



THE ORG REPORT: NOVEMBER 2017

A monthly summary of organizational group activities.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND MEMBERS COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY: OCT. 31

The board of directors heard updates from the Regional State Committee, Strategic Planning Committee, Human Resources Committee, Oversight Committee, Finance Committee and Markets and Operations Policy Committee. The board also received a report on the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). Option 1 of the Regional Tariff Working Group's revision request (RR) 244 recommendation and the Market Working Group's RR 243 recommendation were approved. The board approved SPP staff's recommendation of a FERC filing to waive the stand-alone provisions for transmission studies that have not yet commenced.

The board heard updates on the 2018 Integrated Transmission Planning Near-Term (ITPNT), the SPP-Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO) coordinated system plan and regional review process and the resettlement of Attachment Z2 credits.

MARKET AND OPERATIONS POLICY COMMITTEE (MOPC) MEETING SUMMARY: OCT. 17-18

The MOPC met for its quarterly meeting in Little Rock and voted to approve nine revision requests, the Critical Infrastructure Protection Working Group name change to the Security Working Group, a 2018 ITPNT scope revision and the SPP-MISO Interregional Study results. MOPC heard updates from the SPP Regional Entity, 2016 Stakeholder Survey results and the Z2 resettlement.

REGIONAL ENTITY (RE) TRUSTEES MEETING SUMMARY: OCT. 24-25

Oct. 31 was the deadline for Registered Entities to declare which Regional Entity they wish to join. SPP RE is still the compliance and enforcement authority for SPP RE Registered Entities until the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) and FERC approve the transition. The trustees approved a transition plan to continue operations until SPP RE's effective termination date. The 2017 SPP RE Stakeholder Satisfaction Survey showed an overall satisfaction rating of 4.1 on a 1-5 scale (1-poor and 5-excellent). The trustees heard updates on critical infrastructure protection standards and cyberattacks in the news, the 2018 ERO Implementation Plan and winter reliability and preparedness and concluded our reserve margin of 67 percent is very good for winter.

OCTOBER MEETING SUMMARIES

[BALANCING AUTHORITY OPERATING COMMITTEE \(BAOC\): OCT. 3](#)

The BAOC performed its annual review of the governing documents. SPP staff provided updates on the EOP review process, the Eastern Interconnect Data Sharing Network wide area ace viewer tool, load-shed testing, NERC standards impacting the balancing authority, NERC resources subcommittee update, renewable integration update and resource forecast improvements. In addition, the BAOC nominated Bryan Taggart as the new chairman. The board approved his appointment and his tenure begins Jan. 1, 2018.

[BUSINESS PRACTICES WORKING GROUP \(BPWG\): OCT. 25](#)

The BPWG met via teleconference for a review of RR 250 (Market Import Service). This RR is primarily a tariff addition with an attendant business practice. RR 250 will return as an approval item at the November BPWG meeting after a few queries are addressed. The BPWG voted to recommend Grant Wilkerson (Westar) as chair for the 2018-2020 term. There were no other nominations received for this position. Kass Portra (Western Area Power Administration) was re-elected as vice chair for the same term.

[MODEL DEVELOPMENT WORKING GROUP \(MDWG\): OCT. 4](#)

The MDWG finalized the 2017 Series Dynamic model set Oct. 4. They continue to work on updating the MDWG Procedure Manual.

[MARKET WORKING GROUP \(MWG\): OCT. 24-25](#)

The MWG reviewed progress on action items related to improving the auction revenue rights/transmission service request process. The group approved three RRs: RR 245 (Mitigated

Start-Up and No-Load Offer Maintenance Cost), RR 246 (Clarifying SPP Congestion Management) and RR 247 (Contingency Reserves Clearing During CR Events). SPP staff and the group continued discussion on joint operating units (JOU), including a rejection of RR 248 (Remove JOU Logic), and they plan further discussion at the November MWG meeting. The group also discussed the multiday minimum runtime, the Mountain West Transmission Group and the Department of Energy's (DOE) Notice of Proposed Rule Making. Other topics discussed are detailed in the MWG minutes posted on SPP.org.

OPERATING RELIABILITY WORKING GROUP (ORWG): OCT. 4-5

The ORWG held a face-to-face meeting where seven action items and six votes were recorded. The ORWG recommend Allen Klassen (Westar Energy, Inc.) as ORWG chairman to the Corporate Governance Committee, and elected Ron Gunderson (Nebraska Public Power District) as the ORWG vice chairman. The ORWG also approved awareness language for DERs in the SPP restoration plan, RR 242 (Regulation Deployment Priority Change), RR 162 (PMU for New Generator Interconnections) and the consent agenda that included the September ORWG meeting minutes.

OPERATING CRITERIA REVIEW TASK FORCE (OCRTF): OCT. 9

The OCRTF is recommending the operating criteria continue to exist and is expecting two additional RRs to be submitted by the group.

OPERATIONS TRAINING WORKING GROUP (OTWG): OCT. 26

The OTWG met to settle the final details of the 2018 System Operations Conferences. The group discussed multiple options based on feedback from OTWG members, attendees from this year's conferences and other stakeholders across the SPP footprint. After considering several topics, the group determined that gas industry dynamics, outage coordination and wind/solar energy were the best learning opportunities that would be most beneficial for the 2018 conferences. SPP staff provided an update on current and planned marketplace training activities while also highlighting the revision requests that are proposed and approved with training impacts. The group's charter was reviewed and no changes were proposed.

RELIABILITY COMPLIANCE WORKING GROUP (RCWG): OCT. 26

The RCWG approved RR 162 and is gathering notes for the recommendation report. The group is continuing work on a revision request to address additional clarifications to the SOL methodology. The RCWG is also waiting for the Transmission Working Group work to complete on RR 237 (Cleanup Section 5 of the Planning Criteria).

SYSTEMS PROTECTION AND CONTROL WORKING GROUP (SPCWG): OCT. 18

The SPCWG was updated on NERC standards and reviewed the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) Protection Settings Evaluation tool. The working group will continue to evaluate the usage of the EPRI tool. Lastly, the SPCWG discussed the Misoperations subcommittee, which currently

reports to the RCWG. The discussion focused on moving the subcommittee to the SPCWG. A charter will be developed and discussed at the SPCWG's January 2018 meeting.

SPCWG and RCWG co-sponsored a Misoperation Summit on Oct. 19, in Kansas City, Missouri. The summit was well received by industry subject matter experts. The SPCWG will continue to work on a tool to help industry identify protection system operations and misoperations, develop guidelines for misoperation data submittal, continue to establish a web-based storage location for technical resources and develop a method to review all submitted misoperations by SPP members prior to NERC using the information.

[STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE \(SPC\): OCT. 19](#)

SPP staff provided the SPC with an update on the PJM/NRC case and FERC order rejecting the SPP resource adequacy filing and an update on the DOE reliability and resilience report (and resulting FERC order). Staff presented the strategic problem associated with the transmission planning policy associated with energy resources and will submit a proposal by the second quarter of 2018, with a progress report in January.

The ESGW chairman presented the 2019 futures recommendation and, despite concerns regarding the amount of wind included in the future, the SPC was in support of the proposal.

The group discussed strategic concern of the possibility of load leaving SPP and the process for Mountain West Transmission Group policy decisions.

[TRANSMISSION WORKING GROUP \(TWG\): OCT. 25](#)

The TWG heard an update on the 2018 ITPNT and the results of the deliverability study. Additionally, the TWG approved the methods for evaluating the operational projects in the new ITP process as well as two stakeholder-driven SPP Criteria 5.5 interconnection studies for the Walkemeyer and UREC interconnections.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

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

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