

**Southwest Power Pool, Inc.**

**TRANSMISSION WORKING GROUP MEETING**

**September 16, 2020**

**Net Conference**

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## **SUMMARY OF MOTIONS AND APPROVALS**

- Approved **Consent Agenda**
  - August 4, 2020 TWG Minutes
  - TPL-007-4 Standard Guidance Document
  - RR416: Revision Request Process Updates
- Approved **the need for expedited approval** of RR 427 – DPP Process Improvements
- Approved **TWG Scope Document**.
- Approved **MDAG Scope Document**
- Approved **2020 Integrated Transmission Plan (ITP) Staging**

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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 8:00 a.m. The following members were in attendance or represented by proxy:

Derek Brown (Vice Chair), Evergy Companies

John Boshears, City Utilities of Springfield Missouri

Scott Benson, Lincoln Electric Systems

Jarred Cooley, Xcel Energy

Clifford Franklin, Sunflower Electric Power Corporation

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Kalun Kelley, Western Farmers Electric Cooperative  
Joe Fultz, Grand River Dam Authority  
James Ging, Kansas Power Pool  
Joshua Verzal, Omaha Public Power District  
Steve Hardebeck, Oklahome Gas & Electric  
Chris Pink, Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc.  
Shane McMinn, Golden Spread Electric Cooperative  
Michael Mueller, Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corporation  
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, Liberty Utilities  
John Payne, Kansas Electric Power Cooperative  
Jason Shook, GDS Associates  
Phil Westby, Basin Electric Power Cooperative  
Noman Williams, GridLiance High Plains LLC  
Gayle Nansel, Western Area Power Administration

Proxies:

Rick Johnson for John Payne (KEPC)  
Jeremy Severson for Phil Westby (BEPC)  
Rene Miranda for Jarred Cooley (XCEL)

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

Consent Agenda:

- August 4, 2020 TWG Minutes
- TPL-007-4 Standard Guidance Document
- RR416: Revision Request Process Updates

**Derek Brown (Eversgy) made a motion to approve the 9-16-20 consent agenda. James Ging (KPP) seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.**

## AGENDA ITEM 2 – RAS CRITERIA / MOPC AI

SPP staff provided an update to the TWG on the Remedial Action Scheme (RAS) policy document that the TWG had developed in February 2018. The MOPC assigned an action item to the TWG for the group to work with the Operations Reliability Working Group (ORWG) to develop application criteria for the appropriate use of a RAS. The previously developed document was used as a starting place to develop the new policy requested. SPP staff requested feedback on the document be sent to them after the discussion ended.

## AGENDA ITEM 3 – OPERATIONAL GUIDE POLICY

SPP staff provided an update to the TWG on the Operational Guide policy document that the TWG developed in 2019. The TWG took an action item in 2019 for the group to develop some guidelines for the application of operating guides in planning studies. The previously developed document was used as a starting place to develop the new policy requested. SPP staff requested feedback on the document be sent to them after the discussion ended.

## AGENDA ITEM 4 – MODEL REDUCTION / TWG ACTION ITEM 186

SPP staff provided the TWG an update on the group's Action Item 186. The action item is a request for staff and the TWG to work on reducing the number of models built by SPP and stakeholders to support all of SPP's planning processes. SPP provided a gap analysis that showed the differences between the ITP and the Model Development Working Group (MDWG) models developed in an effort to find efficiencies. The discussion ended with SPP staff committing to coming back with a recommendation to reduce models.

## AGENDA ITEM 5 – SPP REORGANIZATION / TWG & MDAG SCOPES

SPP staff provided an update on the working group reorganizations that were directed by the MOPC. The changes impacted the TWG by taking on more responsibilities as some current working groups will become advisory groups. The primary impact is the TWG absorbing some of the responsibilities of the MDWG. The revised scopes of work for both groups were provided and SPP staff requested the TWG's approval.

**Randy Lindstrom (NPPD) made a motion to approve TWG scope as presented at the meeting. Cliff Franklin (SUNC) seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.**

**Jason Shook (GDS) made a motion to approve MDAG scope as presented at the meeting. Nate Morris (Liberty) seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.**

## AGENDA ITEM 6 – DPP PROCESS IMPROVEMENTS

SPP staff requested the TWG approve the expedited approval of an RR dedicated to improving the Detailed Project Proposal (DPP) process in the ITP study. The reason for the request to expedite is to target the changes being approved by FERC prior to the 2021 ITP.

**Derek Brown (Eversource) made a motion to approve the expedited approval of the DPP Improvement RR. Noman Williams (GHEP) seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.**

## AGENDA ITEM 7 – AQITF / HITT T3 POLICY RECOMMENDATION

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 AQ Improvement Task Force (AQITF) meetings dedicated to work on the HITT T3 recommendation. He concluded by updating the timeline for accomplishing the work targeting the October 2020 MOPC meeting and asking the group to review the AQITF whitepaper.

## AGENDA ITEM 8 – NEDTF / HITT T1

Rob Jansen (Dogwood Energy) and Steve Purdy (SPP staff) provided an update to the TWG on the efforts of the NRIS, ERIS, and Deliverability Task Force (NEDTF). Mr. Jansen specifically focused on work related to the HITT initiative assigned to the TWG.

## AGENDA ITEM 9 – ITP UPDATE

SPP staff provided updates on several different milestones of the three ongoing ITP studies. Updates on the following items were provided.

- 2020/2021/2022 ITP Schedules
- 2020 ITP Stability Assessment
- 2020 ITP Staging
- 2021 ITP Generator Outlet Facilities (GOF)
- 2021 ITP Short-Circuit Model
- 2022 ITP Scope Update

**Jason Shook (GDS) made a motion to approve the 2020 ITP staging results as presented at the meeting. Michael Wegner (ITC) seconded the motion. The motion was approved with five abstentions; NPPD, EREC, Liberty, BEPC, XCEL, and OMPA**

#### AGENDA ITEM 10 – TPLTF UPDATE

Chris Colson (WAPA) provided the group an update on the TPL Task Force (TPLTF) and what the group has been working on, and what can be expected at upcoming TWG meetings.

#### AGENDA ITEM 11 – ACTION ITEMS AND FUTURE MEETINGS

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

With no new business, Nathan McNeil, Midwest Energy, Inc., adjourned the meeting at 2:00pm.

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