



THE ORG REPORT: NOVEMBER 2018

A monthly summary of organizational group activities.

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

The board of directors met to discuss the proposed new meeting schedule, designed to reduce the number of meetings. The group heard updates from the Regional State Committee, Oversight Committee, Strategic Planning Committee (SPC), Human Resources Committee, Finance Committee (FC), Markets and Operations Policy Committee (MOPC) and the Holistic Integrated Tariff Team (HITT). The group received a report on the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC).

The group voted to approve the membership termination of Cielo Wind Services, a membership agreement amendment for Mor-Gran-Sou, the 2019 SPP operating plan and the Market Working Group's (MWG) 2018 violation relaxation limits (VRL) analysis. The group approved RR 266 (JOU Combined Single Resource Modeling Post Settlement Share Allocation), RR 288 (DVER Dispatch Instruction Rules Cleanup), RR 316 (MCR Plant and Group Min Down Time Parameter Addition), RR 323 (Order 841 Compliance ESR), RR 318 (Contingency Reserve Requirement Calculation Change), RR 305 (Attachment O and BP 7060 Clarification Change), RR 322 (AFC Load Forecast) and RR 325 (Order 845 Compliance).

The MWG presented RR 272 (Non-Dispatchable Variable Energy Resources (NDVER) to Dispatchable Variable Energy Resources (DVER) Conversion) for a vote, and the board requested the MWG complete additional analysis and bring it before the board at the July 2019 meeting.

The group recognized Jim Eckelberger and Harry Skilton for the leadership they provided during their tenure on the SPP board of directors.

MARKETS AND OPERATIONS POLICY COMMITTEE (MOPC): OCT. 16-17

MOPC held its quarterly meeting with 139 in attendance. MOPC voted to approve 14 revision requests, the 2019 Integrated Transmission Planning (ITP) Scope, five working group charter revisions, the storage white paper and the SPP-MISO Coordinated System Plan enhancements. MOPC heard updates from HITT and Midwest Reliability Organization. SPP staff shared updates on the Jan. 17 Big Chill and the Sept. 15 events, the generator retirement process, the 2019 ITP Activity Report Card and the west reliability coordination update.

OCTOBER MEETING SUMMARIES

[SCHEDULE 1A TASK FORCE \(1ATF\): OCT. 4 & 15](#)

The 1ATF continued its work toward developing a new rate structure to allow SPP to recover its costs of operations from users of SPP's services. The Oct. 4 teleconference focused on fee-structure development and included the review of several SPP-formulated scenarios. Each scenario highlighted distinct variations in potential methodologies for allocating expenses.

During the Oct. 15 meeting, the task force focused on determining which market-billing determinants would be utilized in an energy-based allocation. A majority of the 1ATF prefers a rate structure that uses a mix of demand and energy-based allocations with market costs recovered through energy charges and planning costs recovered through demand charges. Major outstanding issues include the determination of the appropriate mechanism to allocate scheduling and dispatch costs, appropriate treatment of virtual and transmission congestion rights (TCR) transactions and further analysis of costs for specific services.

[BALANCING AUTHORITY OPERATING COMMITTEE \(BAOC\): OCT. 2](#)

The BAOC met to conduct its annual review of BAOC documents, including its charter, operating protocols, emergency operating plan and Attachment AN. SPP staff provided updates on reliability coordination services in the west, North American Energy Reliability Corporation (NERC) balancing authority standards, load-shed testing, reserve sharing group (RSG) process review and the reliability communication tool, R-Comm. The group discussed the System Restoration Task Force charter and NERC Resource subcommittee, Primary Response Task Force and BAL-03 Drafting Team updates. The semiannual Emergency Operations Preparedness Workshop followed the meeting.

[BUSINESS PRACTICES WORKING GROUP \(BPWG\): OCT. 22](#)

The BPWG met to review and approve RR 331 (Interchange Business Practices Cleanup). RR 313 (Seams Transmission) was withdrawn from the October 2018 MOPC meeting. The group reviewed

and approved the 2019 meeting schedule. Details will be posted to spp.org soon. The group canceled the Nov. 8 meeting due to lack of materials.

[CHANGE WORKING GROUP \(CWG\): OCT. 11](#)

The CWG discussed upcoming markets, settlements, transmission congestion rights and standardized cost estimation and reporting template releases. The group received updates on the decommissioning of the old ops portal, control-room operations window upgrade, dynamic line ratings, Citrix upgrade and reliability contract for the west projects.

[FINANCE COMMITTEE \(FC\): OCT. 30](#)

The FC approved SPP's operating and capital budgets for 2019. SPP's net revenue requirement for 2019 is budgeted at \$157.5 million compared to the 2018-budgeted net revenue requirement of \$164.0 million. The year-over-year reduction in net revenue requirement is due to the overrecovery of expenses SPP experienced in 2018. The committee approved an administrative fee of 39.4 cents/megawatt-hour (MWh) for 2019 compared to 42.9 cents/MWh charged in 2018. The reduction in administrative fee is due to the reduction in the net revenue requirement coupled with an expected increase in billing determinants.

[MARKET WORKING GROUP \(MWG\): OCT. 9-10](#)

The MWG approved three revision request comments: RR 266 (JOU Combined Single Resource Modeling Post Settlement Share Allocation) SPP comments, RR 329 (RTBM Offer Submit Timing) Market Monitoring Unit comments and RR 323 (Order 841 Compliance ESR) SPP comments. The MWG approved three revision requests: RR 326 (Miscellaneous Amount Correction), RR 332 (BSS OCL Correction) and RR 333 (FERC Order 831 Settlements Cleanup). SPP staff presented an update on the HITT efforts. Other topics discussed are detailed in the MWG minutes posted on SPP.org.

[OPERATIONS TRAINING WORKING GROUP \(OTWG\): OCT. 25](#)

The OTWG met to finalize plans for the 2019 training events. The proposed content for the 2019 System Operations Conferences was presented, and members provided feedback on the different sessions. All feedback will be incorporated into the design of the conference, and members will hold a walk-through of the entire conference Feb. 20-21, 2019, at the SPP campus in Little Rock. Members were reminded that registration for all reliability training courses opened Nov. 13 in the SPP Learning Center. A marketplace update was provided to members detailing the remaining 2018 work and the planned work for 2019. Members provided feedback on how market releases are tested in their organizations to help plan 2019 market-related training.

[STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE \(SPC\): OCT. 18](#)

The SPC met to discuss and hear updates on generation unit retirements, renewables penetration, HITT and the Affordable Clean Energy rule. The group heard updates on MOPC matters, including budgeting and operation plan discussions, Economic Studies Working Group (ESWG) ITP futures, FERC Order 841 compliance filing, Generator Interconnection Improvement Task Force efforts and

Network Integrated Transmission Service survey efforts. The group voted unanimously to endorse the ESWG recommendation to utilize two futures for the 2020 ITP.

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

SPP staff requested feedback and approval from the SSC on the proposed changes to the SPP-MISO Coordinated System Plan as part of the coordinated effort to enhance the process. The group continued discussions on transmission service along the seams and will be requesting direction from MOPC. The SSC received an update on an energy emergency event that was called by MISO on Sept. 15, during which SPP provided emergency energy assistance.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

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

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