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# HITT UPDATES

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In October, the Markets and Operations Policy Committee (MOPC) and SPP's board of directors and Members Committee approved four recommendations of the Holistic Integrated Tariff Team (HITT):

- **C2** – Establish byway facility cost allocation review process
- **M4** – Study Economic Evaluations of Reliability
- **T1** – Implement modifications to energy resources interconnection service (ERIS) and network resources interconnection service (NRIS)
- **T3** – Implement new load addition modifications

As of Oct. 27, the board approved 12 of the 21 recommendations from the [HITT report](#).

# REVISION REQUEST (RR) UPDATES

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

Organizational groups addressed the following revision requests (RR):

- **RR 418** (Effective Load Carrying Capability Methodology for Wind and Solar Resource Accreditation) approved by the Supply Adequacy Working Group
- **RR 422** (HITT C2 Tariff Changes to Attachment J) approved by the Regional State Committee
- **RR 429** (Mitigation Protocol Language Clean-up and Clarification) approved by the Change Working Group

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

- **WRR 10** (OOME, Outage and DVER Effective Max Update) approved by the Western Markets Working Group (MWMG)
- **WRR 11** (Western Energy Imbalance Services (WEIS) Protocol and Tariff Clean-up) approved by the WMWG
- **WRR 12** (WEIS Market Marginal Losses Protocol Alignment) discussed by the WMWG
- **WRR 13** (WEIS Market Supply Adequacy Protocol Alignment) discussed by the WMWG
- **WRR 14** (WEIS Market Transmission Availability Alignment) approved by the WMWG

# DIRECTORS AND MEMBERS

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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND MEMBERS COMMITTEE

**Oct. 27, 2020** | [BOD/MC Meeting Materials](#)

At the annual meeting of members, SPP's membership approved the elections of board chair Larry Altenbaumer, board members Joshua Martin and Elizabeth Moore and a number of Members Committee representatives to three-year terms beginning Jan. 1, 2021. Moore immediately fills the vacancy left by the late Bruce Scherr. Membership also approved changes to Section 4.1 of the SPP bylaws for the planned reorganization of the groups reports to MOPC.

In their meeting, the board of directors and Members Committee voted to approve:

- The 2020 Integrated Transmission Plan (ITP), which solves 163 issues and includes 92 miles of 345 kV transmission lines.
- An industry expert panel's recommendation for Transource Missouri, LLC to build the 75-mile, \$66 million, 345 kV Sooner-Wekiwa project as part of SPP's competitive transmission owner selection process.
- HITT recommendations C2, M4, T1 and T3
- SPP's 2021 operating and capital budgets, with a \$4 million reduction in expenses.

**Action items:** The next meeting of the board of directors and Members Committee Meeting will be held by net conference Dec. 7, 2020. [Register here.](#)

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## CORPORATE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE (CGC)

**No meeting in October** | [CGC Meeting Materials](#) | The CGC will meet again Nov. 12, 2020.

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## FINANCE COMMITTEE (FC)

**Oct. 12, 2020** | [FC Meeting Materials](#)

The committee reviewed the 2021 operating and capital budgets and voted to recommend both to the board of directors for approval as submitted. The budget responded to the impacts of the pandemic by excluding incremental staffing additions and reducing meeting costs by 50% due to meeting virtually for half of 2021. The budget rate, commonly calculated by dividing the net revenue requirement by forecast transmission service use, was 39.6¢/MWh compared to 43.0¢/MWh charged in 2020.

**Action items:** The FC will meet again Jan. 14, 2021.

## HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE (HRC)

**Oct. 26, 2020** | [HRC Meeting Materials](#)

The committee met with HR staff during the first half of the meeting to hear updates about employee support services during the pandemic and a report on HR's annual work plan, accomplishments and benefit plan renewals for 2021. Staff presented annual reports on 401(k) plan and investment manager performance, fraud prevention tactics and employee education, the establishment of a diversity equity and inclusion council for SPP. The HRC conducted its annual review of the HRC scope and approved the scope and committee self-assessment.

**Action items:** The HRC will meet again Jan. 14, 2021.

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## OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (OC)

**Oct. 26, 2020** | [OC Meeting Materials](#)

The committee met in executive session to address action items, review OC self-assessment, work plan and future meetings.

**Action items:** The committee will meet again Dec. 4, 2020.

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## STRATEGIC AND CREATIVE RE-ENGINEERING OF INTEGRATED PLANNING TEAM (SCRIPT)

**Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30, 2020** | [SCRIPT Meeting Materials](#)

The SCRIPT met for the first time Oct. 2 to approve the team's scope of work and review upcoming educational topics and a proposed meeting schedule.

Over the course of the month, SPP staff presented educational sessions on SPP's overall planning processes, the Integrated Transmission Plan process, generator interconnection and transmission services.

**Roster changes:** Holly Carias stepped down from her role on the SCRIPT. David Mindham (EDP Renewables) filled the open position.

**Action items:** The SCRIPT will meet for additional educational sessions Nov. 6 and 13 and hold its first policy proposal ideation session Nov. 20.

## STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE (SPC)

**Oct. 14-15, 2020** | [SPC Meeting Materials](#)

The SPC heard an update on MOPC initiatives and staff presented updates from the Finance Committee and on the Strategic Market Roadmap. Staff presented overviews of current transmission planning processes and decision quality improvement efforts, including the recent formation of the SCRIPT. Staff gave an overview of progress on HITT recommendations, an update on Western activities and the status of the Western Energy Imbalance Services (WEIS) tariff. The group reviewed progress of strategic planning and the upcoming meeting schedule.

**Roster changes:** Holly Carias stepped down from her role on the SPC.

**Action items:** The SPC will meet again Jan. 13, 2021.

# MARKETS AND OPERATIONS

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## MARKETS AND OPERATIONS POLICY COMMITTEE (MOPC)

**Oct. 13-14, 2020** | [MOPC Meeting Materials](#)

The MOPC approved the 2020 ITP and Assessment, four HITT recommendations (M4, T3, T1 and C2) and five electric storage recommendations. The group approved a cost estimate deviation for the Multi-Gentleman-Cherry Co.-Holt Co. 345 kV project. The MOPC discussed futures for the 2022 and 20-year ITP assessments and received education on HITT M1, R2 and M2. The MOPC reorganization is effective January 2021. The MOPC will hold meetings Monday afternoons and Tuesday mornings in 2021.

**Roster changes:** Holly Carias (NextEra) took a new role with Avangrid Renewables and announced she would step down as chair of MOPC.

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## CHANGE WORKING GROUP (CWG)

**Oct. 22, 2020** | [CWG Meeting Materials](#)

The CWG discussed upcoming markets, settlements, credit management system, engineering data submission tool and portal releases. The group received an update on the ratings submission tool emergency rating timing and the inter-control center communications protocol tool update projects.

**Action items:** The CWG will meet again Nov. 19, 2020.

## ECONOMIC STUDIES WORKING GROUP (ESWG)

**No meeting in October** | [ESWG Meeting Materials](#)

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

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## GENERATOR OUTAGE TASK FORCE (GOTF)

**Oct. 19, 2020** | [GOTF Meeting Materials](#)

The GOTF discussed the white paper in development for presentation to the MOPC. SPP staff presented on the updated generation assessment process (GAP) maintenance margin data and how it relates to alert issuance and the Uncertainty Response Team.

**Action items:** GOTF members will review current actions items and determine what items it will cover in upcoming meetings. The GOTF will meet again Nov. 16, 2020.

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## MODEL DEVELOPMENT WORKING GROUP (MDWG)

**Oct. 22, 2020** | [MDWG Meeting Materials](#)

The MDWG discussed electric storage resource and distributed energy resource modeling language, identified total planning model reduction work plan items and reviewed the 2022 ITP 20-year assessment load and generation. The group presented progress updates to the RCWG, MDWG and TWG at their October meetings.

**Action items:** The MDWG will meet Nov. 22 to discuss the total planning model reduction work plan and review the 2021 meeting and 2021 series MDWG dynamic model build schedules.

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## MARKET WORKING GROUP (MWG)

**Oct. 20-21, 2020** | [MWG Meeting Materials](#)

The MWG approved revision request RR 429. The MWG discussed Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Order 2222 (Distributed Energy Resource Aggregation). The group discussed how to manage ad hoc initiatives for the strategic initiative roadmap process. They added three initiatives to the strategic initiative roadmap: FERC Order 2222, dispatchable demand response resource analysis as proposed by RR 426 and transmission congestion rights underfunding.

**Action items:** SPP staff will develop an overview of existing design for demand response and demand response aggregators. The MWG will meet again Nov. 17, 2020.

## OPERATIONS TRAINING WORKING GROUP (OTWG)

**Oct. 22, 2020** | [OTWG Meeting Materials](#)

The OTWG met for the last time before its transition to the Operations Training User Group (OTUG). The group reviewed the in-progress 2021 calendar, heard an update on and discussed topics for the 2021 Systems Operations Conference and reviewed the OTUG scope.

**Action items:** SPP staff will ensure the 2021 course catalog and 2021 training calendars are complete by Nov. 2, 2020. There are no future meetings scheduled at this time.

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## SECURITY WORKING GROUP (SECWG)

**No meeting in October** | [SECWG Meeting Materials](#) | The SECWG will meet again Dec. 15, 2020.

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## SUPPLY ADEQUACY WORKING GROUP (SAWG)

**Oct. 29, 2020** | [SAWG Meeting Materials](#)

The SAWG reviewed and approved RR 418 and heard updates on resource adequacy impacts and the Generator Testing Task Force. The group discussed hybrid effective load-carrying capability and heard recommendations on load forecast uncertainty related to the 2021 Loss of Load Expectation Study. The group also received updates on the 2020 Deliverability Study Report and MOPC activities.

**Action items:** The SAWG will meet again Nov. 18, 2020.

# REGIONAL STATE COMMITTEE

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## REGIONAL STATE COMMITTEE (RSC)

**Oct. 26, 2020** | [RSC Meeting Materials](#)

The RSC reviewed ongoing action items, heard a report from the Cost Allocation Working Group and reviewed and approved RR 422. The committee discussed and approved the 2021 RSC budget. With expected travel limitations in 2021, it reduced the travel budget by 50%. The committee also approved the election of 2021 RSC officers and reviewed the schedule of upcoming meetings.



**Roster changes:** The RSC elected President Kristie Fiegen (South Dakota), Vice President Randall Christman (North Dakota) and Secretary and Treasurer DeAnn Walker (Texas).

**Action items:** The RSC will meet again Jan. 25, 2021.

## WESTERN REGION

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### ENHANCED CURTAILMENT CALCULATOR WORKING GROUP (ECCWG)

**Oct. 16, 2020** | [ECCWG Meeting Materials](#)

The group heard updates from Reliability Coordination (RC) West on the configurable shift factor change order and critical device alarming. CAISO staff updated the curtailment methodology draft and SPP staff presented an education session on the Unscheduled Flow Mitigation Plan (UFMP).

**Action items:** Staff will revise and provide materials, proposals and methodologies. The ECCWG will meet again Nov. 6.

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### QUALIFIED OWNERS AND OPERATORS (QOO)

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

**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.

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### WESTERN MARKETS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (WMEC)

**Oct. 23, 2020** | [WMEC Meeting Materials](#)

The WMEC discussed an update of the WEIS Tariff FERC filing submitted Oct. 1, 2020 and necessary transmission provider supplemental filings. Staff presented a status report on WEIS implementation efforts and the progress of market trials that are underway.

**Action items:** The WMEC will meet again Jan. 13, 2021.

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## WESTERN MARKETS WORKING GROUP (WMWG)

**Oct. 29, 2020** | [WMWG Meeting Materials](#)

The WMWG approved three WRRs: WRR10, WRR11 and WRR14. The WMWG discussed 12 and WRR 13, both of which will be available for action during the November meeting. The WMWG discussed a proposed WEIS business practice on service flow constraints and the WEIS Readiness and Reversion Plan.

**Action items:** The WMWG will meet Oct. 29 and may take action on WRR 12 and WRR 13.

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## WESTERN RELIABILITY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (WREC)

**Oct. 28, 2020** | [WREC Meeting Materials](#)

The WREC met and discussed metrics, reviewed the WRWG charter, discussed MR002 and training. Staff provided updates on progress of SPP's WEIS and CAISO's Energy Imbalance Market (EIM). The group discussed the ongoing impacts of the pandemic and reviewed action for future meetings.

**Action items:** The WREC will meet again Jan. 13, 2021.

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## WESTERN RELIABILITY WORKING GROUP (WRWG)

**No meeting in October** | [WRWG Meeting Materials](#)

**Action items:** SPP staff will conduct geomagnetic disturbance 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

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

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