



## THE ORG REPORT: JULY 2017

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A monthly summary of organizational group activities.

## MARKET AND OPERATIONS POLICY COMMITTEE (MOPC) MEETING SUMMARY: MAY 30

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MPOC met via teleconference to approve RR230 to reduce the capacity margin for SPP members.

## JUNE MEETING SUMMARIES

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### [BUSINESS PRACTICES WORKING GROUP \(BPWG\): JUNE 17](#)

The BPWG met via teleconference to review redirect/resale billing and market import service concepts. RR88 (Release of Unscheduled Firm Timing Modification) was approved by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and is in testing. When testing is complete, the implementation date will be posted in OASIS. Meeting dates and locations for 2018 were discussed and tentatively approved.

### [CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROTECTION WORKING GROUP \(CIPWG\): JUNE 13](#)

The CIPWG met at Sunflower Electric in Holcomb, Kansas. The group received an update on SPP's GridEX IV preparations, heard a presentation on RR162, SPP's phishing awareness efforts, QR code utilization in meetings and a low-impact physical security panel discussion. The group also received an update from the North American Energy Reliability Corporation (NERC) Critical Infrastructure Protection Committee.

### [FINANCE COMMITTEE \(FC\): JUNE 13](#)

The FC reviewed a proposal that would change the billing units used for recovery of SPP's operating costs. Presently, SPP recovers its operating costs by charging transmission customers based on their usage of the transmission system. The proposal would no longer recover SPP's costs based on transmission system use. Instead, SPP's costs would be recovered from market participants based

on their participation in SPP's energy markets. The committee will revisit this proposal at its meeting in September.

#### [MARKET WORKING GROUP \(MWG\): JUNE 20-21](#)

The MWG met in Dallas, Texas, where the group continued discussions to address mitigation concerns, heard a new proposal from SPP staff and reviewed existing proposals as submitted in RR214 (Cost +10 percent Mitigation Enhancement and RR231 Mitigation of Locally Committed Resources). As a follow-up to the non-dispatchable variable energy resource (NDVER) to dispatchable variable energy resource (DVER) conversion discussion in May, the group reviewed analysis provided by SPP staff to illustrate conversion of one NDVER to a dispatchable status. Final analysis of the implementation of RR91 (Annual Allocation Percent Change) was reviewed and discussed. The MWG will update MOPC with the results. Action was taken to approve RR82 (Modification of Make-Whole Payment Grace Period SPP Comments) and the withdrawal of RR220 (Fixed Regulation Offers).

#### [OPERATING RELIABILITY WORKING GROUP \(ORWG\): JUNE 1](#)

The ORWG met via teleconference during which one action item was recorded and the consent agenda was approved that contained the May meeting minutes, RR229 (Order No. 831 Compliance (Offer Caps)), TPITF changes to the integrated transmission planning (ITP) manual for operational model development and the Transmission Working Group annual flowgate assessment. The ORWG also approved the revision request process changes and discussed 2017 deliverability study scope, NERC reliability standard activities updates, SPP data-specification enhancements, MOD-033-1, ITP manual operational enhancement and RR228 (SPP SOL Methodology). The ORWG held an email vote and approved RR228 (SPP SOL Methodology) on June 7.

#### [Operating Criteria Review Task Force \(OCRTF\)](#)

The OCRTF met June 2. The operating criteria revisions discussed by the group prior to June 2 were converted into draft revision requests. The task force will continue to refine these draft revision requests with the intention of submission sometime in the third quarter of this year.

#### [OPERATIONS TRAINING WORKING GROUP \(OTWG\): JUNE 5](#)

The OTWG met via teleconference to discuss strategic planning outcomes, kick off plans for the 2018 training calendar and make a recommendation to fill a vacancy. Chairman Russell Moore noted that Stanley Winbush, of American Electric Power (AEP), had resigned from the group and two nominations were received for the vacancy his resignation created. The group heard from Jaroddo Horn (AEP) and Tyler Delcambre, of Lafayette Utilities System (LUS), and made a recommendation for Jaroddo Horn to fill the vacancy. Amy Casavechia (SPP) provided the group with a marketplace training update and noted that registration would open for this year's Integrated Marketplace Symposium on June 14 in the SPP Learning Center. She also stated that job aids had been made available to members and market participants for the portal and two-factor authentication projects. Leslie Sink (SPP) presented the kick-off plan for the 2018 training calendar

and asked members to analyze training needs for 2018. Members were asked to provide information that included: a.) What training their organizations provide to markets and operations staff; b.) The current training needs that members rely on SPP to fill; and c.) Any vendors their organizations use to provide training. This information will be presented at a face-to-face meeting July 10 to analyze the needs of members and prioritize training needs for planning the 2018 training calendar. Two of the OTWG's ad hoc groups gave reports. The organizational items group presented a proposal to the whole group for five face-to-face meetings in 2018 that are not connected to the System Operations Conferences (SOCs). This change would allow for deeper discussion of agenda items, improved engagement during meetings and be more consistent with other SPP working groups.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

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