



THE ORG REPORT: APRIL 2017

A monthly summary of organizational group activities.

MARCH MEETING SUMMARIES

[BALANCING AUTHORITY OPERATING COMMITTEE \(BAOC\): MARCH 7](#)

The BAOC welcomed two new members and one alternate member during the group's March 7 teleconference. The committee approved a minor revision to the SPP Emergency Operating Plan (EOP) that will generalize references to the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) standards to avoid updating the document with standards changes. The new EOP was published with an effective date of March 10. SPP staff will further investigate the need for members to validate the frequency meter data via the operating protocols annual spreadsheet submission.

[BUSINESS PRACTICES WORKING GROUP \(BPWG\): MARCH 22](#)

The BPWG met in Dallas, Texas, to review RR 208 (TPITF Changes) and a change to the Market and Operations Policy Committee (MOPC) revision-request process document. RR 208 was approved and will move on to the April MOPC meeting. The revision-request subprocess was approved as modified and will go to the Regional Tariff Working Group (RTWG) for further approval. The group also discussed transmission billing as related to resales and redirects and an update on the market import service. These items will be revisited at the April MOPC meeting.

[COST ALLOCATION WORKING GROUP \(CAWG\): MARCH 7](#)

The CAWG approved RR 208 (Transmission Planning Improvement Task Force Tariff Revisions), recommended that the Regional State Committee (RSC) approve the seams projects policy paper and recommended the RSC approve regional funding for the SPP portion of the cost of the Morgan transformer project. Additionally, the CAWG reviewed the aggregate study safe-harbor calculations that staff replicated from the chart represented in the testimony provided in docket no. ER05-652. Staff also provided a verbal update on derated facilities and cost-allocation implications.

[CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROTECTION WORKING GROUP \(CIPWG\): MARCH 14](#)

The CIPWG had a face-to-face meeting at Kansas City Power and Light in Kansas City, Mo. The group heard a presentation on improving the operation and development of GPS equipment used by critical infrastructure, discussed managing and setting up a threat-hunting program, received an

update from the NERC Critical Infrastructure Protection Committee and got an update on the activities of the Secure Evolvable Energy Delivery Systems cybersecurity research facility.

CHANGE WORKING GROUP (CWG): MARCH 23

The CWG discussed the Enhanced Combined Cycle (ECC)/Gas Day, marketplace portal redesign, market-monitoring portal, generation interconnection engineering studies online submission site projects, the ongoing work on the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Order 676-H: NITS Web OASIS modifications and other upcoming markets and settlements releases. The group also received updates on customer training activities and RR 203 (Adding a Second Step to the Monthly ARR Allocation), which was passed recently by the Market Working Group (MWG) and the RTWG.

MARKET WORKING GROUP (MWG): MARCH 21-22

The MWG discussed and approved several revision request related items: RR 203 (Adding a Second Step to the Monthly ARR Allocation) RTWG comments; RR 205 (Correction to RR127 for Regulation Limit Requirements) SPP comments; RR 221 (ASOM MWP MMU Recommendation: 3-Day Minimum Run Time); RR 222 (MCR Configuration Identification); RR 209 (Control Status Update) impact assessment; RR 214 (Cost Plus 10 percent) impact assessment; and revisions to the RR process. The MWG also discussed mitigated offer variable operations and maintenance, RR 210 (Contingency Reserve Deployment Tests) SPP comments and several draft RRs.

OPERATING RELIABILITY WORKING GROUP (ORWG): MARCH 1-2

The ORWG met face-to-face March 1-2, when they recorded six action items and approved the consent agenda that contained the Feb. 2 ORWG meeting minutes. The ORWG also approved the RR process changes, RR 205 (Correction to RR127 for Regulation Limit Requirements), variable generation integration study report and report recommendations, RR 213 (Voltage Stability Control) and the chronic operational issues document. The ORWG also discussed the review of the document submissions guide; interconnection reliability operating limit relief guide potential modifications; intercontrol center communications protocol (ICCP) updates; geo-magnetic disturbance and ICCP coverage status report; Oklahoma University restoration plan efforts; required participation in SPP power system restoration plan (PSR) drills; SPP restoration reporting form in the SPP PSR drills; interconnection checklist updates in the SPP PSR plan, reliability coordinator communications of system operating limit exceedances to transmission operators; NERC reliability standard activities updates; review of upcoming NERC reliability standards; and ORWG member topic list.

PROJECT COST WORKING GROUP (PCWG): MARCH 1

The PCWG met for a quarterly face-to-face meeting in Kansas City, Mo. The group reviewed its quarterly report to MOPC, RR 208 (TPITF Changes) and RR 211 (Revision Request Recommendation Report).

[REGIONAL TARIFF WORKING GROUP \(RTWG\): MARCH 23](#)

The RTWG met face-to-face in Dallas, Texas. Steve Davis (SPP) presented examples of resale and redirect pricing scenarios of firm redirection and non-firm redirection. Davis also presented information and changes with FERC Order 676-H: NITS on OASIS. The group reviewed and approved multiple revision requests presented by market design.

[TRANSMISSION WORKING GROUP \(TWG\): MARCH 15](#)

During the most recent net conference, the TWG reviewed and approved four separate revision requests and approved the new RR subprocess. Additionally, the group approved the Brookline reactor projects from the regional review process, the guidance document for TPL-007-1, the seams policy whitepaper revisions and the 2017 flowgate assessment scope.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

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

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