



THE ORG REPORT: MARCH 2019

A monthly summary of organizational group activities.

FEBRUARY MEETING SUMMARIES

[CHANGING WORKING GROUP \(CWG\): FEB. 21](#)

The CWG discussed upcoming markets, settlements and the engineering data submission tool releases. The group received updates on the control room operations window upgrade, dynamic line ratings, credit management system, reliability communications tool and changes to the ratings submission tool.

[FINANCE COMMITTEE: JAN. 28](#)

The Finance Committee approved the rate-recovery methodology proposed by the SPP 1A Task Force, the renewal of SPP's \$30 million revolving credit facility and the assumptions used to complete the actuarial valuation of the SPP retirement plan. The committee received reports on SPP's 2018 financial results, market indications in the corporate and professional liability insurance markets and a summary of the congestion rights default occurring in the PJM markets.

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

The MDWG discussed the completion and approval of the 2019 power-flow model and short circuit model. The dynamic model was approved for the SPP 2019 TPL dynamic analysis.

[MARKET WORKING GROUP \(MWG\): FEB. 19](#)

The MWG approved RR 346 (Major Maintenance MCR Cleanup) ACES comments 021319, which incorporated SPP comments 021119 and were modified by the MWG. The MWG reviewed the draft revision request modifying day-ahead reliability unit commitment process timing as requested by the MWG during the January meeting. The group provided direction to staff to move forward with posting the RR for working group action. The MWG discussed and approved process improvement proposals related to maintenance of settlement calculations in the market protocols and RR impact assessment cost transparency. Other topics discussed are detailed in the MWG minutes posted on SPP.org.

OPERATIONS TRAINING WORKING GROUP (OTWG): FEB. 20

The OTWG reviewed the results of the 2018 working group effectiveness survey and received reports on reliability training, marketplace training and North American Electric Reliability Corporation initiatives. Following the meeting, members were invited to a walk-through of the content for the 2019 System Operations Conference.

SECURITY WORKING GROUP (SECWG): FEB. 26

At the most recent SECWG meeting, members discussed physical security, cameras and controls. The group reviewed a high-level threat briefing, a presentation of the Threat Operations Center and a presentation of the secure evolvable energy delivery systems (SEEDS) security patch automated remediation tool analyzing the NVD (SPARTAN) vulnerability identification program.

SYSTEM PROTECTION AND CONTROL WORKING GROUP (SPCWG): JAN. 30-31

The SPCWG approved a revision request regarding criteria section 8, which was forwarded to the Reliability Compliance Working Group for review and approval. The group is working on a draft of the regional Under Frequency Load Shedding (UFLS) report. The report is written from the UFLS five-year study.

The SPCWG is working with the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) to develop tools to support requirements in PRC-004, which is a NERC standard for protection system misoperation identification and correction. The group is working with EPRI to develop a protection setting evaluation tool that will assist in protection system coordination verification and fault analysis for PRC-027, which is a NERC standard for coordination of protection system performance during faults.

The SPCWG is completing a paper on protection concerns when an interconnection substation is not installed to allow independent power producer connection. The group will share this paper with the Transmission Working Group when complete.

SEAMS STEERING COMMITTEE (SSC): FEB. 13

The SSC discussed potential revisions to the SPP-MISO joint operating agreement (JOA) related to pseudo-tie coordination, a coordination plan between SPP and ERCOT outlining coordination between the reliability coordinators during emergency conditions and SPP's analysis of potential inefficiencies between the SPP and MISO markets. SPP staff presented updates on the SPP-MISO coordinated system plan process, plans to file JOA revisions with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and stakeholder responses to a feedback request from the SPP RSC/MISO Organization of MISO States Liaison Committee.

TRANSMISSION WORKING GROUP (TWG): FEB. 5

The TWG approved the 2019 Flowgate Assessment scope and the 2020 Integrated Transmission Plan base reliability powerflow models. The group discussed changes to future scheduled meetings. The August meeting will be in Oklahoma City and the November meeting in Little Rock.

[WESTERN RELIABILITY WORKING GROUP \(WRWG\): FEB. 13](#)

The WRWG discussed updates on outage coordination methodology, SOL methodology and reliability data specification. The group approved the outage coordination methodology and reliability data specification with minor amendments. The SOL methodology will be sent back to the Congestion Management and Seams Task Force to address comments and will come back to the WRWG at the next meeting.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

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

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