

THE ORG REPORT: NOVEMBER 2019

A monthly summary of organizational group activities

BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND MEMBERS COMMITTEE MEETING OCT. 29

During the Oct. 29 meeting, the board approved the consent agenda and heard reports from the Regional State Committee, Oversight Committee and Strategic Planning Committee. The board approved the Human Resources Committee recommendation to offer an optional lump-sum payout option to terminated vested employees. The board approved the 2020 operating and capital budgets and to establish an assessment rate and tariff administrative fee (schedule 1A) of 43 cents/MWh beginning Jan. 1, 2020. The board approved the 2019 Integrated Transmission Plan and associated issuance of all notice to constructs (NTCs). The board approved RR 375 (FERC Order on Fast-Start Pricing). The SPP Market Monitoring Unit (MMU) has identified two potential market design flaws in the revision request, and the board encouraged the MMU to file their comments to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission when SPP submits its compliance filing.

MARKETS AND OPERATIONS POLICY COMMITTEE (MOPC) MEETING: OCT. 15-16

MOPC held a pre-MOPC educational session to discuss the solar effective load carrying capacity. MOPC approved 12 working group scope revisions, 14 revision requests, a sponsored wind upgrade, the RCAR II lessons learned report, the 2018-2019 annual violation relaxation limits analysis, two re-baselined cost estimates for construction of network upgrades, the 2019 Integrated Transmission Planning (ITP) report and recommendations and two 2021 ITP futures.

The group heard updates from the Value and Affordability Task Force, Market Working Group, Regional Tariff Working Group, Transmission Working Group, Economic Studies Working Group, Supply Adequacy Working Group and the Business Practices Working Group. SPP staff provided updates on North American Electric Reliability Corporation and North American Energy Standards Board activities, Regional State Committee and OMS Liaison Committee efforts, conservative operations, the consolidation of working groups, Western Energy Services, behind-the-meter reporting, the Holistic Integrated Tariff Team, stakeholder prioritization and SPP's Roadmap process.

OCTOBER MEETING SUMMARIES

BUSINESS PRACTICES WORKING GROUP: OCT. 23

The BPWG approved RR 369 (PCWG Modification of BP 7060). The group discussed the implementation of SPP tariff Attachment P, footnote 4, which defined the “no earlier than” submission time for certain transmission services. The group unanimously nominated Grant Wilkerson (Evergy Kansas Central) for the position of BPWG chair for the two-year term beginning Jan. 1, 2020.

CHANGE WORKING GROUP (CWG): OCT. 24

The CWG discussed upcoming markets, settlements, transmission congestion rights and control room operations window releases. The group is working to identify testing liaisons for upcoming releases.

FINANCE COMMITTEE (FC): OCT. 14

The FC reviewed and approved the 2020 operating and capital budgets. The administrative fee (schedule 1A) will be 43 cents/MWh beginning Jan. 1, 2020. The group discussed several reforms to SPP’s credit policy. These reforms will be presented to the committee in early 2020.

MARKET WORKING GROUP (MWG): OCT. 22

The MWG approved RR 382 (Multi-Day Minimum Run Time & Clarifications SPP Comments 091719) and the withdrawal of RR 306 (Multi-Day Minimum Run Time). The group discussed the transmission congestion rights counter-flow optimization options, RR 383 mitigation clarification and clean up and potential use of MCR logic for “low coal” operations. Other topics discussed are detailed in the MWG minutes posted on SPP.org.

OPERATIONS TRAINING WORKING GROUP (OTWG): OCT. 17

The OTWG continued work on their strategic plan and received reports on reliability and marketplace training. The group finalized content for the 2020 System Operations Conference (SOC), and the schedule for the development of the 2021 SOC was approved. Members discussed the need to increase the frequency of the load-shed drill and will work with the Operating Reliability Working Group to explore solutions. The group discussed the need to charge a “no-show” or cancellation fee to attendees of instructor-led courses who fail to withdraw from the course in a timely manner. The group will consider a proposal for this fee at its February meeting.

RELIABILITY COMPLIANCE WORKING GROUP (RCWG): OCT. 24

The RCWG discussed planning screening criteria impacts to thermal loadings, NERC and North American Transmission Forum supply chain work, Operations Congestion Management Task Force recommendations, System Restoration Task Force updates, and the MOD 33 unacceptable differences request from SPP. The group received updates on CIP012 activity in preparation for implementation and the January event report and recommendations. The group reviewed the PRC 012 remedial-action-scheme process document and will take action on it at their December meeting.

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE (SPC): OCT. 16

The SPC held a joint meeting with the Value and Affordability Task Force (VATF) to review and endorse the VATF report. After the joint meeting, the SPC held its regular meeting where the committee reviewed the futures for the 2021 ITP studies, the HITT program escalation process, coordination and oversight processes for the SPC, the draft proposals for addressing assigned projects from the HITT program and the adoption of the annual SPC self-assessment. The SPC voted to endorse both the ITP futures and self-assessment report.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

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

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