



THE ORG REPORT: JUNE 2017

A monthly summary of organizational group activities.

MAY MEETING SUMMARIES

[BALANCING AUTHORITY OPERATING COMMITTEE \(BAOC\): MAY 2](#)

The BAOC met in Little Rock. Staff gave updates on the new BAL-002-2 standard, the annual review of the frequency meter devices and the load shed testing updates. The committee discussed the required data specification (RDS) document, seasonal preparedness requirements and large unit contingencies response enhancements.

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

The BPWG met via teleconference to review the current revision request process updates and details on the construct of market import transmission service. The committee discussed the billing of resales and redirects to understand SPP transmission settlements methodology and offer suggestions for improvement.

[HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE \(HRC\): MAY 19](#)

The HRC met via teleconference. The committee approved a recommendation to terminate the SPP medical plan trust. The trust is no longer needed as claims expenses far exceed employee premiums placed in the trust. The committee also approved an amendment to the SPP 457(f) plan and approved a new HRC scope statement.

[MARKET WORKING GROUP \(MWG\): MAY 16-17](#)

The MWG met in Dallas, Texas. The group discussed opportunities for managing nondispatchable variable energy resource challenges. Two revision requests related to mitigation were reviewed: RR214 (Cost +10 Percent Mitigation Enhancement), which was remanded back to the MWG by the SPP board of directors, and RR231 (Mitigation of Locally Committed Resources). Action was taken to approve RR229 (Order No. 831 Offer Cap Compliance Filing), the impact analysis for RR210 (Contingency Reserve Deployment Tests), updates to the revision request process and the public data request to provide long-term congestion rights (LTCR) and auction revenue rights (ARR) monthly and annual nominations six months after allocations are awarded. SPP staff provided an update on implementation of RR175 (Ramp Shortage Compliance) and on the Federal Energy

Regulatory Commission notice of deficiency related to SPP's filing for RR198 (Variable Demand Curve).

[OPERATING RELIABILITY WORKING GROUP \(ORWG\): MAY 3](#)

The ORWG met in Little Rock, where three action items were recorded and the consent agenda that contained the April meeting minutes was approved. The ORWG approved SPP phase shifting regulator plan, ITP manual, RR210 (Contingency Reserve Deployment Test) update on reliability communication tool project, phasor-measurement unit (PMU) project update and RR162 (PMU for New Generator Interconnection). The ORWG welcomed Keith Carman (Tri-State Generation & Transmission) as a new voting member and announced John Stephens (City Utilities of Springfield) would be stepping down. The ORWG also discussed RR228 (SPP SOL Methodology), a peak-hosted advanced applications demo, a Macomber map demo, wind turbine capabilities frequency/voltage and dynamic ratings for day-ahead studies. The group reviewed contingency reserve events, a PMU project update, the inter-control center communication protocol (ICCP) survey, the ICCP geomagnetic disturbance alert straw-man proposal, the transmission operator out-of-merit energy process and Oklahoma University restoration efforts. The ORWG participated in a joint conference call with Transmission Working Group (TWG) and Supply Adequacy Working Group (SAWG) to discuss the 2017 deliverability study scope and held a special meeting to further discuss RR228 (SPP SOL Methodology).

The Synchrophasor Strike Team (SST) met May 25 to discuss SPP's members PMU business case, the use of synchrophasors, SPP's members PMU planning document and SPP's PMU communications handbook. There was a motion and second vote by SST members to approve the "Example Synchrophasor Business Case for SPP Members and Using Synchrophasors at SPP" documents posted in the SPP reference documents folder. The vote was unanimous by those in attendance with no oppositions or abstentions though a quorum of the SST members was not reached. As a result, an email vote by the other SST members will occur within one week.

[RELIABILITY COMPLIANCE WORKING GROUP \(RCWG\): MAY 19](#)

During the most recent meeting of the RCWG, the group reviewed multiple revision requests and made progress on one of its work goals for the year. The PC communication to registered entities was updated and is now moving into implementation phase. The RCWG has scheduled another Misoperations summit for Oct. 19 at Kansas City Power and Light (KCPL) offices in conjunction with the System Protection and Control Working Group meetings that will also be at KCPL.

[REGIONAL TARIFF WORKING GROUP \(RTWG\): MAY 25](#)

The RTWG met in Dallas, Texas. Staff presented multiple revision requests and an update to the Z2 credit stacking. The group discussed RR232 (SPC Language on Determination of Network) and RR158 (Determination of Network Load). Aiden Smith, of Southwestern Power Administration (SPA), presented SPA reduction for SPP NITS-zone 10 for federal power.

[STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE \(SPC\): APRIL 20](#)

The SPC met in Dallas, Texas, for its annual strategic planning retreat. After reviewing the current signposts, the committee decided that the four foundational strategies in the current plan remain relevant for the organization. However, the strategic initiatives under each foundational strategy will be modified slightly to reflect current and expected externalities and the completion of certain initiatives. The revised plan will be reviewed and finalized at the July meeting.

The SPC also has been meeting to establish policy direction associated with the zonal placement of transmission facilities. The committee met in late April and has two additional meetings slated in June to develop a consensus proposal.

[SEAMS STEERING COMMITTEE \(SSC\): MAY 3](#)

The SSC met by teleconference May 3. The SPP portion of the SPP-MISO interregional planning stakeholder advisory committee endorsed the SPP and MISO staff recommendation to approve the Loop One Split Rock to Lawrence 115 kV circuit into Sioux Falls project as an interregional project and begin the regional review phase of projects resulting from an SPP-MISO coordinated system plan study. The group received more information on the potential overlapping of congestion settlements for resources and loads that are pseudo-tied between balancing authorities. The group received an overview of the memorandum of understanding negotiated between SPP and MISO to address issues related to the market-to-market processes.

[TRANSMISSION WORKING GROUP \(TWG\): MAY 16](#)

The TWG met in St. Louis, Missouri, to discuss RR 228 and approved RR 230. Also discussed were many items related to scope standardization for the ITP improvements. The TWG approved a subset of the recommendations listed in the variable generation interconnection study. Lastly, the TWG reviewed a number of NERC compliance-related items, such as the PRC-023-4 list and the flowgate assessment.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

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