



THE ORG REPORT: SEPTEMBER 2017

A monthly summary of organizational group activities.

AUGUST MEETING SUMMARIES

[BALANCING AUTHORITY OPERATING COMMITTEE \(BAOC\)](#)

The BAOC did not meet in August. However, the SPP balancing authority emergency operation plan is currently out for review. The committee is also seeking a new chair since Paul Johnson, previous BAOC chair, retired from AEP.

[HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE \(HRC\): AUGUST 28-29](#)

The HRC approved the 2018 merit pool funding recommendation for the Finance Committee to include in the 2018 budget. The committee reviewed SPP benefit plans and approved an addition to the employee medical plan for 2018. As part of their annual duties, they reviewed a fraud prevention report. Staff presented a strawman proposal on enhancements to the SPP employee performance compensation plan metrics. The committee provided comments to staff and asked for an additional proposal at the next committee meeting. The annual committee self-review was conducted, and meeting agendas and schedules were approved for 2018.

[MARKET WORKING GROUP \(MWG\): AUGUST 22-23](#)

The MWG discussed possible solutions to address a gaming opportunity associated with the regulation deployment adjustment charge type and developed a plan to develop two revision requests that are expected to mitigate the risk. SPP staff and MWG leadership presented proposed “paths forward” to implement improvements related to the auction revenue rights/transmission service requests process and SPP’s mitigation practices. The group voiced support for both proposals and action was taken to ensure next steps were taken. Two revision requests were approved by the group to address some of the mitigation concerns: RR231 (Mitigation of Locally Committed Resources) and RR239 (Mitigated Offer Fuel Cost Uncertainty). Finally, the group reviewed the annual Violation Relaxation Limit Analysis report and approved SPP staff recommendations to make no changes. Other topics discussed are detailed in the MWG minutes posted on SPP.org.

OPERATIONS TRAINING WORKING GROUP (OTWG): AUGUST 24

The OTWG continued planning the 2018 training calendar. The ad hoc group devoted to success metrics presented a recommendation to once again hold system operations conferences (SOC) at member locations, which the group approved. The ad hoc group devoted to organizational items presented recommendations for each remaining item originally identified as part of the group's purpose from the 2016 strategic planning session. Both groups were disbanded as each had fulfilled their intended purposes.

The OTWG received a proposal from SPP staff regarding reliability training plans for 2018. Plans for SOCs, simulation training, restoration drills and virtual instructor-led training were presented and will be finalized at the September meeting. Members also received a marketplace training update that included impacts of both approved and proposed revision requests, ongoing and planned work for market-related training and an overview of current marketplace eLearning. Members were encouraged to submit topics for new marketplace training that exceed the scope of existing materials.

RELIABILITY COMPLIANCE WORKING GROUP (RCWG): AUGUST 29

The RCWG met to finalize and approve feedback for RR162 and submitted it to the RTWG for consideration. The RCWG is continuing work on an RR to clarify the SOL methodology and is awaiting comments on RR237 (cleanup section 5 of the planning criteria). The group has created a sub-team to work on plans for the Misoperations summit in October and held their first call September 5. The RCWG reviewed the work plan at the last meeting and discussed the status of each work plan item. The group reviewed the emergency operating plan during a special call and provided feedback to SPP operations staff and the Balancing Authority Operating Committee.

SEAMS STEERING COMMITTEE (SSC): AUGUST 9

Staff recommended approval of the loop-one-Split Rock-to-Lawrence-115 kV-circuit-into-Sioux Falls project following the regional review phase of projects resulting from an SPP-MISO coordinated system plan study. The group reviewed a strawman proposal for a new type of transmission project to address historical congestion on market-to-market constraints. The group discussed a proposed business practice to allow customers to submit transmission service requests after-the-fact for situations where the customer takes service from SPP due to a temporary configuration of the transmission system.

SYSTEM PROTECTION AND CONTROL WORKING GROUP (SPCWG): AUGUST 10

The SPCWG reviewed 2017 first quarter misoperation submittals.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

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

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