



THE ORG REPORT: APRIL 2019

A monthly summary of organizational group activities.

MARCH MEETING SUMMARIES

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

The BAOC discussed revisions to the chair nomination process in the BAOC charter. Currently, the Operating Reliability Working Group nominates the chair. If approved, the process will reflect that of the Corporate Governance Committee. The BAOC discussed revisions to the balancing authority (BA) operating protocols to eliminate redundancy in other operational documents. The group discussed RR 338 (Most Severe Single Contingency clarification) and customer outage reporting clarification as it applies to EOP-004-4 (event reporting).

The BAOC discussed the activities of the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) Resources Subcommittee, including the discussions on the Jan. 11, 2019, oscillation event in the Eastern Interconnect. The group discussed the activities of the Primary Frequency Response Task Force and the BAL-003 Drafting Team evaluation of the current approach to determining frequency response. The group discussed the SPP Frequency BAIS adjustment, and a recommendation to change the frequency response bias to -441 is pending approval. The BAOC discussed the SPP control performance. SPP continues to trend well beneath the 30-minute mark for BAAL and well within range for CPS1 (over 100%). The group discussed the load-shed testing activity, in which all 19 entities participated. The requested simulated load-shed amount was 2,500 megawatts (MW) and all entities responded with 2,533 MW. This was a variance of 1.3% from the asking amount.

Immediately following the BAOC meeting, the BA staff hosted the semiannual Emergency Operations Preparedness Workshop.

[BUSINESS PRACTICES WORKING GROUP \(BPWG\): MARCH 21](#)

The BPWG met to review and approve RR 351 (RR Withdrawal Process Update per MOPC Action Item 294). The group discussed RR 354 (Acceptable Market Participant Credit Guarantee) presented by Scott Smith, SPP director of risk management. RR 354 will return as an approval item at the April BPWG meeting.

CREDIT PRACTICES WORKING GROUP (CPWG): MARCH 21

The CPWG voted on and approved RR 354 (Acceptable Credit for Sponsored Upgrades). This RR includes a new business practice that identifies what forms of security are deemed to be reasonable as discussed in Attachment Z1, Section III, part C. It includes tariff language edits to help clarify security provisions in attachments Z1 and J.

CHANGE WORKING GROUP (CWG): MARCH 28

The CWG discussed upcoming markets, settlements, transmission congestion rights, SPP and market monitor portals and the model-on-demand releases. The group received updates on the control room operations window upgrade, reliability communications tool and changes to the credit management system.

ECONOMIC STUDIES WORKING GROUP (ESWG): MARCH 12

The ESWG discussed the 2019 Integrated Transmission Plan (ITP) project grouping methodology and how the Coordinated System Plan (CSP) with MISO would line up with SPP's regional process. The group approved the 2020 ITP renewable policy review and phase one of the resource plan, which adds wind and solar to the model for policy shortfalls.

MARKET WORKING GROUP (MWG): MARCH 4 & 26

During the March 4 meeting, SPP staff provided an education session on the proposed ramp product market design. The MWG reviewed results from analyses SPP staff conducted and settlements examples for the proposed design.

During the March 26 meeting, the MWG approved RR 351 (Withdrawal Process Update per MOPC Action Item 294) and RR 346 (Major Maintenance MCR Cleanup) impact analysis. The MWG tabled action on RR 352 (DA RUC Process Timing) and tabled the Markets and Operations Policy Committee (MOPC) action on RR 339 (DAMKT Timeline Change) until additional research is performed. The MWG reviewed RR 338 (SPP RSG OP MSCC Clarification). The MWG discussed the Market Initiative Roadmap Process design and a proposed initiative to submit forward-looking Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) filings. Other topics discussed are detailed in the MWG minutes posted on SPP.org.

RELIABILITY COMPLIANCE WORKING GROUP (RCWG): MARCH 18

The RCWG reviewed and approved RR 340 (PMU for Generator Interconnection process), RR 352 (Day-Ahead RUC process timing), RR 350 (Revisions to section 8 of the planning criteria) and RR 348 (RDS cleanup), RR 349 (R-Comm Criteria language). The group continued work on the draft revision requirement to modify section 7.2 of the planning criteria.

WESTERN RELIABILITY WORKING GROUP (WRWG): MARCH 19-20

The WRWG approved both the SOL methodology and outage coordination methodology v1.1. The group discussed GridEx V, RDS and EOP standard review, along with an update on activities

occurring in the RC Coordination subgroup. The group discussed the possibility of creating a standard process for modifying and approving changes to governing documents.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

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