



Southwest Power Pool, Inc.
TRANSMISSION WORKING GROUP MEETING
June 2, 2020
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SUMMARY OF MOTIONS AND APPROVALS

- Approved **2021 TPL-001-4 Assessment Scope**

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MINUTES

AGENDA ITEM 1 – ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Transmission Working Group (TWG) Chair Nathan McNeil, Midwest Energy, Inc., called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. The following members were in attendance or represented by proxy:

Derek Brown (Vice Chairman), KCP&L and Westar, Evergy Companies
John Boshears, City Utilities of Springfield Missouri
Scott Benson, Lincoln Electric Systems
Jarred Cooley, Xcel Energy
Clifford Franklin, Sunflower Electric Power Corporation
Kalun Kelley, Western Farmers
Joe Fultz, Grand River Dam Authority
James Ging, Kansas Power Pool
Joshua Verzal, Omaha Public Power District
Steve Hardebeck, OG&E
Chris Pink, Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc.
Shane McMinn, Golden Spread Electric Cooperative
Michael Mueller, Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corporation

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John Knofczynski, East River Electric Power Cooperative
Randy Lindstrom, Nebraska Public Power District
Jim McAvoy, Oklahoma Municipal Power Authority
Matt McGee, American Electric Power
Michael Wegner, ITC Holdings
Nate Morris, Empire District Electric Company
John Payne, Kansas Electric Power Cooperative
Jason Shook, GDS Associates
Phil Westby, Basin Electric Power Cooperative
Noman Williams, GridLiance High Plains LLC
Gayle Nansel, WAPA

Adam Bell (SPP) confirmed there was a quorum and provided the antitrust statement. Nathan McNeil reviewed the agenda for any changes.

AGENDA ITEM 2 – OPERATIONAL GUIDE POLICY

Joshua Pilgrim, SPP Staff, provided the TWG a presentation outlining some new proposals related to developing policy around the application of operating guides. Mr. Pilgrim stated that this was last discussed at the group in 2019 and, while progress was made, no policy was ever approved. Differing proposals were discussed by stakeholders attending the meeting. SPP staff committed to bringing back a new approach based on the discussion. (Attachment 02 – Operational Guides)

AGENDA ITEM 3 – 2021 TPL-001-4 ASSESSMENT SCOPE (APPROVAL ITEM)

Melanie Hill, SPP Staff, provided an updated redline of the 2021 TPL-001-4 assessment scope that was discussed at a previous TWG meeting. Mrs. Hill stepped through the revisions focusing on the previous points of contention. A few minor edits were made during the meeting. (Attachment 03 – 2021 TPL-001-4 Assessment Scope)

Motion: Derek Brown (Eversource) made a motion to approve the TPL Scope as displayed during the meeting. Jarred Cooley (Xcel) seconded the motion. The motion passed with one opposition, Cliff Franklin (Sunflower).

AGENDA ITEM 4 – NEDTF / HITT T1

Derek Brown (Eversource) provided an update to the TWG on the efforts of the NRIS, ERIS, and Deliverability Task Force. Mr. Brown specifically focused on work related to the HITT initiative partially assigned to the TWG. (Attachment 04 – NEDTF / HITT T1 Update)

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AGENDA ITEM 5 – AQITF / HITT T3

Jason Davis, SPP Staff, informed the group of recent activity regarding HITT Transmission Planning Initiative 3. Mr. Davis made the group aware of future scheduled AQITF meetings. (Attachment 05 – HITT T3 / AQITF Update)

AGENDA ITEM 6 – 2020 ITP SCHEDULE UPDATE

Dara Solomon, SPP Staff, provided the group with an update on the ongoing 2020 ITP and some of the schedule set backs experienced by staff. Mrs. Solomon and other SPP staff on the call noted if any further delays are experienced, stakeholders will be notified. (Attachment 06 – 2020 ITP Schedule)

AGENDA ITEM 7 – TRANSMISSION OWNER (TO) PROJECT EVALUATION

Michael Odom, SPP Staff, presented the group a brief update on the proposed new TO Project Evaluation Process or Zonal Upgrade Study Process. Mr. Odom recapped feedback provided at the last meeting and outlined next steps with the effort will include a staff developed whitepaper. (Attachment 07 – TO Project Evaluation)

AGENDA ITEM 8 – ORGANIZATIONAL GROUP APPROVALS

Liz Gephardt, SPP Staff, presented the group a new proposal regarding how decisions are made and approved within the ITP process. The new proposal would address issues where no direction is provided by the MOPC. The TWG group voiced a lot of concern with the proposal. SPP staff noted the feedback and will discuss internally the appropriate next steps. (Attachment 08 – Org Group Approvals)

AGENDA ITEM 9 – 2021 GENERATOR OUTLET FACILITIES (GOF)

Brooke Keene, SPP Staff, provided the group an update of GOF facilities being considered in the 2021 ITP.

AGENDA ITEM 10 – RR:373 GENERATOR RETIREMENT UPDATE

Due to time constraints this item was not covered, but it was noted this will be up for approval at the July TWG meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 11 – ACTION ITEMS, FUTURE MEETINGS, AND IMPORTANT DATES

Adam Bell (SPP) reviewed the action items and future meetings.

With no new business Nathan McNeil, Midwest Energy, Inc., adjourned the meeting at 12:00pm.



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