



## THE ORG REPORT: JULY 2019

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A monthly summary of organizational group activities.

### JUNE MEETING SUMMARIES

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#### *BALANCING AUTHORITY OPERATING COMMITTEE (BAOC): JUNE 11*

The BAOC discussed the Value and Affordability Task Force's request to examine the efficiency and effectiveness of each working group. The BAOC recommends the Operating Reliability Working Group (ORWG) absorb their responsibilities. The BAOC initially formed because of the need for experienced balancing authorities (BAs) during SPP's transition to serving in a BA role. After serving as a BA for more than five years, that degree of focus is no longer required and many of the BAOC topics and members overlap with the ORWG. Merging these two groups aligns with SPP's efficiency and effectiveness goals. The BAOC workshops will continue regardless of the group's future structure.

The reliability communication (R-Comm) tool is updated and all entities are now connected. Future load-shed testing will occur on the existing 11-week cycle and will use the R-Comm tool.

#### *BUSINESS PRACTICES WORKING GROUP (BPWG): JUNE 20*

The BPWG reviewed and approved RR 363 (Definition of Materials Modification for Existing Transmission). The Transmission Working Group (TWG) reviewed submitted comments for potential inclusion because the BPWG thought the TWG would be better suited to make the decision. The group discussed distributed energy resources for resource adequacy, based on a whitepaper from the Supply Adequacy Working Group. Members will review the group's charter at the August meeting.

#### *CHANGE WORKING GROUP (CWG): JUNE 22*

The CWG discussed upcoming markets, settlements, transmission congestion rights, user authentication and engineering data submission tool releases. The group received updates on upcoming customer training events.

### [MODEL DEVELOPMENT WORKING GROUP \(MDWG\): JUNE 6](#)

MDWG discussed and approved an updated version of the model-on-demand project submission matrix. The MDWG hosted a face-to-face model-building workshop to assist SPP planning model data submitters with developing a comprehensive understanding of model-building practices, model selection, schedules and software tools. The group solicited new membership nominations as part of the MDWG scope revision and will identify new members over the next few weeks.

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

The ORWG approved the May meeting minutes, RR 352 (DA RUC Process Timing), RR 365 (DA Market Timeline Enhancement) and RR 361 (Ramp Capability Products). The group discussed the Holistic Integrated Tariff Team's recommendations, RR 364 (Revise Section 7.2 of the SPP Planning Criteria), real-time assessment during back-up control center transitions, the future of the Balancing Authority Operating Committee and evaluation of planned outages.

### [SECURITY WORKING GROUP \(SECWG\): JUNE 25](#)

The SECWG discussed physical security around flying drone threats and the convergence of information technology and operational technology. The group heard a presentation on partnership with local FBI.

### [WESTERN RELIABILITY WORKING GROUP \(WRWG\): JUNE 11](#)

The WRWG received updates on ongoing activities from each of its three taskforces. The Congestion Management and Seams Task Force provided an update on congestion management methodology progress. The methodology will be included on the agenda for voting action at the July WRWG meeting. The group discussed and approved the appendices to SOL methodology.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

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