



THE ORG REPORT: JANUARY 2017

A monthly summary of organizational group activities.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND MEMBERS COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY: JAN. 31

During a special meeting of members immediately preceding the board of directors meeting Jan. 31, SPP's members elected Mark Crisson to the board of directors. His appointment is effective immediately and will expand SPP's board of directors to 10 members.

Crissan has more than 40 years of experience in the electric utility industry, with 30 of those at the senior executive level. He served as president and CEO of the American Public Power Association (APPA) in Washington, D.C., from 2007-2014. Prior to that assignment, he spent nearly 30 years with Tacoma Public Utilities, serving as its director and CEO from 1993-2007.

At their meeting, the board approved construction of a portfolio of transmission upgrades recommended as part of SPP's 2017 ITP 10-Year Assessment (ITP10). The board approved 13 of the 14 transmission upgrades recommended in the ITP10 assessment and directed further evaluation of the 14th and final project: a new 345kV line from Potter to Tolk in the Texas panhandle. SPP staff are expected to report on the further evaluation in April.

The ITP10 portfolio of projects is intended to reduce congestion in some of SPP's most historically constrained areas such as west Texas and southwest Missouri; enable more efficient delivery of clean energy resources and optimize use of SPP's most efficient conventional resources; and better enable SPP to reliably operate its regional transmission system in accordance with mandatory reliability standards.

The board approved RR 187 (Planning Reserve Margin) and remanded RR 155 (Potential RCAR Remedies Presentation) back to the Regional Allocation Review Task Force (RARTF) for further review and discussion. If the RARTF can come to a consensus, the board will reevaluate RR 155 in April.

MARKET AND OPERATIONS POLICY COMMITTEE (MOPC) MEETING SUMMARY: JAN. 17-18

MOPC held its quarterly meeting Jan. 17-18 in Dallas, Texas. A pre-MOPC educational session was held to discuss the proposed changes in the SPP reserve margin requirements. MOPC voted to approve 11 revision requests, tariff changes for implementing the changes to the reserve margin requirements, the 2017 ITP10 assessment, Transmission Planning Improvement Task Force (TPITF) whitepaper changes, and the 2017 SPP Transmission Expansion Plan (STEP). MOPC approved a supplemental analysis in the 2017 ITPNT and modifications to two Notice to Construct (NTC) projects were approved.

REGIONAL ENTITY (RE) TRUSTEES MEETING SUMMARY: JAN. 30

The SPP RE Trustees heard presentations on the SPP RE 2016 annual report, 2016 staff goals/metrics performance, 2017 goals/metrics, system events, financials, and the new SPP RE strategic plan. The trustees heard updates from the SPP RE NERC Operating Committee representative and general manager, as well as from the CIP, enforcement, and compliance teams.

JANUARY MEETING SUMMARIES

[BUSINESS PRACTICES WORKING GROUP \(BPWG\): JAN. 10](#)

The BPWG met via teleconference to review item for consideration at the January MOPC: RRs 122, 143, 155, and 194. The group reviewed its charter and the 2016 Stakeholder Survey results, as part of the annual review. A staff presentation about the upcoming NITS on OASIS program was set for Jan. 31 and Feb. 1. These presentations will familiarize our network customers with the new OASIS templates and methodologies. The attempts to coordinate the Market Working Group (MWG), Regional Tariff Working Group (RTWG), and BPWG meetings for the balance of the year were discussed.

[COST ALLOCATION WORKING GROUP \(CAWG\): JAN. 5](#)

The CAWG approved the aggregate study safe harbor waiver criteria: the five-year term requirement, 125 percent of load, and 20 percent wind. The group also approved RR 187 (Planning Reserve Margin). Additionally, CAWG reviewed the ITP Scope Standardization – Policy Survey,

heard a presentation on the 2017 Integrated Transmission Plan (ITP10), and discussed the draft January 2017 Regional State Committee (RSC) agenda.

CHANGE WORKING GROUP (CWG): JAN. 26

The CWG discussed Enhanced Combined Cycle (ECC)/Gas Day, two-factor authentication, marketplace portal redesign projects and other upcoming markets, settlements releases, ongoing work on FERC Order 676-H (NITS Web OASIS Modifications), and the mid-term working group chairman nomination and appointment process. The group also received an update on RR 198 (Variable Demand Curve), passed recently by the Market Working Group (MWG) and the Z2 Credit Stacking project survey results.

ECONOMIC STUDIES WORKING GROUP (ESWG): JAN. 30

The ESWG completed the 2017 ITP10 assessment and has aggressively continued work to implement the Transmission Planning Improvement Task Force recommendation on standardization of the ITP scope.

MARKET WORKING GROUP (MWG): JAN. 24

The MWG met face-to-face in January. During the Jan. 24 meeting, they reviewed and approved RR 205 (Correction to RR127 for Regulation Limit Requirements), RR 200 (Removing BSSs from OCL Distribution), RR 201 (Individual DAMKT Dispute), and RR 203 (Adding Round Two to Monthly ARR Allocation). The group also reviewed RR 204 (Physical Withholding) and RR 206 (Mitigation Enhancement), which will be reviewed again at the February MWG meeting. The group heard updates from the regulatory department on recent Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Notices of Proposed Rulemaking.

OPERATING RELIABILITY WORKING GROUP (ORWG): JAN. 4

The ORWG held a face-to-face meeting at the Xcel office in Denver, Colo., on Jan. 4-5, where three action items were recorded and the consent agenda was approved that contained the December 2016 ORWG Meeting Minutes and RR 198 (Variable Demand Curve). The ORWG also approved the endorsement of recommendations from the Synchrophasor Strike Team and the proposed timeline. The ORWG approved the endorsement for seven recommendations from the variable generation integration study, and the ORWG approved the RR process changes of the SPP RC data specification document and the SPP communication protocol.

The Voltage Task Force (VTF) held a net conference on Jan. 12, where the VTF discussed the proposed OP3 revision request for the additional appendix to the SPP operating criteria. The VTF agreed that the OP3 revision request is ready to be submitted to ORWG and into the revision request process. The VTF remain a group until ORWG has reviewed the OP3 RR and accepted the document. At that point, the VTF will ask ORWG to re-evaluate the need for the VTF.

Subsets of the Operating Criteria Review Task Force (OCRTF) members held multiple teleconferences as individual review teams working to identify any recommended changes to each section of the SPP operating criteria. Individual review teams will continue to meet until each section of the SPP operating criteria has been thoroughly reviewed. Recommendations for revisions to each section of the SPP operating criteria will be presented at a future OCRTF meeting prior to being submitted as revision requests.

[REGIONAL TARIFF WORKING GROUP \(RTWG\): JAN. 12 & 26](#)

The RTWG met on Jan. 12 and Jan. 26 in Dallas, Texas. The members reviewed revisions in RR 208 (TPITF Tariff Revisions). The group discussed RR 172 (Revisions to Address Cost Shifts Associated with New TOs). SPP staff presented RR 202 (Modify Redispatch to Address FERC Order ER16-1286).

[STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE \(SPC\): JAN. 19](#)

The Strategic Planning Committee met in-person on Jan. 19 in Dallas, Texas. The committee heard a status report on the efforts of the Export Pricing Task Force and an update on the Exit Study Task Force. A follow-up to RR 172 (Costs Shifts Associated with New Transmission Owners) was discussed and a consensus was reached that the SPC should own the policy decisions and provide specific guidance to RTWG and MOPC. Updates on the December 2016 special meeting concerns were given and recommendations for further consideration by the SPC/MOPC/board of directors were proposed and considered.

[SEAMS STEERING COMMITTEE \(SSC\): JAN. 4](#)

The SSC met by teleconference to approve the revisions to the seams projects policy paper. The majority of the revisions were related to how those projects are cost allocated and the changes were to bring the policy paper in line with policy decisions that were made in 2014. SPP staff also presented its regular monthly reports related to Market-to-Market events, MISO Regional Transfers, the 2016 SPP-MISO Coordinated System Plan study, and the 2016 SPP-AECI Joint Coordinated System Plan study.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

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