



THE ORG REPORT: MARCH 2017

A monthly summary of organizational group activities.

FEBRUARY MEETING SUMMARIES

[BUSINESS PRACTICES WORKING GROUP \(BPWG\): FEB. 14](#)

The BPWG reviewed RR 212 (Project RE-Study Request Process) and RR 207 (Tag Denial Criteria). The BPWG sponsored two familiarization presentations Jan. 31 and Feb. 1, regarding the upcoming NITS on OASIS initiative, slated to be implemented March 1. The group defined the meeting format and locations for the remainder of 2017. The BPWG will reconvene for a face-to-face meeting at the American Electric Power offices in Dallas, Texas, on March 22.

[COST ALLOCATION WORKING GROUP \(CAWG\): FEB. 14](#)

The CAWG approved the methodology for the Integrated Transmission Planning (ITP) scope – policy survey. The group received an update on actions that were taken at the Jan. 30 Regional State Committee (RSC) meeting, discussed RR 202 (Redispatch Order ER16-1286 and EL16-110), received an update on the deliverability study timeline, discussed modified Notification to Construct (NTC) projects, received an update on Transmission Congestion Rights (TCR) underfunding, and reviewed the results of the 2016 organizational group effectiveness survey. Additionally, the group discussed Non-Order 1000 seams projects, which include the Brookline reactor and the Morgan transformer projects, and received an update on the seams projects policy paper that was originally approved by the CAWG in 2014. The CAWG will review revisions made to the previously approved seams projects policy paper at their March 7 meeting.

[CREDIT PRACTICES WORKING GROUP \(CPWG\): FEB. 16](#)

The CPWG voted to increase the maximum unsecured credit allowance from \$25 million to \$50 million.

[FINANCE COMMITTEE \(FC\): FEB. 24](#)

The Finance Committee approved a recommendation to increase the unsecured credit allowance available to customers under SPP's tariff from \$25 million to \$50 million. This recommendation is to be presented to SPP's board of directors in April for approval and filing with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. The committee also reviewed the performance of SPP's pension-plan

investment manager for 2016. Plan investments realized a 10.6 percent return in 2016, well above SPP's actuary assumed rate of return of 7.0 percent.

MARKET WORKING GROUP (MWG): FEB. 21-22

The MWG reviewed and approved RR 219 (ECC Compliance Filing), RR 209 (Control Status Update), RR 214 (Cost + 10 Percent Mitigation Enhancement), and RR 218 (Increase Unsecured Allowance Maximum). Submitter Matt C. Moore of GSEC withdrew RR 206 (Mitigation Enhancement). RR 210 (Contingency Reserve Deployment Tests) was reviewed and will be brought back for further discussion at the March MWG meeting. The group heard updates from staff secretary Erin Cathey on existing NOPRs regarding fast-start resources, stored energy resources, and distributed energy resources.

OPERATING RELIABILITY WORKING GROUP (ORWG): FEB. 2

The ORWG recorded three action items and approved a consent agenda that contained the Jan. 4 ORWG meeting minutes and RR 207 (Modifications to BP). The ORWG also approved data specifications updated with rating submission tool requirements. The ORWG discussed compliance document sharing, the RC's use of precontingent load shed, providing the SPP RC relay settings, remedial action schemes, operational workshop winter/summer preparedness, the Jan. 16 icing event, and North American Electric Reliability Cooperation (NERC) reliability standard activities update. The ORWG will have their next face-to-face meeting March 1-2, in Omaha, Neb.

Subsets of the Operating Criteria Review Task Force (OCRTF) members have met via multiple teleconferences as individual review teams 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.

OPERATIONS TRAINING WORKING GROUP (OTWG): FEB. 6

The OTWG discussed strategic planning outcomes, reliability training, and marketplace training. Members received reports from one ad hoc group focused on organizational items. The other ad hoc group, devoted to success metrics, met Feb. 14 to begin their work. These ad hoc groups will develop proposals based on strategic planning outcomes and present them to the larger group later. Members also reviewed the working group effectiveness survey results and discussed process improvements.

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 System Operations Conferences (SOC). The first SOC will take place March 13-16, at SPP's corporate campus. All 2017 reliability-training offerings can be found [here](#). Marketplace training is planned for 2017 on a quarterly basis, which will enable training to be targeted for needs that arise throughout the year. Chairman Russell Moore reported that Edgar Rivera had resigned from the group and announced that nominations

will be taken for the open seat. Members will consider nominations at their face-to-face meeting April 6, in Kansas City, Mo.

[PROJECT COST WORKING GROUP \(PCWG\): FEB. 1](#)

The PCWG discussed their quarterly report, including enhancements to the report. Staff compiled the draft version of the second-quarter 2017 PCWG quarterly report as part of the background materials posted for the March 1 PCWG face-to-face meeting in Kansas City, Mo.

[RELIABILITY COMPLIANCE WORKING GROUP \(RCWG\): FEB. 20](#)

The Market and Operations Policy Committee (MOPC) and the Corporate Governance Committee (CGC) approved the RCWG charter. The RCWG had an email vote to provide a requested recommendation to the ORWG and OTWG, the results of which will be posted in the February minutes. The RCWG will begin plans for 2017 to better assist in the direction of their action items. These plans will be shared sometime in the first quarter of 2017. The RCWG reviewed multiple revision requests and made progress on one of its goals for the year. The first draft of the planning coordinator communication to registered entities was presented and the group provided feedback for SPP staff to consider moving this project forward.

[REGIONAL TARIFF WORKING GROUP \(RTWG\): FEB. 9, 22-23](#)

The RTWG approved the revisions implementing the Transmission Process Improvement Task Force policy paper (RR208 – TIPTF Tariff Revisions). Steve Davis (SPP) presented information addressing resale and redirect pricing followed by a group discussion and request for additional information. Gayle Freier (SPP) presented an update to the 10-year forecast of allocated transmission revenue requirement.

[SUPPLY ADEQUACY WORKING GROUP \(SAWG\): FEB. 21-22](#)

The SAWG met Feb. 21-22 in Kansas City, Mo. The agenda focused on the continued discussion on the loss of load expectation study scope and the deliverability study scope for the 2017 study year. Staff gave an update on the status of the resource adequacy workbook and discussion began on moving to coincident versus noncoincident for demand used to calculate the resource adequacy requirement.

[SEAMS STEERING COMMITTEE \(SSC\): FEB. 8](#)

The SSC welcomed two new members, Dustin Betz (Nebraska Public Power District) and Tina Gaines (Empire District Electric), to the group. The SSC received an overview of the coordinated study work that is to occur in 2017 and an overview of how pseudo-tied resources are considered in the SPP planning processes. SPP staff also presented regular monthly reports related to market-to-market events, MISO regional transfers, and the 2016 SPP-MISO coordinated system plan study.

[TRANSMISSION WORKING GROUP \(TWG\): FEB. 14](#)

The TWG discussed several items related to SPP compliance with NERC standards, including the 2017 flowgate assessment scope, approval of the 2017 TPL-001-4 scope, discussion and review of the 2018 ITPNT scope document, and two specific ITP scope standardization items. SPP staff and stakeholders provided a many updates to the TWG on ongoing study processes and task force work. Day two of the face-to-face meeting was a joint meeting with the Economic Studies Working Group (ESWG) to discuss scope standardization items for the implementation of the new ITP process. Both groups also reviewed the draft scope document for the Lubbock exit study.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

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