



THE ORG REPORT: AUGUST 2018

A monthly summary of organizational group activities.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND MEMBERS COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY: JULY 31

The board of directors met in Omaha, Nebraska, where they approved the consent agenda and RR 272 (NDVER to DVER Conversion). Nick Brown reported SPP is projecting a year-end over-recovery of 8.4 million dollars due to increased revenues and decreased expenses. The Regional State Committee reported on its recent meeting, when the group approved of the safe harbor criteria from the Cost Allocation Working Group. The board received updates from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the Oversight Committee, the Finance Committee, the Strategic Planning Committee and the Holistic Integrated Tariff Team. The board recognized the last report from the Regional Entity (RE). Nick Brown recognized Ron Ciesiel and thanked him for his 11 years of service to the RE.

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

MOPC held a pre-MOPC educational session to discuss the recovery of SPP revenue requirement with schedule 1A. The group approved a revision request to require non-dispatchable resources to be dispatchable. MOPC voted to approve an additional 14 revision requests, the 2018 Integrated Transmission Planning Near-Term (ITPNT) Assessment and one sponsored upgrade study. The group heard updates from the SPP Generation Interconnection Improvement Task Force, Holistic Integrated Tariff Team, Morgan Transformer Project, Midwest Reliability Organization and the 2019 ITP Activity Report Card. SPP staff updated MOPC on the Jan. 17, 2018, Big Chill and Mountain West Transmission Group effort.

JULY MEETING SUMMARIES

[BUSINESS PRACTICES WORKING GROUP \(BPWG\): JULY 12](#)

The BPWG met to review and approve RR 313 (Seams Transmission Business Practices). The BPWG reviewed the charter, but there were no changes to the charter brought before the group. Transmission-service queue enhancements were discussed as previously approved revision requests were implemented.

[CHANGE WORKING GROUP \(CWG\): JULY 12](#)

The CWG discussed markets, settlements, the credit stacking system, transmission congestion rights and market-monitoring portal releases. The group also reviewed the CWG charter and the stakeholder prioritization process.

[FINANCE COMMITTEE \(FC\): JULY 16](#)

The Finance Committee meeting focused on process improvement and affordability. The committee heard reports from the SPP Human Resources Committee chairman and secretary regarding personnel costs and AEP and Evergy regarding their processes to facilitate and manage continuous improvement efforts.

[MODEL DEVELOPMENT WORKING GROUP \(MDWG\): JULY 12](#)

The MDWG conducted training for data submitters and developed and approved manual language for the bus and short-circuit data format sections of the MDWG manual. The group kicked off the 2019 MDWG power-flow and short-circuit model series build.

[MARKET WORKING GROUP \(MWG\): JULY 10](#)

The MWG approved RR 311 (TCR Final Reference Price Calculation) and approved three sets of revision requests comments: RR 266 (JOU Combined Single Resource Modeling Post Settlement Share Allocation) SPP comments, RR 272 (NDVER to DVER Conversion) AECC comments as modified and RR 272 (NDVER to DVER Conversion) AEP comments. SPP staff provided an update on their response to the 2017 MMU Annual State of the Market report. Other topics discussed are detailed in the MWG minutes posted on SPP.org.

[OPERATING RELIABILITY WORKING GROUP \(ORWG\): JULY 27](#)

The ORWG recorded three votes, approved the consent agenda, which contained RR 307 (Partial Service Clarification), approved RR 306 (Multi-day Minimum Run Time) and the May ORWG meeting minutes. The ORWG discussed the non-dispatchable variable energy resource analysis, the geomagnetic disturbance unscheduled test, a reliability coordination communication tool update, shortage of short-term capacity, a SPP in the west update and RR 309 (Separation of RC Area SOL Methodology from Planning Criteria).

[SEAMS STEERING COMMITTEE \(SSC\): JULY 13](#)

The SSC received an update from SPP staff on the regulatory activities for the Morgan Transformer Project. The group continued discussions on the transmission service along the seams issue, following a request from the Regional Tariff Working Group for SSC input related to comments on RR 308 submitted by SPP staff. The SSC received an update on recent Regional Transfer Operating Committee (RTOC) activities.

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

The TWG discussed multiple items associated with the 2019 ITP Assessment, including the generator outlet facilities (GOFs), identifying additional model updates and the P3 Planning Event schedule for the base reliability model needs assessment. The GOFs were an approval item. The group discussed a draft revision request for the definition of “materially modified” to include consideration of RR 261, which is a clarification on the definition of a sponsored upgrade. The TWG modified the draft language at the request of the Regional Tariff Working Group before they took action on more technical aspects of RR 261.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

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