



THE ORG REPORT: FEBRUARY 2019

A monthly summary of organizational group activities.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND MEMBERS COMMITTEE MEETING JAN. 29

The board of directors (BOD) met in New Orleans, Louisiana, with 127 in attendance. The BOD introduced Susan Certoma and Darcy Ortiz and welcomed them to their first meeting with SPP. The group received updates from the Regional State Committee, Oversight Committee, Strategic Planning Committee, Market and Operations Policy Committee and Finance Committee. The board voted to approve the Schedule 1A recommendation of four different methodologies. The group discussed and approved the consent agenda, which included SPP Bylaw revisions, a line of credit renewal recommendation, RR 237 (Planning Criteria Section 5 Cleanup) and the 2019 SPP Transmission Expansion Plan (STEP) report.

MARKET AND OPERATIONS POLICY COMMITTEE (MOPC): JAN. 15

MOPC held its quarterly meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana, with 118 in attendance. In an educational session, MOPC members discussed the Holistic Integrated Tariff Team's review of existing policies. MOPC voted to approve 12 revision requests, a revised 2020 Integrated Transmission Plan (ITP) scope, the Schedule 1A Task Force's proposed structure for schedule 1A fees and a sponsored upgrade study. The group received updates from the Market Working Group, Regional Tariff Working Group, Seams Steering Committee and Midwest Reliability Organization. MOPC received the 2019 and 2020 ITP quarterly report. The group received updates on North American Reliability Corporation and North American Energy Standards Board activities, Regional State Committee and OMS Liaison Committee efforts, west reliability coordination, and the project review and prioritization process. MOPC reviewed and endorsed the STEP report.

JANUARY MEETING SUMMARIES

[BALANCING AUTHORITY OPERATING COMMITTEE \(BAOC\): JAN. 7](#)

The BAOC approved the BAOC charter revision, which changes the chair nomination process. Chair nominations will be forwarded to other working groups for review and approval. The BAOC discussed reserve sharing group process changes and added a new event type. The special multiple contingency event will be used in the hourly calculation of the contingency reserves. The group reviewed results from the North American Reliability Corporation's (NERC) Area Interchange Error Report, which collects data from balancing authorities (BA) to determine where an extended frequency decline may have come from during a four-minute period on July 10, 2018. The report concluded SPP was well within its tolerance band for area control errors (ACE) during that period. The group reviews the balancing authoring ACE limit (BAAL)/control performance standard (CPS) review for 2017 and 2018 that showed the SPP BA was beneath the 30-minute mark for BAAL and within the range for CPS1 during that period. SPP staff provided updates on NERC BA standards, the NERC resource subcommittee, the Primary Frequency Response Task Force, BAL-003 Drafting Team, load-shed testing and the reliability communication tool, R-Comm.

[BUSINESS PRACTICES WORKING GROUP \(BPWG\): JAN. 18](#)

The BPWG reviewed the SPP stakeholder prioritization process and discussed revision requests on the group's Feb. 27 agenda. Items discussed include proposed reduction in the maximum number of identical TSRs submitted at 10 a.m., proposed retirement of business practice 2500 (interim short-term service during extended aggregate study delays) and late firm tag timing restriction removal.

[CHANGE WORKING GROUP \(CWG\): JAN. 23](#)

The CWG discussed upcoming markets, settlements and transmission congestion rights releases. The group received updates on the control room operations window upgrade, the reliability communications tool and changes to the ratings submission tool.

[MARKET WORKING GROUP \(MWG\): JAN. 22-23](#)

The MWG approved the impact assessment for RR 339 (DAMKT Timeline Change) and modified the MWG charter. The group discussed market protocol settlement improvements, revision request impact assessment process improvements, transmission congestion rights/auction revenue rights process improvements, SPP market initiatives, emergency energy to neighboring BAs and the generator retirement process. Other topics discussed are detailed in the MWG minutes posted on SPP.org.

[RELIABILITY COMPLIANCE WORKING GROUP \(RCWG\): JAN. 14](#)

The RCWG reviewed the status of the phasor measurement units (PMU) and RCT projects and discussed a new revision request that would make changes to section 7.2 of the planning criteria.

The group approved RR 339 and endorsed a draft RR to revise section eight of the planning criteria presented by the System Protection and Control Working Group.

[WESTERN RELIABILITY WORKING GROUP \(WRWG\): JAN. 16-17](#)

The WRWG discussed outage coordination methodology, system operating limits (SOL) methodology and reliability data specification. Group members will vote on these issues at the February meeting. Northwest Power Pool and the Southwest Reserve Sharing Group provided an overview of each reserve sharing group. The group discussed tools, communication paths and a training overview for reliability coordination in the west.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

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

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