



## THE ORG REPORT: JULY 2018

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A monthly summary of organizational group activities.

### JUNE MEETING SUMMARIES

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#### [AQ IMPROVEMENT TASK FORCE \(AQITF\): JUNE 27](#)

The AQITF met to discuss the preliminary assessment methodology and SPP's updates to RR 262 (AQ Business Practice). The group requested SPP staff evaluate the AQ process sections of the proposed AQ business practice. The AQITF voted and approved RR 262.

#### [BALANCING AUTHORITY OPERATING COMMITTEE \(BAOC\): JUNE 5](#)

The BAOC met to discuss approval for future changes to the RSG operating process and staff gave updates on load-shed testing, the North American Reliability Corporation (NERC) resources subcommittee, the Mountain West effort and NERC standards. Tyler Springer (AEP) joined the group as an alternate member.

#### [BUSINESS PRACTICES WORKING GROUP \(BPWG\): JUNE 13](#)

The BPWG met to approve RR 291 (RR Process Language Modification) and RR 307 (Partial Service Clarification). The group discussed RR 305 (ATT 0 and BP 7060 Clarification) and proposed seams transmission business practices. SPP staff advised the group of a change in the method of handling multiple requests that went into effect June 27, 2018. This change, incorporated in the SPP Open Access Transmission Tariff, will improve the efficiency of TSR queue processing.

#### [CHANGE WORKING GROUP \(CWG\): JUNE 14](#)

The CWG discussed markets, settlements, the ratings submission tool, transmission congestion rights and market-monitoring portal releases. SPP staff gave updates on training, the reliability-communications tool project, the plan to decommission the old SPP OASIS and planned updates to the Standardized Cost Estimation Reporting Template. Staff informed the group of changes to RR 88 (Timing Change for Release of Unscheduled Transmission Service). The release of unscheduled firm transmission service to customers for non-firm availability is changing from noon to 10 a.m.

### [ECONOMIC STUDIES WORKING GROUP \(ESWG\): JUNE 14](#)

The ESWG completed three major milestones in the 2019 Integrated Transmission Planning (ITP) Assessment study: the renewable resource plan was approved March 15, the conventional resource plan was approved May 23 and the siting plan was approved June 14. Each of these milestones are vital to developing the economic model for the ITP study.

### [MODEL DEVELOPMENT WORKING GROUP \(MDWG\): JUNE 7](#)

The MDWG reviewed various seasonal model needs required for SPP planning studies, and they reviewed charter membership. The group approved the model selection list for the 2019 model build. The group discussed and tested the Engineering Data Submission Tool functionality for MDWG data submitters; reviewed and approved data accountability, MOD 32-1 and technical updates; and continued education on the ITP process.

### [MARKET WORKING GROUP \(MWG\): JUNE 12](#)

The MWG approved RR 288 (DVER Dispatch Instruction Rules Clean-up), RR 306 (Multi-day Minimum Run Time), SPP comments as modified and the corresponding impact analysis. SPP staff provided a post-implementation update on RR 254 (Variable Energy Resource Forecast Requirements Enhancement) and an analysis on the effects of converting non-dispatchable variable energy resources to dispatchable variable energy resources. Other topics discussed are detailed in the MWG minutes posted on [SPP.org](http://SPP.org).

### [OPERATING RELIABILITY WORKING GROUP \(ORWG\): JUNE 7](#)

The ORWG held a net conference where three votes were recorded. The consent agenda was approved, which contained RR 307 (Partial Service Clarification). The ORWG approved RR 306 (Multi-day Minimum Run Time) and the May meeting minutes. The ORWG held discussions over the NDVER analysis, GMD unscheduled test, the RC communication tool update, short-term capacity shortage, SPP in the west and RR 309 (Separation of RC Area SOL Methodology from Planning Criteria).

### [RELIABILITY COMPLIANCE WORKING GROUP \(RCWG\): JUNE 7](#)

The RCWG discussed the NERC standards efficiency review project and outreach efforts. The group assigned four members to work with the Transmission Working Group (TWG) to address language for RR 237. The group approved RR 309, which was the operations criteria cleanup for the SOL methodology, and will now be a stand-alone document.

### [SECURITY WORKING GROUP \(SECWG\): JUNE 19](#)

At their most recent meeting, the SECWG was updated on the NERC Critical Infrastructure Protection Committee. The Kansas Fusion Intelligence Center provided an unclassified threat briefing discussing techniques, tactics and procedures for cyber and physical attacks. The group was updated on the Cyber Mutual Assistance program, which creates the framework for proactive and reactive approach to cyber incidents by sharing information and resources, if needed. There

was a panel discussion on multiple organizations' Security Operations Teams and Security Operation Centers (SOCs). Each participant presented on the creation and evolution of their SOC and described the alerting and investigating of cyber and physical incidents. The group also reviewed the 2017 SECWG stakeholder survey.

### *SYSTEM PROTECTION AND CONTROL WORKING GROUP (SPCWG): JUNE*

The SPCWG met to discuss recent updates to the development of the misoperations categorization tool. A sub-team is working to determine needed criteria revisions for section 8. A revision request will be submitted when this work has been finalized. Allen Halling (Kansas City Power & Light) resigned membership due to the merger with Westar. The group will look to fill this vacancy later this year.

### *TRANSMISSION WORKING GROUP (TWG): JUNE 13 & 28*

The TWG met June 13 to discuss the 2018 ITPNT, including approvals made on specific needs. These specifics include the Lawrence Hill transformer and consideration of operations guides to solve the Wolf Creek 345/69-kilovolt (kV) transformer and the Navy – Grand Avenue – Northeast 161-kV line. The TWG voted on these specifics and updates were made to the recommended 2018 ITPNT portfolio, which were ultimately approved. The TWG discussed and approved RR 309 (Separation of RC Area SOL Methodology from Planning Criteria) and the 2018 Annual Flowgate Assessment Report.

The TWG met June 28 to approve the 2018 ITPNT report, RR 314 (ITP Manual Model Build Update) and a sponsored upgrade study for the new Northwestern – Aberdeen 115-kV line.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

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

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