

**Southwest Power Pool
Security Working Group
Organizational Group Charter
December 5, 2017**

Purpose

The purpose of the Security Working Group (SECWG) is to advance the physical and cyber security of the electricity infrastructure within the SPP footprint. This group will serve as a forum for discussing security issues, for establishing security policies and procedures, sharing best practices for SPP Member-common resources, and will serve as an interface between the NERC Critical Infrastructure Protection Committee (CIPC) and the SPP membership.

Scope of Activities

The SECWG:

- a. Serves as an expert advisory panel to the SPP Board of Directors, committees, working groups and Members regarding cyber and physical security, to include best practices, emerging risks, and acceptable security compliance processes.
- b. Provides a forum for discussion of physical and cyber security issues impacting the electric sector including, but not limited to, the controls supporting the identification of, protection from, detection of, response to, and recovery from such issues.
- c. Serves as the primary interface between security-related electric sector agencies and the SPP membership, including:
 1. Serving as a conduit between the SPP Membership and various security-related committees in other organizations, such as the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC), the North American Transmission Forum (NATF), the Edison Electric Institute (EEI), the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA), the American Public Power Association (APPA), the Electricity Subsector Coordinating Council (ESCC) and other industry forums.
 2. Facilitating discussions and ad hoc calls, advisory notices, and security preparedness information between the FBI, DHS, Fusion Centers, DOE and the SPP membership.
- d. Develops best-practice recommendations for SPP-managed resources, including:
 1. Security of SPP Network (SPPNET) member connections.
 2. Security and acceptable use of confidential SPP RTO and Member data, focusing on data submission, distribution, and storage.
 3. Incident reporting and dissemination, focused primarily on region-impacting security events possibly warranting NERC Event Analysis and/or DOE reporting.
- e. Works on behalf of SPP membership to solicit, gather, and present comments, feedback, and information requests to NERC, FERC, the Regional Entities in the SPP RTO footprint and other regulatory and enforcement bodies for security-related standards development, interpretation requests, and security application discussions.
- f. Provides physical and cyber security and/or CIP compliance subject-matter experts (SMEs) to other SPP organizational groups, as requested.

Representation

The Security Working Group (SECWG) is composed of at least thirteen voting members, including the chair and vice chair. SECWG shall maintain a representation with Member's personnel directly responsible for cyber and physical security operations and programs, including compliance responsibilities. SECWG meetings will be open in accordance with SPP practices and may allow for an executive session as called by the chair. Regular executive sessions may be deemed necessary by the chair due to the confidential nature of security discussions. The chairman is appointed by the Chairman of the SPP Board of Directors and will serve a term of two years coincident with the two-year term of the Chair of the SPP Board of Directors. SPP Bylaws do not prevent renewal of the current Chair's term.

Duration

The SECWG is permanent with a periodic review of responsibilities by the MOPC.

Reporting

The SECWG reports to the MOPC.