



THE ORG REPORT: DECEMBER 2016

A monthly summary of organizational group activities.

DECEMBER MEETING SUMMARIES

[BUSINESS PRACTICES WORKING GROUP \(BPWG\): DEC. 12](#)

The BPWG met to review Revision Request (RR) 194 (Modifications to NITS Business Practices) and to review outstanding Market and Operations Policy Committee (MOPC) action items. RR 194 was approved and updates on MOPC action items No. #239 and No. #264 indicated these would not proceed as business practices. The group discussed the transparency of ATC posting as a result from the Export Pricing Task Force. If appropriate, this issue will be addressed by the BPWG. Christopher Matos of Golden Spread Electric Cooperative tendered his resignation, leaving two open positions on the BPWG.

[COST ALLOCATION WORKING GROUP \(CAWG\): DEC. 6](#)

The CAWG reviewed the Aggregate Study Criteria relating to safe harbor requests. Discussions will continue in January and the group will vote on the 20 percent wind, 125 percent of load, and five-year requirement criteria and prepare a recommendation for the Regional State Committee. The CAWG also received updates on the Z2 Improvement Task Force Options, RR 187 (Planning Reserve Margin), RR 202 (Redispatch Order), Dockets ER16-1286 and EL16-110, AECI/SPP-MISO Interregional Studies, and Transmission Congestion Rights (TCR) underfunding.

[CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROTECTION WORKING GROUP \(CIPWG\): DEC. 16](#)

The group was briefed on North American Reliability Corporation (NERC) Critical Infrastructure Protection (CIP) Committee's programs. There was discussion of modifications to the CIP Standards Drafting Team and the Supply Chain Standard Drafting Team. The group approved the creation of the GridEx Task Force to support regional involvement in NERC's GridEx IV. The group also discussed collaboration with the Reliability Compliance Working Group on the secure exchange of information.

[ECONOMIC STUDIES WORKING GROUP \(ESWG\): DEC. 8](#)

The ESWG continued work on the standardization of scope items for the new ITP process and has approved SPP staff's completion of the technical work of the 2017 ITP10 assessment.

[FINANCE COMMITTEE: DEC. 5](#)

The Finance Committee heard reports from SPP staff regarding:

- Allowing positive value Transmission Congestion Rights (TCR) positions to net against negative value TCR positions for purposes of determining required collateral
- An analysis of the value financial-only market participants provide to the SPP markets
- SPP process improvement efforts during 2016 and plans for 2017
- Assumptions used in determining pension valuations.

Additionally, the committee received reports on SPP's corporate liability insurance program including the evolution of insurance protections for cyber liabilities, pre-audit meeting with SPP's financial statement auditor, and results from an audit of SPP's internal controls.

MARKET WORKING GROUP (MWG): DEC. 8 & 13

The MWG met twice in December. During the Dec. 8 net conference, they met to review RR198 (Variable Demand Curve) and discussed stakeholder comments in preparation for final review and action during the Dec. 13 MWG meeting.

During the Dec. 13 net conference, they reviewed and approved RR 199 (Settlement Clarifications and Corrections), RR 187 (Planning Reserve Margin Language), RR 202 (Redispatch Docket EL16-110), and RR 198 (Variable Demand Curve). The group also heard updates from the regulatory department on recent Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Notices of Proposed Rulemaking.

OPERATING CRITERIA REVIEW TASK FORCE (OCRTF)

Subsets of OCRTF members held multiple teleconferences as individual review teams to identify recommended changes to sections of the SPP Operating Criteria. Individual review teams will continue to meet until every section of the criteria has been thoroughly reviewed. Recommended revisions to the criteria will be presented at a future OCRTF meeting and then submitted as revision requests.

OPERATING RELIABILITY WORKING GROUP: DEC. 1

The ORWG approved a consent agenda containing the Nov. 1 ORWG Meeting Minutes, RR 122 (Modification of BP 1550 Redispatch References), and RR 194 (Modifications to NITS Business Practices). The ORWG also approved RAS at Nextera's High Majestic Windfarm with one abstention. The ORWG discussed the Operating Criteria Review Task Force Update, Variable Generation Integration Study, EOP-011-1, RR 168 (Markets and Operations Policy Committee (MOPC) Action Item), Re-ratings Process Enhancement Initiative, Synchrophasor Project Scope, and Regional Entity (RE) participation in blackstart drills.

OPERATIONS TRAINING WORKING GROUP (OTWG): DEC. 5

The OTWG discussed strategic planning outcomes, reliability training, marketplace training, and nominations for a voting seat on the working group. Members reviewed a proposal to divide the strategic planning outcomes into two groups — organizational items and success metrics. Ad hoc groups will work to develop these outcomes and present proposals to the larger group at a later date.

In regard to reliability training, members were updated on preparations for the 2017 drills, REOPS courses, net conferences, and the design and development of the SOCs. The first Systems Operations Conferences (SOC) will take place in March 2017 at SPP's corporate campus. Marketplace training is being planned for 2017 on a quarterly basis, and three projects are already slated for some training — MCRs, portal redesign, and two-factor authentication.

The group heard from two nominees for the open seat — Janelle Marriott-Gill of Tri-State Generation and Transmission and Dave Waag of Western Area Power Administration. Members submitted feedback regarding the nominations, and Janelle Marriott-Gill was appointed by SPP President Nick Brown to the open seat. The December meeting also marked Russell Moore's first meeting as the new chair of the OTWG.

REGIONAL TARIFF WORKING GROUP (RTWG): DEC. 14 & 15

SPP staff explained the Re-Rating Enhancement Initiative, adding the team will be meeting with multiple working groups in the development of the white paper and governing language. SPP staff explained the purpose of the Transmission Planning Improvement Task Force (TPITF) and discussed the recommendation to merge the ITPNT, ITP10 and TPL Steady Stated and Short Circuit assessments into a single, 10-year ITP study for a transmission expansion plan. The group reviewed and approved multiple RRs including RR187 Planning Reserve Margin.

RELIABILITY COMPLIANCE WORKING GROUP (RCWG): DEC. 19

The RCWG charter is on the January MOPC agenda for consent approval. Revisions were discussed and approved by the working group on their Dec. 19 call. The RCWG Events Analysis Task Force is officially retired and has completed their objective of promoting best practices and/or common approaches for compliance evaluations related to system event analyses and to provide recommendations on compliance program elements and impacts associated with pending changes in support of the ERO Enterprise's Event Analysis program. Chair Jennifer Flandermeyer commended the group for their work efforts and finished products.

The RCWG will begin work plans for 2017 to better assist in the direction of their action items. This work plan will be shared sometime in Q1 2017.

SEAMS STEERING COMMITTEE (SSC): DEC. 7

The SSC continued its discussion of revisions to the Seams Projects Policy Paper with the main topic of discussion being updates to how those projects are cost allocated. SPP staff also presented its regular monthly reports related to Market-to-Market events, Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO) Regional Transfers, the 2016 SPP-MISO Coordinated System Plan study, and the 2016 SPP-AECI Joint Coordinated System Plan study.

New topics discussed by the SSC were transmission service along the seams with neighbors after SPP staff requested stakeholder input on attempting to address whether and how this issue could be addressed in the JOAs that SPP has with its neighbors; updates to the Freeze Date used in the Congestion Management Process; introduction to the Export Pricing Task Force; and new rules that MISO is implementing for pseudo-ties of resources or loads.



UPCOMING MEETINGS

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