



THE ORG REPORT: AUGUST 2017

A monthly summary of organizational group activities.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND MEMBERS COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY: JULY 25

The board of directors and members committee met in Denver, Colorado. At the meeting, the board approved the dissolution of the SPP Regional Entity (RE) with termination of the delegation agreement at the appropriate time. SPP President and CEO Nick Brown discussed Z2, zonal placement, work with Mountain West and the continued discussion with the Market Working Group (MWG) on operation under the tariff. The board heard updates from the Regional State Committee, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), RE Trustees, the Oversight Committee, the Human Resources Committee and the Finance Committee. The Strategic Planning Committee's transmission owner zonal placement process document was approved. The board approved the Z2 Task Force recommendation to eliminate credits from new upgrades that do not transfer capability under Tariff Attachment Z2 and to eliminate credits from short-term service. The board of directors reaffirmed approval of the Morgan Transformer project. Lanny Nickell (SPP) discussed the 2018 High Priority Study. The board accepted SPP staff recommendations to remove the Potter-Tolk 345 kV line from the 2017 ITP10 portfolio and directed SPP staff to conduct a scope of the 2018 Integrated Transmission Planning Near-Term (ITPNT) assessment that would expand to include summer peak scenario five models.

MARKET AND OPERATIONS POLICY COMMITTEE (MOPC) MEETING SUMMARY: JULY 11-12

MOPC met in Denver for its quarterly meeting with its highest attendance to date of 173 attendees. MOPC voted to approve 10 revision requests, the ITP manual, FERC waiver request for repricing, project re-evaluation for Kummer-Ridge Roundup 345 kV, the recommendations from Z2TF and recommendations from the Variable Integration Study.

REGIONAL ENTITY (RE) TRUSTEES MEETING SUMMARY: JULY 24

The trustees met in Denver and heard reports on the North American Electric Reliability Corporation's (NERC) Long-Term Reliability Assessment, Summer Assessment, 2017 State of Reliability Report and Operating Committee. Staff gave presentations on critical infrastructure protection (CIP), system events, enforcement and financials. The day after this meeting, SPP President Nick Brown announced the SPP RE will be dissolved by December 2018. See the [SPP press release](#) and [letter from SPP RE General Manager Ron Ciesiel](#).

JULY MEETING SUMMARIES

[BALANCING AUTHORITY OPERATING COMMITTEE \(BAOC\): JULY 11](#)

The BAOC met to discuss replacing Jessie Tucker with John Carlson (Kansas City Power & Light), proposed modifications to the SPP operating criteria due to BAL-002, R2 and updates to the balancing authority (BA) operating protocols were discussed and approved. Updates to the SPP BA emergency operating plan were discussed and a redline version will be posted for comment. Chairman Paul Johnson is retiring in August and nominations to replace him will be requested at that time.

[BUSINESS PRACTICES WORKING GROUP \(BPWG\): JULY 20](#)

The BPWG met via teleconference for updates on the Market Import Service revision request, RR 234 (Redirect Billing) and the preemption and right of first refusal recommendation open for formal comments from North American Energy Standards Board (NAESB). The group discussed options regarding the handling of transmission service at the seams under abnormal operating conditions. This discussion was a precursor to development of a formal revision request.

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

The CWG discussed markets, settlements and TCR releases, the two-factor authentication project, Marketplace Portal upgrade projects and two engineering projects: engineering hub and engineering file-sharing migration. The group received an update on the Marketplace Symposium and Stakeholder Prioritization Process survey results. Discussion was held on a proposal to adjust release timeline guidelines; the group agreed to adopt the proposal for upcoming release scheduling.

[MODEL DEVELOPMENT WORKING GROUP \(MDWG\): JULY 5](#)

The MDWG met via teleconference July 5 to approve the 2018 series model set and schedule.

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

The MWG reviewed and approved RR235 (Correction to RR200 Design Change for BSS and OCL Distribution), RR214 (Cost +10 Percent Mitigation Enhancement), RR231 (Mitigation of Locally Committed Resources), RR227 (Clarification Registration Requirements Wind Facility Modifications) and RR236 (Change from Bi-Monthly to Monthly Commercial Model Implementation) were reviewed and will be brought back for discussion at the August MWG meeting. The group heard updates from John Luallen (SPP settlements) on the settlements system replacement project, and Jodi Woods (SPP operations) on RR implementations. Yasser Bahbaz (SPP operations) presented a stored-energy resources discussion to the group. Initial data and analysis were provided on start-up cost reevaluation and congestion/loss calculations for seams transmission service. In-depth discussions on mitigation and auction revenue rights/long-term congestion rights/transmission congestion rights enhancements highlighted stakeholder views on current areas of interest and will be discussed during the August/September MWG meeting.

[OPERATING RELIABILITY WORKING GROUP \(ORWG\): JULY 28-29](#)

The ORWG met face-to-face in Dallas, Texas, where seven action items were recorded. The ORWG approved the June 1, 2017, ORWG meeting minutes, the remedial action scheme at Oklaunion and endorsed the need for SPP to develop a generator retirement process. The ORWG discussed the Operating Criteria Review Task Force (OCRTF) efforts, Lebrock tripping scheme, replicated data server, inter-control center communications protocol (ICCP) survey results, ICCP geo-magnetic disturbance alert straw-man proposal, wind and load forecasting in SPP, SPP voltage ride through, Oklahoma University restoration project, transmission operator out-of-merit energy process, the latest wind penetration records, RC communication tool project, NERC reliability standard activities, NERC Integrated Transmission Plan manual operation enhancement and distributed energy resources in system restoration.

[OPERATIONS TRAINING WORKING GROUP \(OTWG\): JULY 10](#)

The OTWG met face-to-face in Dallas to plan the 2018 training calendar. Each member made a presentation that detailed their organization's training program, which included current training provided by their organization to their reliability and markets personnel, how SPP-offered training fit into their training programs and training vendors utilized by their organization. Each member's data was collected and categorized to understand the exact training needs of the footprint for 2018. Several outcomes were identified that will be incorporated into a draft training calendar for 2018 that will be considered at the next OTWG meeting. The group revisited the proposal from the organizational items ad hoc 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 will be more consistent with other SPP working groups. The OTWG voted unanimously to adopt this approach.

[RELIABILITY COMPLIANCE WORKING GROUP \(RCWG\): JULY 21](#)

The RCWG approved RR228 and is working toward providing additional feedback to SPP staff. The RCWG is also in the process of developing two RRs, one to address additional clarifications to the SOL methodology and the other to cleanup section five of the planning criteria. The RCWG is working toward providing feedback on RR162 and is working with SPP staff. They plan to submit comments to the Regional Tariff Working Group (RTWG) outlining some concerns with CIP as it relates to PMUs and the usage of data in real time. The RCWG is planning for the misoperations summit in October and has been working with the System Protection and Control Working Group to identify volunteers and topics for the summit. The RCWG reviewed their work plan at the last face-to-face meeting and made some additional clarifications and updates to the plan.

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

The RTWG began preliminary discussions regarding the outcome of several items discussed at the July MOPC meeting.

[TRANSMISSION WORKING GROUP \(TWG\): JULY 19](#)

During TWG conference call, the group reviewed and approved modifications to the 2019 Integrated Transmission Planning Near-Term (ITPNT) scope, the specific years and season for models to be developed for the new Integrated Transmission Planning (ITP) process and a new dispatch process that will be used to dispatch conventional resources with firm service in the new ITP process. The group discussed how staff plans to accomplish the analysis of TPL-001 P3 events in the 2018 ITPNT.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

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

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