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HITT UPDATES

At its July 28 meeting, Southwest Power Pool's (SPP) board of directors discussed and approved four recommendations of the Holistic Integrated Tariff Team (HITT):

- **R1** – Staff Report on ERS & ORS
- **R3** – Implement Market Enhancements (RR 402)
- **T5** - Evaluate B/C Ratios for Economic Upgrades
- **C2** – CAWG White Paper on Byway Review Process

As of Aug. 1, 2020, the board has approved eight of the 21 recommendations from the [HITT report](#). At the July meeting, the Markets and Operations Policy Committee (MOPC) directed the Market Working Group (MWG) to begin working on R2 – ERS/ORS Compensation Model.

REVISION REQUEST (RR) UPDATES

[SPP RR Process](#) | [Open RR](#) | [Closed RR](#)

Organizational groups addressed the following revision requests (RR):

- **RR 373** (Generator Requirement) – approved by the Regional State Committee (RSC)
- **RR 404** (Distributed Energy Resource) – approved by the RSC
- **RR 415** (BP 7060 – Clean-up) – approved by the Business Practices Working Group
- **WRR3** (WEIS Protocol Alignment) – modified by the Western Markets Working Group

MOPC approved the following RRs:

- **RR 373** (Generation retirement process)
- **RR 390** (Remove net dependable capacity from Attachment F)
- **RR 402** (HITT R3 – FSRs – enhanced IDRUC)
- **RR 404** (Distributed energy resources for resource adequacy)
- **RR 406** (JOU settlements clean-up)
- **RR 407** (Market and system change process clarification)
- **RR 408** (Appendix A credit application enhancement)
- **RR 409** (Enhancement of minimum capitalization requirements)
- **RR 410** (Minimum TCR portfolio collateral requirement enhancement)
- **RR 411** (Schedule 1-A TCR settlements correction)

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) approved RR 361 (Ramp Capability Product), and issued compliance orders for RR 323 (Order 841 Compliance ESR) and RR 375 (FERC Order on Fast-Start Pricing).

DIRECTORS AND MEMBERS

BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND MEMBERS COMMITTEE

July 28, 2020 | [BOD/MC Meeting Materials](#)

SPP's board and members approved the consent agenda, including the 2021 Operating Plan, committee nomination, withdrawal request, engagement of auditors, RR 404, two out-of-cycle reevaluations for notice to construct and a cost reduction for the Multi-Kummer Ridge-Roundup project. The board and members approved a recommendation to resolve weighting of futures in the 2021 Integrated Transmission Plan. The board discussed and approved four recommendations from the HITT; R1, R3, T5 and C2; and heard an update on the Strategic Planning Committee's efforts on M1 – Congestion Hedging.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE (CGC)

No meeting in July | [CGC Meeting Materials](#)

SPP's board approved recommendations from the CGC's June meeting: a Human Resources Committee nomination and a withdrawal obligations request by East Texas Electric Cooperative.

FINANCE COMMITTEE (FC)

July 13, 2020 | [FC Meeting Materials](#)

The committee approved the 2021 Operating Plan, which documents SPP's expected work in 2021 and is the basis for SPP's 2021 operating and capital budgets. The committee completed a request-for-proposal process for auditors, resulting in the retention of all incumbent audit firms.

Action items: the committee scheduled an Aug. 8 meeting for a vote on Schedule 1A policy.

HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE (HRC)

July 10, 2020 and July 27, 2020 | [HRC Meeting Materials](#)

The committee received updates on partial termination of the post-retirement medical plan, HR response to the COVID-19 pandemic and HR metrics. The committee discussed and approved executive compensation matters.

Roster updates: The board approved Joe Lang's (Omaha Public Power District) nomination.

OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (OC)

July 27, 2020 | [OC Meeting Materials](#)

The OC reviewed the proposed budget for the Market Monitoring Unit (MMU) and heard updates on security, market performance, deficiency response and a market power study for SPP's Western Energy Imbalance Services (WEIS). The committee discussed audit plans and reviewed an action conducted by email to extend the industry expert panel (IEP) study period.

Action items: SPP's IT staff will provide requested information to the OC. Staff will draft a modification to the OC scope and include physical security agenda briefings at future meetings.

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE (SPC)

July 13, 2020 | [SPC Meeting Materials](#)

The SPC heard updates on the MOPC, long-term planning and the Strategic Market Roadmap. Staff presented HITT R1, R3b-2 and T5 for consideration. The SPC approved all three, subject to MOPC concurrence. The committee heard updates on HITT C2 and M1.

Action items: SPP staff will provide an education session for SPC and board members on future planning challenges and proposals to address HITT M1 before the next SPC meeting.

MARKETS AND OPERATIONS

MARKETS AND OPERATIONS POLICY COMMITTEE (MOPC)

July 15-16, 2020 | [MOPC Meeting Materials](#)

MOPC voted to approve or endorse 10 revision requests, a sponsored upgrade, HITT R1 study reports, the 2020 Strategic Market Roadmap and the MOPC reorganization plan. The committee did not approve the 2021 Integrated Transmission Plan's (ITP) consolidating methodology and sent the issue to the board of directors.

Action items: MOPC sent point-to-point transmission service revenue allocation to the Regional Tariff Working Group and directed the MWG to start HITT R2.

BUSINESS PRACTICES WORKING GROUP (BPWG)

July 29, 2020 | [BPWG Meeting Materials](#)

The BPWG approved RR 415 (BP 7060 – Clean-up). After MOPC’s endorsement of the MOPC organizational group reorganization plan in July, the BPWG decided to cease operations.

Action items: Upon approval by the CGC, the BPWG will be officially retired as of July 2020.

CHANGE WORKING GROUP (CWG)

July 23, 2020 | [CWG Meeting Materials](#)

The CWG discussed markets, settlements and transmission congestion rights releases. The group received updates on upgrades to the transmission and generation information tracking / standardized cost estimation reporting tool (TAGIT/SCERT) and the ratings submission tool enhancements project.

ECONOMIC STUDIES WORKING GROUP (ESWG)

July 9-10, 2020 and July 29, 2020 | [ESWG Meeting Materials](#)

The ESWG concurred that HITT C2 does not impact or change the ITP process and reviewed presentations for 2022 ITP scope and 20-year scope.

GENERATOR OUTAGE TASK FORCE (GOTF)

July 24, 2020 | [GOTF Meeting Materials](#)

The task force began work on a white paper of recommendations to improve outage scheduling. The GOTF is working to formalize a proposal from American Electric Power (AEP) to revise SPP’s outage coordination methodology. Staff gave a presentation on emergency max limitations. The GOTF evaluated trends in market participant and member generator outage scheduling.

MODEL DEVELOPMENT WORKING GROUP (MDWG)

July 9, 2020 | [MDWG Meeting Materials](#)

The group discussed release and coordination of version 2.5 of the engineering data submission tool (EDST), the 2021 series MDWG powerflow and short-circuit models and 2020 series MDWG dynamic model-build updates. The MDWG reviewed and approved manual revisions for data

quality assurance and updates to model-on-demand (MOD) matrix.

Roster updates: Jerad Ethridge (Oklahoma Gas & Electric) was approved to fill the midterm chair vacancy, and Dustin Betz (Nebraska Public Power District) approved to join as a member.

MARKET WORKING GROUP (MWG)

July 7, 2020, July 21-22, 2020 and July 30, 2020 | [MWG Meeting Materials](#)

In July, the group discussed HITT M1. A vote to endorse OGE's M1 proposal failed, and the group requested additional information for future consideration. The MWG received updates on HITT R4, HITT M2, RR 414, FERC, transmission congestion rights and the Strategic Initiative Roadmap. The group also heard SPP and Market Monitoring Unit presentations on the marketplace.

Action items: SPP staff will present an overview of all potential HITT M1 designs. Staff will perform analysis on HITT M2 for discussion and will update the MWG on a review of a potential seasonal congestion hedging auction process.

SYSTEM PROTECTION AND CONTROL WORKING GROUP (SPCWG)

July 22-23, 2020 | [SPCWG Meeting Materials](#)

The group discussed MRO updates, the delay of the "R-Line" project, the Under Frequency Load Shedding (UFLS) plan, transmission design standards and the Three Terminal White Line paper. The SPCWG approved a concept for Thunderhead RAS with contingencies, a request for UFLS entity removal and the UFLS plan.

Action items: SPP staff will organize an ad hoc meeting on Thunderhead RAS before the October 2020 SPCWG meeting.

REGIONAL STATE COMMITTEE

REGIONAL STATE COMMITTEE (RSC)

July 27, 2020 | [RSC Meeting Materials](#)

The RSC held an educational session July 27. During its business meeting, the committee approved the 2019 SPP RSC Audit Report as presented. The committee discussed and voted to approve three items from the CAWG report: HITT C2 (Byway Facility Cost Allocation White Paper), RR 373 (Generator Requirement) and RR 404 (Distributed Energy Resource).

Roster updates: Andrew French was appointed to the Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC) June 12, 2020, and replaced outgoing KCC commissioner Shari Albrecht on the RSC.

WESTERN REGION

ENHANCED CURTAILMENT CALCULATOR WG (ECCWG)

July 31, 2020 | [ECCWG Meeting Materials](#)

The ECCWG heard an update on competing path logic and discussed curtailment methodology, alarming during model uploads and an update on 95% ECC messages.

Action items: The group will vote by email on the 95% CO and follow-up with OATI on competing path and curtailment methodology. The ECCWG will meet again in September.

QUALIFIED OWNERS AND OPERATORS (QOO)

No meeting in July | [QOO Meeting Materials](#)

Action items: The QOO will discuss an open position and Plan Year 25 pricing in August.

WESTERN MARKETS WORKING GROUP (WMWG)

July 20, 2020 | [WMWG Meeting Materials](#)

The group approved a modification of the WMWG scope and WRR 3 (WEIS Protocol Alignment). The WMWG discussed WRR 2 (WEIS Market and System Change Process Clarification for the West) and WRR 1 (Weighted Average LMPs in Calculation of WEIS Settlement Quantities). SPP staff provided a market design education session about the WEIS real-time balancing market.

WESTERN RELIABILITY WORKING GROUP (WRWG)

July 14-15, 2020 | [WRWG Meeting Materials](#)

The WRWG discussed the development of the Market Integration Task Force, compliance, metrics and guidelines. The group received updates on the ECCWG, process and tool enhancements, customer training, pending actions and future topics. The WRWG approved the ratings submission tool emergency timing requirement enhancement.

Action items: In September, the Monitored Element Methodology Strike Team will provide an update, and the group will discuss geomagnetic disturbance notifications and expected actions.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

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

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