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HITT UPDATES

In October, the Market Working Group (MWG) approved two recommendations of the Holistic Integrated Tariff Team (HITT):

- **M4** – Study Economic Evaluations of Reliability
- **S3:E2** – Storage White Paper: Develop Process for Modeling and Controlling Electronic Storage Resources (ESR) - Hybrid Resource Modeling Options (ESR and ESR Phase 2)

The Supply Adequacy Working Group (SAWG) approved the SAWG/Operating Reliability Working Group (ORWG) **HITT Items C1, 2 and 3** white paper. The item will go to the Markets and Operations Policy Committee (MOPC) during the October meeting.

As of Aug. 1, the board approved eight of the 21 recommendations from the [HITT report](#). At the July meeting, the MOPC directed the 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 413** (Staff's Recommendation on Revisions to Schedule 1-A Tariff Administration Services) – approved by the board of directors and Members Committee.
- **RR 416** (Revision Request Process Update) approved by the Economic Studies Working Group (ESWG) and MWG.
- **RR 425** (Order 841 ESR Settlements Correction) approved by MWG.
- **RR 427** (Detailed Project Proposal Requirements Reduction) approved by the ESWG.

Western groups addressed the following Western Energy Services RR (WRR):

- **WRR 1** (Weighted Average LMPs in Calculation of WEIS Settlement Quantities) – revisions discussed by the Western Markets Working Group (WMWG) with no action.
- **WRR 10** (OOME, Outage and DVER Effective Max Update) discussed by WMWG with planned action during the October meeting.
- **WRR 11** (WEIS Tariff and Protocol Clean-up) discussed by WMWG with planned action during the October meeting.

DIRECTORS AND MEMBERS

BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND MEMBERS COMMITTEE

Sept. 22, 2020 | [BOD/MC Meeting Materials](#)

The board and committee held a special meeting Sept. 22. Staff presented a recommendation for the formation of the Strategic and Creative Re-engineering of Integrated Planning Team (SCRIPT). Members of the SCRIPT come from the Strategic Planning Committee, Members Committee, Regional State Committee and SPP's board of directors. The SCRIPT will work from October 2020 through October 2021 to develop recommendations for more consolidated and efficient transmission planning processes and improved cost sharing.

The board and committee heard and approved a recommendation by staff and the Western Markets Executive Committee (WMEC) for revisions to the Western Energy Imbalance Services (WEIS) Tariff and to authorize SPP to refile the WEIS Tariff, the Western Joint Dispatch Agreement and the WMEC charter at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), with an effective date of Feb. 1, 2021. The board and committee also approved RR 413 and the staff recommendation of the Wolf Creek-to-Blackberry project.

The annual meeting of members and board of directors and Members Committee Meeting will be held by net conference Oct. 27, 2020. [Register here.](#)

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE (CGC)

Sept. 2, 2020 | [CGC Meeting Materials](#)

The CGC met to discuss election procedures, bylaws, committee member terms and nominees. The committee modified and agreed to vote by mail on the election process document.

The CGC heard approved staff recommendations for modified withdrawal obligation language, modifications to bylaws related to MOPC reorganization and modifications to bylaws to add seats to the Finance and Human Resources Committees. The CGC also approved nominations from the Members Committee, Finance Committee and the Human Resource Committee for vacancies and expiring terms as of Dec. 31, 2020.

Action items: Members voted by mail for the modified election process document. The CGC will meet again Nov. 12, 2020.

FINANCE COMMITTEE (FC)

No meeting in September | [FC Meeting Materials](#)

Action items: Staff will prepare models of the potential financial impact of funding the majority of capital expenditures through revenues in a given year. The committee will meet Oct. 12, 2020.

HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE (HRC)

No meeting in September | [HRC Meeting Materials](#)

Action items: The Human Resources Committee will meet again Oct. 26, 2020.

OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (OC)

No meeting in September | [OC Meeting Materials](#)

Action items: Staff will draft a modification to OC scope and include physical security agenda briefings at future meetings. The committee will meet in executive session Oct. 26, 2020.

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE (SPC)

Sept. 16 (M1 Education) and Sept. 24-25, 2020 (SPC Retreat) | [SPC Meeting Materials](#)

The SPC hosted an education workshop on the HITT M1 recommendation SPP improve the process for auction revenue rights (ARR) and transmission congestion rights (TCR). The MWG was unable to reach consensus on a revision proposal. The SPC will evaluate strategic options for HITT M1. The SPC formed the Electric Storage Resource Task Force to make a policy recommendation for storage devices sited for transmission purposes be used as energy and capacity resources. The SPC also had its annual retreat. This two-day retreat was attended by the board, Members Committee, officers and Regional State Committee leadership. The committee discussed SPP's mission, vision, value propositions, 2025 aspirations, strategic initiatives and the development of the new SPP Strategic Plan.

Roster changes: After many years of service, John Olsen (Evergy) retired from service on SPP organizational groups, effective Oct. 1.

Action items: In October, the SPC will continue work on SPP's new Strategic Plan, transmission planning and HITT M1.

MARKETS AND OPERATIONS

MARKETS AND OPERATIONS POLICY COMMITTEE (MOPC)

No meeting in September | [MOPC Meeting Materials](#)

Roster changes: John Olsen (Evergy) retired from MOPC service, effective Oct. 1.

Action items: The Network Resource Interconnection Service (NRIS), Energy Resource Interconnection Service (ERIS) and Deliverability Task Force (NEDTF) will finalize its white paper and coordinate with working group to present final recommendations to MOPC at its Oct. 13-14 meeting. [Register here](#).

CHANGE WORKING GROUP (CWG)

Sept. 17, 2020 | [CWG Meeting Materials](#)

The CWG discussed upcoming markets, settlements and transmission congestion rights releases. The group received updates on the transmission and generation information tracking/standardized cost-estimation reporting tool (TAGIT/SCERT) upgrade, FERC order 841 , control room operations window (CROW) system, and the inter-control center communications protocol (ICCP) tool upgrade projects.

Roster changes: Justin Friedman will replace Andrea Reordan representing Tenaska Power Services on the CWG. Brian McArdel will replace Nico Ciccone representing NextEra Energy.

Action items: SPP is undertaking a review of outage notification protocols. SPP's emergency communications handbook will be updated to include process and notification improvements. The CWG will meet again Oct. 22, 2020.

ECONOMIC STUDIES WORKING GROUP (ESWG)

Sept. 2 and Sept. 24, 2020 | [ESWG Meeting Materials](#)

The ESWG approved RR 416, RR 427, must run status identification criteria for the 2022 Integrated Transmission Plan (ITP) and 2022 20-year assessment scopes, fossil fuel retirement criteria for 2022 ITP, completion of 2020 ITP Sensitivity Analysis and 2022 ITP storage, solar, and wind totals for both futures. The group endorsed staff's technical work to develop a 2020 ITP portfolio of recommended projects for consideration by MOPC and the board.

Roster changes: John Olsen (Evergy) and Warren Whitson (Southern) retired from the ESWG.

Action items: The ESWG will meet again Nov. 4, 2020.

GENERATOR OUTAGE TASK FORCE (GOTF)

Sept. 22, 2020 | [GOTF Meeting Materials](#)

The GOTF formally endorsed changes to the SPP outage coordination methodology as it relates to generation outage scheduling, which will go to ORWG for acceptance and approval. Staff educated members on sections of the tariff that relate to generation outage scheduling.

Action items: The GOTF continues to work on the white paper to present to MOPC detailing the group's work and findings. The GOTF will meet again Oct. 19, 2020.

MODEL DEVELOPMENT WORKING GROUP (MDWG)

Sept. 10, 2020 | [MDWG Meeting Materials](#)

The MDWG discussed and approved the Model Development Advisory Group (MDAG). The MDWG discussed statuses of the current 2021 series MDWG powerflow and short-circuit model builds. The group discussed the current process of assigning and requesting bus number allocation amongst various entities. The group recommended restructuring of its informal focus groups to gain efficiencies. MDWG continued work on providing feedback for the engineering data submission tool (EDST) version 2.6 release schedule and version 2.7 enhancement list.

Action items: The MDWG will meet Oct. 22 to discuss the 2021 series MDWG powerflow and short-circuit model builds, plan for 2021 and work on the model reduction plan.

MARKET WORKING GROUP (MWG)

Sept. 15-16, 2020 | [MWG Meeting Materials](#)

The MWG approved two revision requests: RR 416 and RR 425. The group also approved modifications to the MWG scope as directed by the MOPC and HITT initiatives M4 (Study Economic Evaluations of Reliability) and S3:E2 (ESRs and ESR Phase 2).

Action items: Staff will coordinate with the Operating Reliability Working Group (ORWG) and Regional Tariff Working Group (RTWG) to determine if those groups believe the transmission operator should be included in RR 425 (Order 841 ESR Settlements Correction). The MWG will review the results six months after implementation of the multi-day forecast and determine the

feasibility of (a) a multi-day energy market; (b) a multi-day product; or (c) something else which may include no further action. With this, the HITT item should be closed. The MWG will meet again Oct. 20, 2020.

OPERATIONS TRAINING WORKING GROUP (OTWG)

Sept. 10, 2020 | [OTWG Meeting Materials](#)

The OTWG met virtually to prepare to transition to the Operations Training User Group (OTUG). Members approved the OTUG scope statement, elected an OTUG vice chair, recommended an OTUG chair to the Corporate Governance Committee (CGC) and approved OTUG meeting dates.

Members developed topics for the 2022 System Operations Conferences (SOC) and reviewed draft objectives from each topic group. Members received guidance from SPP staff on how to complete their work in preparation for handoff for development.

Roster changes: Michael Gaunder (OKGE) was elected vice chair of the OTUG. The OTWG recommended Russell Moore (City Utilities of Springfield) to the CGC to serve as OTUG chair.

Action items: SPP staff will develop materials to aid SOC topic development groups responsible for submitting topics by Nov. 19. SPP staff will update the 2021 training calendar to add SOC locations and OTUG meeting dates. The OTWG will meet for a final time, Oct. 22, 2020.

SECURITY WORKING GROUP (SECWG)

Sept. 22, 2020 | [SECWG Meeting Materials](#)

The SECWG held its quarterly meeting via WebEx. The group conducted its annual review of the SECWG scope and approved a revised scope that includes the group's transition from a working group to an advisory group. The group conducted a lengthy "pens down" roundtable discussion in executive session.

Roster changes: Jacob McClanahan (City Utilities of Springfield) joined the SECWG.

Action items: The SECWG will meet again Dec. 15, 2020.

SUPPLY ADEQUACY WORKING GROUP (SAWG)

Sept. 23, 2020 | [SAWG Meeting Materials](#)

The SAWG discussed voted to approve the scope for resource adequacy as part of the MOPC reorganization and the SAWG/ORWG HITT Items C1, 2 and 3 white paper. Both items will be

sent to MOPC for consideration during the October meeting. The SAWG discussed hybrid effective load-carrying capacity. The group heard updates on RR 418, 2020 Deliverability Study results, the engineering data submission tool 2.6, NRIS, ERIS and Deliverability Task Force (NEDTF) and the Generator Testing Task Force.

Action items: The SAWG will meet again Oct. 29, 2020.

SYSTEM PROTECTION AND CONTROL WORKING GROUP (SPCWG)

No meeting in September | [SPCWG Meeting Materials](#)

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)

No meeting in September | [RSC Meeting Materials](#)

Action items: The RSC will hold an education session and its regular meeting Oct. 16, 2020.

WESTERN REGION

ENHANCED CURTAILMENT CALCULATOR WORKING GROUP (ECCWG)

Sept. 21, 2020 | [ECCWG Meeting Materials](#)

The group heard updates on the Sept. 9 executive committee meeting and draft curtailment methodology. The ECCWG postponed discussion of other strategic items.

Action items: SPP staff will distribute voting materials by email for 95% CO language, and group members will follow up with OATI on pending items. The ECCWG will meet Oct. 16.

QUALIFIED OWNERS AND OPERATORS (QOO)

Sept. 24, 2020 | [QOO Meeting Materials](#)

The QOO discussed current open positions, heard updates on payments received for payment year 25 and reviewed a draft guideline document for an operations and maintenance (O&M) task force. The QOO also discussed the pending Western Electricity Coordinating Council (WECC) Task Force and path ratings.

Action items: The QOO will reach out to NV Energy for a new QOO representative and will conduct a vote by email for vice chair. Staff will collect comments on the O&M draft document for the next meeting, Nov. 6, 2020.

WESTERN MARKETS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (WMEC)

Sept. 25, 2020 | [WMEC Meeting Materials](#)

The WMEC discussed the next steps for the WEIS Tariff FERC filing and heard a report on the activities of the Western Markets Working Group (WMWG). Staff provided updates on WEIS market trials and complete, in process and upcoming items for the WEIS program. The group also discussed the implementation budget and 2021 operating budget.

Action items: The WMEC will meet again Oct. 23, 2020.

WESTERN MARKETS WORKING GROUP (WMWG)

Sept. 22, 2020 | [WMWG Meeting Materials](#)

The WMWG discussed WRR 1 (Weighted Average LMPs in Calculation of WEIS Settlement Quantities) again and took no motion for further action. The WMWG discussed two draft WRRs: WRR 11 (WEIS Tariff and Protocol Clean-up) and WRR 10 (Out-of-Merit Energy (OOME), Outage, and Dispatchable Variable Energy Resource (DVER) Effective Max Update).

Action items: SPP will bring back a market design education session on dynamic transfers and seek feedback from the balancing authorities (BAs) as to whether using intra-BA dynamic schedules would be appropriate in the WEIS to account for jointly owned units. The WMWG will meet Oct. 29 to review and take action on WRR 11 and WRR 10.

WESTERN RELIABILITY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (WREC)

No meeting in September | [WREC Meeting Materials](#)

Action items: The WREC will meet again Oct. 28, 2020.

WESTERN RELIABILITY WORKING GROUP (WRWG)

Sept. 29, 2020 | [WRWG Meeting Materials](#)

The WRWG heard updates on the Monitored Element Methodology Strike Team, the Market Integration Task Force, and the ECCWG. The group approved the revised draft of the PRC-012-2 document. Staff educated the group on tools and enhancements in R-Comm, the rating submission tool and CROW. The group approved modification requests MR002 and MR003. Staff presented on reliability coordination with the WEIS, alerts, geomagnetic disturbance (GMD) notifications, winter preparedness and COVID-19. The group approved the WRWG charter as revised during annual review.

Action items: SPP staff will conduct GMD tests through R-Comm and send a reviewed and revised WRWG charter to WREC for approval. The WRWG will submit nominations for chair and vice chair positions for the upcoming election meeting. The WRWG will meet again Nov. 10.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

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

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