

THE ORG REPORT: MARCH 2020

A monthly summary of organizational group activities

FEBRUARY MEETING SUMMARIES

BALANCING AUTHORITY OPERATING COMMITTEE (BAOC)

The BAOC did not meet in February, however there have been some developments regarding the future of the group.

The Southwest Power Pool (SPP) legal department drafted a transmittal letter for the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) RR 386 (BAOC Consolidation - Membership Requirement Update) filing. This revision request to change Attachment AN should allow for a seamless transition of the BAOC to the Operating Reliability Working Group. There is no timeframe yet on when this change will occur.

CHANGE WORKING GROUP (CWG): FEB. 20

The CWG discussed upcoming markets, settlements, transmission congestion rights, the control room operations window, market monitoring portal, the market portal, the Message 911 communications tool and SmartQ releases. The group also received an overview of the SPP roadmap process.

MODEL DEVELOPMENT WORKING GROUP (MDWG): FEB. 11

The SPP Dynamic Load Task Force (DLTF) provided the MDWG an update on its recent discussions and topics. The MDWG Dispatch Focus Group discussed current topics and challenges presented for updating the MDWG generation dispatch process. The MDWG started its review and approvals for the 2021 series MDWG model set procedure manual. Procedure manual updates will be processed over the next several months for the upcoming 2021 series MDWG models. The SPP compliance group gave an update on the status of the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) TPL-001-5 standard revision. SPP staff provided an update to the MDWG on the 2021 Integrated Transmission Plan (ITP) generation and load process. The MDWG and SPP staff discussed the challenges and status of the 2020 series MDWG model builds, including upcoming milestones and approvals. The group continues to build MDWG models for a March 2020 approval of the power flow and short circuit models.

MARKET WORKING GROUP (MWG): FEB. 18-19

The MWG approved RR 324 (Technical Meter Protocol Clean-up) SPP comments 100818 as updated on current protocol language. The group discussed the status of the Holistic Integrated Tariff Team (HITT) initiatives appointed to the MWG:

- HITT M1 (Implement Congestion Hedging Improvements)
- HITT R4 (Uncertainty Product).

SPP staff presented training on market-to-market operations. Other topics discussed are detailed in the MWG minutes posted on spp.org.

OPERATING RELIABILITY WORKING GROUP (ORWG): FEB. 6

The ORWG conditionally approved the Crossroads-Sagamore remedial action scheme. The group reviewed the ongoing activities of the primary frequency response task force, system restoration task force and operating congestion task force. The ORWG also discussed RR 373 (Generation Retirement), the Working for Advanced Transmission Technologies Coalition incentive proposal for grid-enhancing technologies, topology optimization and black start resource configuration.

OPERATIONS TRAINING WORKING GROUP (OTWG): FEB. 19

The OTWG continued work on their strategic plan and received reports on reliability training, marketplace training, and eLearning development. Members received updates on NERC credential maintenance changes, the 2020 System Operations Conference (SOC) facilitator needs and reviewed the annual training program evaluation. The majority of the meeting was devoted to brainstorming topics for the 2021 SOC, and each member provided topics for the OTWG to consider for development. The group will continue to evaluate topics and vote to approve a final list for development at their next meeting.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

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

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