work on FERC Order 676-H (NITS Web OASIS Modifications). Project kick-off updates were covered for the two-factor authentication and marketplace portal redesign projects. The group also received updates on planning reserve margin activities, system/process-impacting revision requests (RRs) passed recently by the Market Working Group (MWG), and proposed 2017-2019 projects.

[FINANCE COMMITTEE: NOV. 10](#)

The Finance Committee reviewed SPP's draft 2017 operating and capital budgets. The committee received an in-depth presentation on SPP's technology department, including organization structure, philosophy, and additions to the cost drivers for capital purchases and operating expenditures. The committee recommended approval of the budget as submitted and establishing SPP's 2017 Schedule 1A administrative fee rate at 41.9¢/MWh.

MARKET WORKING GROUP (MWG): NOV. 15

The MWG continued discussions regarding the 2014 Annual State of the Market report and reviewed several Revision Requests (RRs), including RR196 Providing MDRA Forecasted Commitments, RR189 Mitigation Clarification for Multi Day Committed Resources, RR134 Outage Scheduler Derate Threshold Update, and RR198 Variable Demand Curve. The SPP Market Monitoring Unit (MMU) presented the results of the annual frequently constrained area study and facilitated a discussion on physical withholding. Finally, the group discussed market design to incorporate stored energy resources.

RELIABILITY COMPLIANCE WORKING GROUP (RCWG): NOV. 9-10

The Reliability Compliance Working Group (RCWG) met at a face-to-face meeting in Springfield, Mo. City Utilities of Springfield was the host. During the meeting, Revision Request (RR) 195 was unanimously approved, the annual charter revisions were discussed, the Risk-Based Compliance Monitoring Task Force gave an update on their topic areas, and the group provided input on the Minimum Design Standards Revision 2.

Upcoming projects include volunteers to work with the Critical Infrastructure Protection Working Group (CIPWG), the Transmission Working Group (TWG), and the Operating Reliability Working Group (ORWG) on sensitive information exchanged between SPP members and the SPP Regional Transmission Organization (RTO).

The RCWG also continues its work with the Operating Criteria Review Task Force (OCRTF) and has assisted in the identification of criteria sections four and eight for the RR process. The RCWG would like to see a similar effort done by the Transmission Working Group (TWG) on the SPP planning criteria.

REGIONAL TARIFF WORKING GROUP (RTWG): NOV. 16-17

The RTWG met at the American Electric Power (AEP) Office in Dallas, Texas. The group reviewed and approved RR191 – Repricing Timelines and Requirements and RR197 – FCA Annual Update. SPP staff presented the final update to the Z2 Project, noting the Z2 requirements have been implemented into the billing process. The group continues to review RR187 – Resource Adequacy Requirement.

SYSTEM PROTECTION AND CONTROL WORKING GROUP (SPCWG): NOV. 15

In November, SPCWG met and discussed the misoperations white paper and the summit. Additional revisions were submitted for the white paper. SPCWG met to discuss the NextEra RAS at Majestic Wind Farm. The final design had not been determined and a follow-up call was held to discuss. During this call, the SPCWG approved the NextEra RAS at Majestic Wind Farm. The next step for NextEra is to present the RAS to the Operating Reliability Working Group (ORWG).

TRANSMISSION WORKING GROUP (TWG): NOV. 15-16

The TWG had their quarterly face-to-face meeting at SPP corporate headquarters in Little Rock. The TWG heard detailed updates on the 2017 ITPNT, 2017 ITP10, and NERC TPL-001-4

assessment. Additionally, the TWG discussed items related to the 2018 ITPNT assessment in advance of scope development, including the evaluation of the approved Transmission Planning Improvement Task Force (TPITF) renewable dispatch methodology for the Common Planning Model. The TWG also discussed a large number of Standardized Scope items for the implementation of the approved TPITF ITP Improvements. The TWG discussed system topology, load forecasts, generator outlet facilities, the study cost estimation process, project staging, capacity shortfalls, reactive device setting reviews, the annual engineering update, the reliability needs assessment, and potential invalidation of DC constraints as reliability needs. The TWG approved high-level processes to move forward for language development in the ITP Manual through the ITP Manual Task Force for load forecasts, generator outlet facilities, project staging, reactive device settings review, and others. The remaining items will be discussed at later dates for approval.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

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