



THE ORG REPORT: MAY 2017

A monthly summary of organizational group activities.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND MEMBERS COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY: APRIL 25

At their April 25 meeting in Tulsa, Okla., the board of directors and members committee approved the 2016 Financial Audit Report and the an audit of SPP's 2017 financial statements.

The group approved RR 125 (Removal of Day-Ahead Limited Must-Offer), which removes the day-ahead limited must-offer, as it is not necessary in the market. Its removal reduces SPP workload. RR 214 (Cost Plus 10 Percent Mitigation Enhancement) was remanded back to Market and Operations Policy Committee (MOPC) and the Market Working Group (MWG) for further review.

Members voted to approve the removal of the Potter-Tolk 345kV line from the 2017 ITP10 portfolio. SPP staff will conduct a high-priority study to assess the needs in the Texas panhandle related to the Potter to Tolk 345kV line, and other areas with severe congestion, by April 2018.

The group approved the Seams Steering Committee (SSC) revisions to the seams projects policy paper and the 2017 ITPNT portfolio. The Strategic Planning Committee reported on the zonal placement of new transmission not included in revenue requirements and was directed to propose solutions to address the zonal placement and related cost issues at the July board meeting.

The board also approved a consent agenda including minutes from the January board meeting with a small correction from ITC Great Plains. Also included were recommendations from the Finance Committee, Corporate Governance Committee, MOPC, Regional Allocation Review Task Force, MWG, Operating Reliability Working Group, Regional Tariff Working Group, Credit Practices Working Group, SSC and staff.

MARKETS AND OPERATIONS POLICY COMMITTEE (MOPC) MEETING SUMMARY: APRIL 11-12

MOPC met for its quarterly meeting April 11-12, in Tulsa, Okla. The committee voted to approve 17 revision requests; the removal of the notice to construct (NTC) based on 2017 ITP10 further evaluation for Potter to Talk; Seams Steering Committee projects policy paper; 2017 ITPNT report and portfolio; 2018 ITPNT scope and an expedited re-evaluation for Basin 345kV Roundup to Kummer Ridge.

REGIONAL ENTITY (RE) TRUSTEES MEETING SUMMARY: APRIL 24

The RE trustees approved the preliminary 2018 SPP RE business plan and budget. There is a 30-day comment period for stakeholders; please send any comments on the budget to dcurrie.re@spp.org. The trustees heard updates from the NERC planning committee, the SPP RE general manager and SPP RE's CIP, events analysis, enforcement and outreach groups.

APRIL MEETING SUMMARIES

[CHANGE WORKING GROUP \(CWG\): APRIL 20](#)

The CWG discussed the two-factor authentication and marketplace portal redesign projects, markets and settlements system releases and the ongoing work on the Z2 credit stacking historical data resettlement. The group received updates on customer training activities, RR 214 (Cost Plus Ten Percent Mitigation Enhancement) that was recently approved by the Market and Operations Policy Committee (MOPC), public data releases and FERC Order 676-H (NITS Web OASIS Modifications).

[FINANCE COMMITTEE \(FC\): APRIL 5](#)

The FC reviewed the financial status of SPP's pension and post-retirement healthcare plans and recommended contributions of \$5.2 million for the pension plan in 2017. No contributions are recommended for the post-retirement healthcare plan. The committee reviewed SPP's 2016 audited financial statements (and related footnotes) and discussed the findings of the audit with the external auditor and SPP's controller. The committee also heard progress reports from SPP staff regarding the settlements system replacement project and cyber liability insurance markets.

[MARKET WORKING GROUP \(MWG\): APRIL 17-18](#)

The MWG discussed and approved several revision-request-related items: RR 226 (TCR EESL Compliance), RR 225 (LTCR and ILTCR Language Clean-up), RR 222 (MCR Configuration Identification_Impact Analysis), RR 210 (Contingency Reserve Deployment Tests AEP Comments) and RR 185 (Clarifying SPP Operating Criteria_Withdraw). The MWG also discussed the 2017 Marketplace Symposium, trading hub analysis, price-contour map functionality, reserve zone, technical meter protocol revision updates, Price Formation Task Force (PFTF) recommendations for approval and prioritization, ARR/TSR alignment, congestion transparency, mitigated offer behavior statistics, the new market monitor portal and a forecasting education session.

[MODEL DEVELOPMENT WORKING GROUP \(MDWG\): APRIL 11](#)

The MDWG reviewed the Transmission Planning Improvement Task Force (TPITF) accountability document and renewable resource modeling. Status updates of the 2017 series MDWG powerflow, short circuit and dynamic models were given. A draft model set and schedule for the 2018 series MDWG models were provided for discussion at the May 17-18 meeting.

[OPERATING RELIABILITY WORKING GROUP \(ORWG\): APRIL 4](#)

The ORWG hosted a net conference April 4, where two action items were recorded and the consent agenda was approved that contained the March 1-2 ORWG meeting minutes and RR 219 (ECC Compliance). The ORWG also approved RR 209 (Control Status Update) and IROL restudy results. The ORWG discussed the RR process changes, SPP PSR Plan, ITP manual, replicated SPP EMS server for TO/TOPs to run studies, Macomber Map, ICCP survey and overview of the latest wind-penetration record timeframe.

The Voltage Task Force (VTF) Chairman Allen Klassen (Westar Energy, Inc.) announced the retirement of the Voltage Task Force due to the approval of RR 213 (Voltage Stability Control). Klassen expressed appreciation to Mark Eastwood (City Utilities of Springfield) for leading the group as chairman. Eastwood also expressed appreciation to Jason Tanner (SPP) for his work associated with the VTF.

[OPERATIONS TRAINING WORKING GROUP \(OTWG\): APRIL 6, 20](#)

The OTWG met in Kansas City, Mo., to discuss its strategic planning outcomes and receive updates related to reliability and Integrated Marketplace training. Members reviewed proposals from the ad hoc groups created to help study and implement priorities identified during the strategic planning session. The first proposal, from the success metrics ad hoc group, centered on the design and format of the 2018 system operations conferences (SOCs). The OTWG had previously voted to host all six SOC's in Little Rock in 2018 to test new instructional design and delivery methods. The ad hoc group proposed splitting the 2018 SOC's between SPP's campus in Little Rock and member locations, allowing for more comparison of the different learning experiences. The OTWG ultimately voted to host three SOC's in Little Rock and three at member locations in 2018 and 2019. The second proposal, from the organizational items ad hoc group, established a checklist for onboarding

new members of the OTWG. The items in the checklist will ensure new members are brought up to date on the work of the group.

SPP staff reported to the group about the results of the 2016 NERC training program evaluation, which is required annually of continuing education hour (CEH) providers. The evaluation results revealed a high degree of overall satisfaction with training offerings. In regard to reliability-related training, members reviewed feedback from the first two SOC's of the year and discussed improvements to be implemented. Other reliability training updates included preparations for GridEx IV, a solution for a VPN connectivity issue during the drills and information for upcoming blackstart and restoration drills. All 2017 reliability-training offerings can be found [here](#).

A marketplace training update was provided to members, and it was announced that the third annual Marketplace Symposium will take place in Little Rock on Oct. 3-4. Members also were given updates on several revision requests that will impact market training content.

The OTWG also considered nominations for two vacancies on the group and recommended Kevin Ballany (AECC) and Dave Waag (WAPA) for membership.

The OTWG met again April 20 to consider feedback to the Operations Reliability Working Group (ORWG)'s proposed changes to the SPP RC Restoration Plan.

[REGIONAL TARIFF WORKING GROUP \(RTWG\): APRIL 19](#)

The RTWG hosted a net conference April 19. Susan Polk presented the new organizational-group-chair-nomination process. The group reviewed and approved RR 223 (RCAR Frequency Change), RR 214 (Cost Plus 10 Percent Mitigation Enhancement) and RR 222 (MCR Configuration Identification).

[SEAMS STEERING COMMITTEE \(SSC\): APRIL 15](#)

The Seams Steering Committee (SSC) met April 15 in Dallas, Texas. The SSC received an update on the status to the revisions of the Seams Projects Policy Paper. Those revisions have completed the approval process and the approved document is posted in the SSC reference documents folder on www.spp.org. The group was reminded of an SPP Interregional Planning Stakeholder Advisory Committee (IPSAC) meeting that would occur April 24, during which the SPP and MISO planning staffs would present their portfolio of recommended projects from the 2016 SPP-MISO CSP study. The vote for the recommendation by the SPP portion of the SPP-MISO IPSAC will occur during the first part of the SSC meeting on May 3. The group discussed an issue related to potential overlapping of congestion charges for resources and loads that are pseudo-tied between balancing authorities. Finally, the actual usage of the MISO Available System Capacity (ASC) for the Feb. 1, 2016 – Jan. 31, 2017, year was approved, the compensation rate for the next year was determined and a true-up payment was due April 15.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

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

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