

# THE ORG REPORT: JULY 2020

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A monthly summary of organizational group activities

## JUNE MEETING SUMMARIES

### BUSINESS PRACTICES WORKING GROUP (BPWG): JUNE 18

The BPWG reviewed and approved RR 373 (Generation Retirement) and RR 404 (Distributed Energy Resources). The Markets and Operations Policy Committee (MOPC) reorganization proposal was also reviewed. The proposal calls for the retirement of the BPWG. This proposal is scheduled to go before MOPC for approval at their July 15 meeting. The group decided to await the MOPC decision before deciding the timing of said retirement.

### CHANGE WORKING GROUP (CWG): JUNE 18

The CWG discussed upcoming markets and settlements releases. The group received updates on the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Order 841 program, ICCP server addition, Message 911 communication tool replacement, RR 407 and system change process impacts.

### ECONOMIC STUDIES WORKING GROUP (ESWG): JUNE 10-11

The ESWG approved the Holistic Integrated Tariff Team (HITT) T5 recommendation (Benefit-to-cost ratio for economic projects). Based on assumptions in the current integrated transmission planning process, the benefit-to-cost ratio for economic projects should remain at 1.0. The group determined it should revisit this topic if significant changes are made to assumptions impacting the benefit-to-cost ratio.

### GENERATOR OUTAGE TASK FORCE (GOTF): JUNE 22

The GOTF continued its work with Southwest Power Pool (SPP) staff to review the current SPP outage criteria and generation assessment process. The review is looking for areas of potential improvement and better collaboration. Task force members presented findings on neighboring regional transmission organization outage scheduling practices and cycling impacts at specific locations. The SPP Market Monitoring Unit presented recommended changes to SPP outage criteria and tariff attachment AA.

The task force will meet in July to discuss a white paper on group findings and recommendations to improve outage scheduling processes.

#### MARKET WORKING GROUP (MWG): JUNE 16-17

The MWG approved two revision requests: RR 407 (Market and system change process clarification) and RR 411 (Schedule 1-A TCR settlements correction). The group approved three HITT R1 (Study ERS and ORS) reports: reactive and voltage supply, primary frequency response and inertia and flexible capacity supply. The MWG discussed alternate approaches for HITT M1 (Implement congestion hedging improvements) and three newly proposed strategic market initiatives: SIR 51 (Dynamic scheduling), SIR 52 (Ramp rate limits) and SIR 53 (Cost allocation). Other topics the group discussed are detailed in the MWG minutes posted on SPP.org.

#### MODEL DEVELOPMENT WORKING GROUP (MDWG): JUNE 11

The MDWG reviewed the SPP organization update for working groups as presented at the recent MOPC meeting. The group approved the 2021 series MDWG powerflow and short-circuit schedule and model selection and continued work on the 2020 series MDWG dynamic models. The group continued its review of the MDWG manual for the upcoming 2021 series MDWG powerflow model build, and approved refined shunt modeling requirements. The MDWG updated data submission coordination language and created geomagnetic disturbance data requirements.

#### OPERATIONS TRAINING WORKING GROUP (OTWG): JUNE 4

The OTWG met to discuss the proposed reorganization of working groups that report to MOPC. Members received an overview of the proposal, heard details about the proposed Operations Training User Group and asked questions of MOPC Staff Secretary Lanny Nickell.

#### WESTERN MARKETS WORKING GROUP (WMWG): JUNE 15

The WMWG discussed follow-up questions from the its agenda (May WMWG market design education on scheduling and native load hedging. SPP staff provided an overview of key processes and mechanisms specific to shared system changes and a brief update of the Western Energy Imbalance Service (WEIS) market trials. Other topics discussed are detailed in the WMWG minutes posted on SPP.org.

#### WESTERN RELIABILITY WORKING GROUP (WRWG): JUNE 2

The WRWG conducted an ad hoc meeting to stand up a task force that would focus on markets in the Western Interconnection. The group decided the task force would be named the Market Integration Task Force (MITF). Under the WRWG, the MITF will review interactions between SPP reliability coordination (RC) and SPP WEIS operations to determine potential impacts, propose appropriate changes to the RC congestion management methodology, educate and ensure procedural changes positively impact reliability while taking into consideration both WEIS and non-WEIS participants. The MITF will remain active until dissolved by the WRWG at the

completion of the scope of its activities and/or the onset of WEIS and energy imbalance market within the SPP RC West footprint.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

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