

Southwest Power Pool
GENERATOR OUTAGE TASK FORCE
November 16, 2020 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Web Conference

• **M I N U T E S** •

Agenda Item 1: Administrative Items

Call to Order

Ron called the meeting to order at 1:03 pm. Attendance was taken via WebEx.

Proxies

Ryan Kirk served as a proxy for Michael Chokel until Michael was able to join the meeting. No other proxies were mentioned.

Approve Minutes of October 19, 2020 Meeting

James made a motion to approve the minutes and Keaton seconded the motion. The October 19, 2020 meeting minutes were approved.

Agenda Updates

No changes were made to the agenda.

Agenda Item 2: Antitrust Statement

Kathryn read the following SPP Antitrust Statement with the Group:

“SPP strictly prohibits use of participation in SPP activities as a forum for engaging in practices or communications that violate the antitrust laws. Please avoid discussion of topics or behavior that would result in anti-competitive behavior, including but not limited to, agreements between or among competitors regarding prices, bid and offer practices, availability of service, product design, terms of sale, division of markets, allocation of customers or any other activity that might unreasonably restrain competition”

Agenda Item 3: Survey Results Review

Ron reviewed the email survey that was sent to the GOTF members. Several mentioned that they did not receive the email and Kathryn resent the email to the members only distribution list. An action item was taken to have the group review whether a recommendation should be made to ensure that outage process changes have increased transparency going forward. Due to members not receiving the email this agenda item will be discussed at the start of the December meeting.

Agenda Item 4: MMU Outage Extensions

Cristie Arnold presented statistics on outage extensions and noted that the MMU has concerns over how outage extensions may be given priority over new outages and a potential gaming

issue. A potential solution would be to allow overlapping outages, however, concerns were brought forward including a concern over conflicts with NERC GADs reporting restrictions. An action item was taken for Kathryn to work with Jason Tanner and the ORWG to ensure that the GOTF continues to follow any progress made toward addressing the MMU concern over outage extensions. Question on impacts of extensions for potential future changes in how conventional resources are Accredited.

Agenda Item 5: Daily to Hourly GAP Margin Value

Will Tootle led the discussion regarding changing the short term (7 day) maintenance margin values from daily to hourly. Another option was presented to move from daily to off peak & on peak values. Action item #25 was updated for the group to evaluate pros/cons of utilizing hourly or on/off peak short term maintenance margin values and determine if a recommendation should be made from the group to change current short term GAP to accommodate hourly or off/on peak values. Included a discussion on potential changes on Risk Parameters to move conservative if moved from Daily.

Agenda Item 6: CROW Outage Pre-Approval Process

This agenda item was pushed to the next meeting.

Agenda Item 7: Whitepaper Review

This agenda item was pushed to the next meeting.

Agenda Item 8: Closing Administrative Duties

Summarize Action Items

. Action items #25 and #26 were updated. Action items #27 and #28 were added.

Discuss Upcoming Meeting Topics

Upcoming meeting dates:

- December 4, 2020 9:00 am – 12:00 pm CPT
- January 26, 2021 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm CPT
- February 22, 2021 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm CPT

Adjourn Meeting

James made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Richard seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 3:58 pm.

**Respectfully Submitted,
Kathryn Dial
GOTF Staff Secretary**

ATTENDANCE

Attendee	Organization
Ron Thompson	Nebrasaka Public Power District
Justin Soderberg	Western Farmers Electric Cooperative
James Hicks	Western Area Power Administration - UGP
Mark Trumble	Omaha Public Power District
Jon Davidson	City Utilities of Springfield
Michael Chokel	American Electric Power
Richard Owen	Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company
Keaton Riddle	Evergny
Ty Boatright	Golden Spread Electric Cooperative
Ryan Kirk	American Electric Power
Kathryn Dial	Southwest Power Pool
Garrett Crowson	Southwest Power Pool
Steve Ricard	Sunflower Electric Power Corporation
Will Tootle	Southwest Power Pool
Steve Gaw	Advanced Power Alliance
Carrie Dixon	Xcel Energy
Cristie Arnold	Southwest Power Pool
Anthony Cook	Southwest Power Pool
John Varnell	Tenaska
Frank Flores	Southwest Power Pool
Robert Pick	Nebrasaka Public Power District
Lee Anderson	Lincoln Electric System
Tanner New	Sunflower Electric Power Corporation
Mike Buyce	City Utilities of Springfield
Allan George	Sunflower Electric Power Corporation
John Allen	City Utilities of Springfield

AGENDA



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• A G E N D A •

1. Administrative Items.....Ron Thompson
 - a. Call to Order
 - b. Proxies
 - c. Review minutes of October 19, 2020 meeting (Approval)
 - d. Agenda review
2. Antitrust Statement.....Kathryn Dial
3. Survey Results Review (Discussion).....Ron Thompson
4. MMU Outage Extensions (Discussion).....Cristie Arnold
5. Daily to Hourly GAP Margin Value (Discussion).....Will Tootle
6. CROW Outage Pre-Approval Process (Discussion).....Will Tootle
7. Whitepaper Review.....Kathryn Dial
8. Closing Administrative Duties..... Ron Thompson
 - a. Summarize Action Items
 - b. Discuss upcoming meeting topics
 - i. December 4, 2020 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
 - ii. January 26, 2021 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
 - iii. February 22, 2021 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
 - c. Adjourn meeting

ACTION ITEMS

Task Force Action Items				
Action Item	Date Originated	Action Item	Comments	Status (Open, Closed)
6	05/15/20	Work with SPP staff to determine if adding CROW fields for outage flexibility and risk of potential delay could help with coordinating outages. *Postponing outages*		Open
10	05/15/20	Group to work with SPP staff on guideline for best practices for communicating outage updates through CROW during the outage window. Future meeting topic for best practices discussion.		Open
17	07/10/20	Work with SPP staff and potentially the SAWG to analyze short-term resource adequacy trends		Open
18	07/10/20	Looking at potential improvements for short-term GAP margin & using forecast information.		Open
21	07/10/20	Group to work on developing white paper regarding trends in outages and provide recommendations to address concerns in real-time and in planning. Ron and Kathryn to start formally drafting whitepaper and share with group at upcoming meeting.		Open
25	09/22/20	Group to discuss if available MW can be adjusted from daily to hourly value. 11/16/20 Update: group to evaluate pros/cons of utilizing hourly or on/off peak short term maintenance margin values and determine if a recommendation should be made from the group to change current short term GAP to accommodate hourly or off/on peak values.		Open
26	10/19/20	Ron/Kathryn to send out email to group members to gather thoughts on status of current action items and what steps are needed in upcoming meetings. Update 11/16/20 email was resent and results will be discussed at the December meeting.		Open
27	11/16/20	Group to evaluate whether a recommendation should be made to increase transparency regarding changes to outage		Open
28	11/16/20	Kathryn to work with Jason Tanner (ORWG) to ensure that the GOTF is tracking any progress or changes made regarding the MMU recommendation to address the outage extension loophole.		Open