



THE ORG REPORT: MAY 2018

A monthly summary of organizational group activities.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND MEMBERS COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY: APRIL 24

At the April 24 meeting in Kansas City, Oklahoma, the board of directors and members committee discussed the withdrawal of Public Service Company Colorado from the Mountain West Transmission Group (MWTG). President and CEO Nick Brown acknowledged in his president's report that SPP is still pursuing an agreement with the remaining MWTG entities. The group heard an additional update on the MWTG in executive session following the meeting.

Brown also announced that board chairman Jim Eckelberger and vice chairman Harry Skilton would transition to emeritus positions when their current terms end in January 2019. The board elected Larry Altenbaumer to serve as the new chairman and Graham Edwards to serve as vice chairman effective immediately. The board thanked Mr. Eckelberger and Mr. Skilton for their 18 years of service.

The board heard updates from the Regional State Committee, the Oversight Committee, and the Human Resources Committee. The Regional Entity (RE) Trustees provided an update on the dissolution of the RE.

The board approved the 2017 Financial Committee audit report, the engagement of BKD to perform the 2018 audit and recommended securities not to exceed \$80 million.

The board approved the Kildare to White Eagle 138 kV rebuild as a sponsored upgrade.

The group discussed RR 272 (MWG RR 272 – Attachment 14) and moved to table the discussion and bring it back at the July meeting with proper background documentation.

MARKETS AND OPERATIONS POLICY COMMITTEE (MOPC) MEETING SUMMARY: APRIL 10-11

The MOPC held its quarterly meeting April 10-11 in Kansas City, Missouri, with 150 in-person attendees. The group voted to approve ten revision requests, three working group charter revisions, the Transmission Planning Improvement Task Force's twenty-year assessment and one sponsored upgrade study. MOPC heard updates from the SPP Finance Committee, SPP Regional Entity, NITS Reporting Survey results and Mountain West Transmission Group.

REGIONAL ENTITY (RE) TRUSTEES MEETING SUMMARY: APRIL 23

At their last scheduled public meeting, the SPP RE Trustees discussed activities related to the dissolution of the SPP RE and transfer of SPP RE Registered Entities to SERC Reliability Corporation and the Midwest Reliability Organization. The SPP RE expects a Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) ruling on the dissolution by May 4. The trustees presented a resolution thanking SPP RE staff for their contributions to regional reliability, diligence and professionalism.

APRIL MEETING SUMMARIES

[AQ IMPROVEMENT TASK FORCE \(AQITF\): APRIL 26](#)

The AQITF discussed the three-year threshold policy, definitions in the proposed RR 262 (AQ BP), requests evaluated in the AQ process and aggregation of AQ requests. SPP plans to schedule a meeting with several AQITF participants to revamp the preliminary assessment (AQ screening study). SPP will seek approval for RR 262 at the next meeting.

[BALANCING AUTHORITY OPERATING COMMITTEE \(BAOC\): APRIL 13](#)

The BAOC heard updates on the Mountain West integration, the March 14 Eastern Interconnection frequency excursion, North American Electric Reliability Corporation standards for BAL-002 and BAL-003, load shed testing, and the discussion on AGC control modes for units supplying regulation. The 2018 EOP Summer Preparedness Workshop followed the BAOC meeting, hosted by SPP staff.

BEST PRACTICES WORKING GROUP (BPWG): APRIL 18

The BPWG reviewed the new antitrust statement, Market Import Service (MIS) over the Miles City HVDC tie, and discussed seams transmission issues. FERC will address the MIS issue following its determination of the service. The BPWG is working to define the best approach to the seams transmission issues before discussion among the various working groups.

CHANGE WORKING GROUP (CWG): APRIL 19

The CWG discussed markets, settlements, transmission congestion rights, CROW and GI engineering studies online submission releases. The group received an overview of the 2018 Integrated Marketplace training events.

FINANCIAL COMMITTEE (FC): APRIL 9

BKD, LLC presented their audit report of SPP's 2107 financial statements. They issued an unqualified audit opinion and did not have any exceptions noted. The committee approved engaging BKD, LLC to audit SPP's 2018 financial statements. New financing in the amount of \$80 million was approved to fund SPP's capital expenditures for the coming five years. The committee will engage the MOPC to move forward with its initiative to recover SPP's costs from those using SPP's market services.

MODEL DEVELOPMENT WORKING GROUP (MDWG): APRIL 5

The MDWG had its charter revisions approved by MOPC.

MARKET WORKING GROUP (MWG): APRIL 16-17

The MWG approved four MWTG revision requests: RR 281 (MWTG DA & RT Energy), RR 282 (MWTG DA & RT Regulation), RR 284 (MWTG Reserve Sharing Group) and RR 286 (MWTG Day-Ahead MWP). SPP staff provided an overview of FERC Order 841 on Energy Storage Resources and SPP's next steps. The group reviewed an additional six proposed MWTG revision requests.

SEAMS STEERING COMMITTEE (SSC): APRIL 4

SPP staff informed the SSC of the effort to update the process for allocating flowgate capacity through the Congestion Management Process. The group continued discussions regarding transmission service along seams. The discussion yielded a commitment to draft governing document revisions by the next SSC meeting for their endorsement. The group participated in the SPP-AECI IPSAC meeting and endorsed the scope for the 2018 SPP-AECI JCSP study.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

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

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