



THE ORG REPORT: FEBRUARY 2018

A monthly summary of organizational group activities.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND MEMBERS COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY: JAN. 30

The board of directors (BOD) heard updates from the Regional State Committee (RSC), Regional Entities (RE), Oversight Committee (OC), Strategic Planning Committee (SPC) and the Finance Committee (FC). The board voted to approve RR 257 (compliance filing in docket no. EL16-110 related to network integration transmission service) and RR 251 (implementation of resource adequacy policies). SPP staff provided an update on the survey results for the network integration transmission service (NITS) transmission customer and recommended that stakeholder meetings be held to educate SPP members and stakeholders on this issue.

MARKET AND OPERATIONS POLICY COMMITTEE (MOPC) MEETING SUMMARY: JAN. 16-17

MOPC held its quarterly meeting in Oklahoma City, Okla., with 135 in attendance in person. MOPC voted to approve fifteen revision requests, the 2019 ITP Scope, 2018 STEP Report and four project approvals. MOPC heard updates from the SPP Regional Entity, Organizational Effectiveness Survey results and Mountain West update.

JANUARY MEETING SUMMARIES

[BALANCING AUTHORITY OPERATING COMMITTEE \(BAOC\): JAN. 23](#)

The BAOC met via teleconference to introduce the new committee chair, Bryan Taggart (WR), and vice chair, Bryn Wilson (Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company). Two members and two alternates

were added to the committee. The group discussed staff updates for load-shed testing, SPP cold weather alerts and NERC standards updates affecting the BAA. The committee will gather topics for the EOP Summer Readiness Workshop in April.

BUSINESS PRACTICES WORKING GROUP (BPWG): JAN. 11

The BPWG met to review the status of RR 250 (Market Import Service). Based on the vote of the group, this item will be submitted to the Market and Operations Policy Committee (MOPC) for review at their January meeting. RR 255 (Adding Triggers to Stop Annual Escalation of Baseline Estimates) was review and approved. This revision request will continue its trek through the secondary working groups. The February 2018 meeting was cancelled because the topics in development did not materialize in time. The August 2018 meeting was determined to be a face-to-face meeting in Dallas, Texas.

CHANGE WORKING GROUP (CWG): JAN. 10

The CWG discussed markets, settlements and TCR releases, the engineering hub project and an upcoming CROW release. In addition, the group was briefed on upcoming system/process-impacting revision requests. The group reviewed the 2018 system release forecast and the SPP Portfolio Report and participated in an annual review of CWG processes.

EVENT ANALYSIS WORKING GROUP (EAWG): JAN. 16

The EAWG requested time on the January 16 agenda of the Markets and Operations Policy Committee (MOPC) to discuss a proposal for a change to their current structure. This proposal includes a request for the EAWG to work with existing SPP working groups selected to modify their charter to include a mechanism to review applicable events as defined in the proposal. The request to disband the EAWG will commence with MOPC, after the charters are in place, and the applicable SPP working groups are ready to take on an event as needed

FINANCE COMMITTEE (FC): JAN. 15

The Finance Committee approved the purchase of cyber liability insurance as a step to mitigate potential exposure to SPP's largest identified corporate risk. A preliminary budget for integration of the Mountain West Transmission Group was reviewed. No action on this budget will be taken until such time as the members of the Mountain West Transmission Group execute formal agreements indicating their commitment to join SPP. Finally, the committee approved the valuation assumptions used in preparation of actuary reports for the SPP retirement plan.

MARKET WORKING GROUP (MWG): JAN. 8-9

The MWG discussed two proposed design changes for converting non-dispatchable variable energy resources (NDVERs) to dispatchable variable energy resources (DVERs) and reviewed a list of potential market design initiatives for the 2018/2019 timeframe. The group modified and approved RR 252 (OOME Enhancement) SPP comments. SPP staff presented two Mountain West Transmission Group education sessions on congestion hedging settlements. Staff presented details

of the FERC's Fast-Start 206 Investigation that was issued December 21, 2017, and discussed next steps with the group. Other topics discussed are detailed in the MWG minutes posted on SPP.org.

[SYSTEM PROTECTION AND CONTROL WORKING GROUP \(SPCWG\): JAN. 24-25](#)

The SPCWG met to discuss the future of the working group due to the dissolution of the SPP Regional Entity (RE). One question, which will require additional research, is: how will remedial action schemes (RAS) and misoperations be reviewed if the proposed regional entities have their own processes? The group hopes to have clarification by the April meeting. The SPCWG reviewed material for the LeBrock tripping scheme and determined the tripping scheme should not be categorized as a RAS. A few OGE RAS were recommended for removal due to additional facilities being in place at this time. These will now move before the Transmission Working Group and Operating Reliability Working Group. The SPCWG endorsed the SPP PC recommendation that the Poplar Bluff UFLS not be allowed to be exempt from the SPP UFLS plan.

[SEAMS STEERING COMMITTEE \(SSC\): JAN. 3](#)

The SSC met by teleconference and staff provided an update on the progress to update the process for allocating flowgate capacity through the Congestion Management Process (CMP). The group also continued discussions on the transmission service along the seams issue and discussed the plans for the next meetings of the SPP-MISO Interregional Planning Stakeholder Advisory Committee (IPSAC) and the SPP-AECI IPSAC groups.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

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

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