

**Southwest Power Pool, Inc.**  
**OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**April 13, 2020**  
**Web Conference Call**

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**Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order/Administrative Items**

Josh Martin called meeting to order at 12:00 PM CST. Members in attendance included: Graham Edwards (Director); Darcy Ortiz (Director), and; Julian Brix (Director). Staff participating on the call included Aaron Shipley, Ben Bright, Chris Cranford, Lanny Nickell, Paul Suskie, and Tessie Kentner.

**Agenda Item 2 – 2020 Independent Expert Panel (IEP) Pool recommendation**

Aaron Shipley reminded the Committee that SPP's Tariff requires the Oversight Committee to annually recommend to the SPP Board for its approval a pool of candidates to serve as industry experts in order to evaluate bid proposals that are received in response to a RFP for competitive transmission projects (IEP Pool Recommendation – Attachment 1 and IEP Combined Summaries – Attachment 2). Aaron described staff's evaluation of the current pool members (consisting of 12 people). He noted the pool members had no changes in qualifications or experience and no significant new information was found that would affect their continued participation. Additionally, staff received five new applicants for the 2020 pool. Each was vetted and discussed. Following these discussions, Graham moved adoption of Staff's recommendation for the Oversight Committee to recommend to the SPP Board that the 12 members of the 2019 industry expert pool be renewed for inclusion in 2020 pool and that new applicants, Brian Van Gheem, Herb Schrayshuen, and Bernie Cevera be approved for inclusion in the 2020 industry expert pool. Darcy Ortiz seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. With the passage of the motion the OC will recommend to the Board this slate of fifteen 2020 IEP candidates.

**Agenda Item 3 – Wolf Creek-Blackberry RFP recommendation**

Lanny Nickell described for the Committee the looming SPP Tariff deadline to issue the Request for Proposal ("RFP") associated with the Board-approved Wolf Creek to Blackberry project (Wolf Creek to Blackberry Memo – Attachment 3). Noting that a portion of the Wolf Creek-Blackberry project is on the Associated Electric Cooperative, Inc. (AECI) transmission system and will be constructed by AECI, Lanny described that absent an agreement first between SPP and AECI, with approval by the FERC, then SPP would face significant risk that millions of dollars would be spent on a Transmission Owner Selection Process (TOSP) that results in nothing. Accordingly, Paul Suskie presented the Committee three options for consideration. Following discussions, Julian moved (and Graham seconded) Staff's recommended option that the Oversight Committee recommend that the SPP Board Suspend the Wolf Creek – Blackberry 345 kV project in order to avoid any further unnecessary at-risk expenses associated with the TOSP, pending satisfactory pursuit of negotiations with AECI and FERC approval of the associated SPP-AECI Agreement. Upon FERC approval of the SPP-AECI Agreement, the project will again be considered approved by the Board for construction. The motion passed unanimously.

**Agenda Item 4 – Action Items**

Staff will prepare the Oversight Committee's recommendations for submittal to the SPP Board.

**Adjournment**

Josh Martin adjourned the conference call at 1:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Desselle