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HOLISTIC INTEGRATED TARIFF TEAM (HITT) UPDATES

In December, working groups approved the following items related to recommendations of the Holistic Integrated Tariff Team (HITT):

- **M2** – Offer Requirements for Variable Energy Resources in the Day-Ahead Market
 - The Market Working Group (MWG) approved its white paper for M2
 - SPP’s board of directors and members committee approved M2 in October.
- **M4** – Study Economic Evaluations of Reliability (Markets)
 - The Operating Reliability Working Group (ORWG) approved staff white papers related to HITT M4
 - The ORWG approved support for the use of dynamic line ratings for all capable transmission operators.

As of December 2020, 17 of the 21 recommendations from the [HITT report](#) have been addressed, including 8 fully complete and 9 pending further approval(s) and implementation.

REVISION REQUEST (RR) UPDATES

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

Organizational groups addressed the following revision request (RR):

- **RR 417** (Clarify No NTC Issued from 20-year Assessment) was approved by the Economic Studies Working Group and the Project Cost Working Group.
- **RR 430** (GI Data Request Revisions) was approved by the Regional Tariff Working Group (RTWG)
- **RR 433** (Combined Interest Resources and DA Must Offer) was approved by the RTWG
- **RR 436** (BEPC Proposed Changes to Attachment J) was approved by the RTWG
- **RR 434** (Attachment AR Language Updates) was approved by the RTWG

Western groups addressed the following Western Energy Services revision request (WRR):

WRR 16 (Creation of WEIS Business Practice 1050 – Service Flow Constraints):

- SPP Comments 120320 were approved as modified by the Western Markets Working Group during its Dec. 10 meeting.
- The modified revision request was approved by the Western Markets Executive Committee during its Dec. 29 meeting.

DIRECTORS AND MEMBERS

BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND MEMBERS COMMITTEE

Dec. 7, 2020 | [BOD/MC Meeting Materials](#)

The board of directors and Members Committee (BOD/MC) met by net conference Dec. 7, 2020. During the meeting they approved multiple recommendations for stakeholder group chairs and rosters for 2021, a scope modification for Credit Practices Working Group and a modification to the request for proposals approval date for the Wolf Creek – Blackberry 245 kV project.

Staff presented results from the 2020 Board of Directors Evaluation and reviewed an action plan to be presented to the Members Committee at the January 2021 meeting. Staff shared the results of annual surveys that showed an increase in effectiveness of organizational groups and increased stakeholder satisfaction ratings in 2020. The BOD/MC heard updates on the Statement on Standards for Attestation Engagements No. 16 Audit, and the development of key performance indicators for SPP.

Roster changes: Greg McAuley, Oklahoma Gas and Electric (OG&E), retired Dec. 31, 2020. The Corporate Governance Committee will consider a nominee to fill his vacancy on the Members Committee at their Jan. 7, 2021, meeting.

Action items: The BOD/MC will meet again Jan. 26 and conduct its annual Special Meeting of Members Meeting.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE (CGC)

No meeting in December | [CGC Meeting Materials](#)

Action items: The CGC will meet Jan. 7, 2021, for a special meeting to review nominations to fill committee vacancies, proposals related to the re-organization of the Markets and Operations Policy Committee and progress of the Strategic Planning Committee.

CREDIT PRACTICES WORKING GROUP (CPWG)

Dec. 17, 2020 | [CPWG Meeting Materials](#)

The CPWG met in December to discuss surety bonds.

Action items: The CPWG will meet again Jan. 17, 2021.

FINANCE COMMITTEE (FC)

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

The FC will meet again Jan. 14, 2021.

HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE (HRC)

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

The HRC will meet again Jan. 14, 2021.

OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (OC)

Dec. 4, 2020 | [OC Meeting Materials](#)

The committee met in executive session to address action items and review future meetings.

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

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

Dec. 4, 11 and 18, 2020 | [SCRIPT Meeting Materials](#)

The SCRIPT held proposal ideation sessions in December during which team members discussed and brainstormed potential policy solutions to facilitate generation transfers, improve cost-sharing, optimize existing and planned transmission, and improve the quality of planning decisions. During its Dec. 18 meeting, staff presented ideas compiled from the sessions that will be included in straw proposals of recommendations. Members of the SCRIPT will meet in sub-teams from January through March 2021 to assess and refine these recommendations.

Roster changes: Greg McAuley (OG&E), retired Dec. 31, 2020.

Action items: The SCRIPT will meet Jan. 6, 2021 and sub-teams will begin semimonthly working sessions this month to develop policy recommendations.

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE (SPC)

No meeting in December | [SPC Meeting Materials](#)

The SPC will meet again Jan. 13, 2021.

MARKETS AND OPERATIONS

MARKETS AND OPERATIONS POLICY COMMITTEE (MOPC)

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

The MOPC will meet again Jan. 11 and 12, 2021.

CHANGE WORKING GROUP (CWG)

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

The CWG discussed upcoming markets, settlements, credit management system, engineering data submission tool and portal releases. The group also received an update on the ratings submission tool, transmission congestion rights, SmartQ and the inter-control center communications protocol (ICCP) system upgrade projects.

Roster changes: Jodi Hall (Evergy) was elected chair and Shawn Geil (KEPCO) was elected as vice chair of the Changes Users Forum for 2021 and 2022.

Action items: The Change Working Group (CWG) will convert to the Change Users Forum (CUF) beginning in January 2021.

ECONOMIC STUDIES WORKING GROUP (ESWG)

Dec. 3 and 4, 2020 | [ESWG Meeting Materials](#)

During its two-day conference, the ESWG approved RR 417 and the TX1 white paper with modifications from the Transmission Working Group. The group also approved target areas in the 2021 Integrated Transmission Plan (ITP); assumptions, additions and recommendations for the 2022 ITP; and adoption of a fourth future for the 20-year Assessment

Action items: The ESWG will meet again in joint conference with the TWG Jan. 4, and again Jan. 7. The group will review pulling the renewable portfolio standards table out of the ITP manual.

GENERATOR OUTAGE TASK FORCE (GOTF)

Dec. 4, 2020 | [GOTF Meeting Materials](#)

The group heard updates from staff on Operating Reliability Working Group changes to the Outage Coordination Methodology. The group discussed survey results, possible changes to

maintenance margins, the control room operations window outage pre-approval process, and the status of the GOTF white paper.

Action items: The GOTF will meet again Jan. 26, 2021.

MODEL DEVELOPMENT WORKING GROUP (MDWG)

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

The MDWG discussed total base planning model reduction work items, the generator reactive capability (GCAP) testing effort, 2021 transmission planning (TPL) dynamic model finalization, and general updates from MDWG focus groups and task forces. The group will continue discussing the total model reduction plan, approval of the 2021 TPL dynamic models,

Action items: The MDWG will meet Jan. 14 to continue discussion of the total model reduction plan, approval of the 2021 TPL dynamic models, modeling software enhancements, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Order 2222, inverter-based resource data requirements for generator interconnection studies, 2021 series powerflow and short circuit model development discussion and working sessions.

MARKET WORKING GROUP (MWG)

Dec. 15, 2020 | [MWG Meeting Materials](#)

The MWG approved moving forward with a transmission congestion right (TCR) auction award posting enhancement and approved the white paper for HITT initiative M2. The MWG reviewed RR432 (Revisions to Attachment U) and price formation during conservative operations or emergency conditions.

Action items: The MWG will meet again Jan. 19, 2021.

OPERATING RELIABILITY WORKING GROUP (ORWG)

Dec. 3 and 9, 2020 | [ORWG Meeting Materials](#)

At its Dec. 3 meeting, group members approved an item to acknowledge white papers for HITT M4, and support the use of dynamic line ratings for all capable transmission operators. The ESWG approved the Essential Reliability Services (ERS) Tx1, ERS E6 and ERS Tx8 white paper recommendations. The group discussed changes to language to the Operational Screening assessment, changes to the SPP Reliability Coordination Outage Coordination Methodology, outage discrepancy scenarios for R-COMM and RR 432 revisions to Attachment U.

At its Dec. 7 joint meeting with the TWG on remedial action scheme (RAS) criteria, the two groups heard a staff presentation on action items for the MOPC and discussed the RAS Criteria Document, the temporary status of RAS criteria, its use in the generator interconnection process and load additions.

Action items: The ORWG will meet again Jan. 7, 2021.

PROJECT COST WORKING GROUP (PCWG)

Dec. 2, 2020 | [PCWG Meeting Materials](#)

The PCWG approved RR 417. The group discussed timing of feedback for the transmission owner selection process (TOSP) and requirements for the Aging Report. The PCWG approved cost variances for Yoakum 345/230 kV Ckt 1 and McDowell 203/115 kV Ckt 1. The group approved the PCWG Report pending a correction to Appendix 2.

Action items: The PCWG will meet again Feb. 3, 2021 to discuss feedback from stakeholders on TOSP improvement and review a demonstration of the Transmission Reporting and Communication (TRAC) Transmission and Generation Information Tracking (TAGIT)-Standardized Cost Estimation Reporting Tool (SCERT) rewrite project.

REGIONAL TARIFF WORKING GROUP (RTWG)

Dec. 10 and 17, 2020 | [RTWG Meeting Materials](#)

At the Dec. 10 meeting, the RTWG discussed RR 405 and six options to quantify regulatory risk associated with the megawatt mile process and allocation. The group reviewed a new request to remove all facilities associated with Lower Brule – Witten 230 kV project from Schedule 2 of Attachment J. At the Dec. 17 meeting, the RTWG approved RR 433, RR 430, RR 436 and RR 434. The group approved a modification to the megawatt mile process and agreed to support the RR 405 Through/Out option for further consideration.

Action items: The RTWG will meet again Jan. 21, 2021, and will continue discussion of RR 405.

SECURITY WORKING GROUP (SECWG)

Dec. 15, 2020 | [SECWG Meeting Materials](#)

SECWG Members voted to hold closed Executive session this quarter in lieu of face-to-face open session due to COVID-19 recommendations.

Roster changes: Bret Hammer (Xcel Energy) and Aron Peetz (Omaha Public Power District) joined the group as new Members. Ian Anderson (OG&E) was nominated and unanimously approved to serve as SECWG vice chair, term starting Jan. 1, 2021 to Dec. 31, 2022.

Action items: The SECWG will meet again March 9, 2021.

SUPPLY ADEQUACY WORKING GROUP (SAWG)

Dec. 16, 2020 | [SAWG Meeting Materials](#)

The group heard updates from staff on FERC Order 2222 and the results of the 2020 SAWG survey. SAWG members discussed hybrid effective load carrying capability decision points, the SPP Planning Roadmap and the upcoming meeting schedule.

Action items: The SAWG will meet again Jan. 29, 2021.

TRANSMISSION WORKING GROUP (TWG)

Dec. 16, 2020 | [TWG Meeting Materials](#)

The group heard updates from staff on FERC Order 2222 and the results of the 2020 SAWG survey. SAWG members discussed hybrid effective load carrying capability decision points, the SPP Planning Roadmap and the upcoming meeting schedule.

Action items: The SAWG will meet again Jan. 29, 2021.

REGIONAL STATE COMMITTEE

REGIONAL STATE COMMITTEE (RSC)

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

The RSC will meet again Jan. 25, 2021.

WESTERN REGION

ENHANCED CURTAILMENT CALCULATOR WORKING GROUP (ECCWG)

No meeting in December | [ECCWG Meeting Materials](#)

Action items: Staff will revise and provide materials, proposals and methodologies. The ECCWG will meet again Jan. 15, 2021, in a joint meeting with the Unscheduled Flow Committee (UFC).

QUALIFIED OWNERS AND OPERATORS (QOO)

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

Action items: Staff will collect comments on the operations and maintenance (O&M) draft document for the next meeting.

WESTERN MARKETS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (WMEC)

Dec. 29, 2020 | [WMEC Meeting Materials](#)

The WMEC approved WRR 16. The committee discussed FERC approval of the WEIS Tariff, the Western Joint Dispatch Agreement (WJDA), and the WMEC Charter with an effective date of Feb. 1, 2021.

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

WESTERN MARKETS WORKING GROUP (WMWG)

Dec. 10, 2020 | [WMWG Meeting Materials](#)

The WMWG approved WRR 16 SPP Comments 120320 as modified. The WMWG also reviewed an education session of violation relaxation limits in the WEIS Market.

Action items: The WMWG will meet again Jan. 28, 2021.

WESTERN RELIABILITY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (WREC)

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

The WREC will meet again Jan. 13, 2021.

WESTERN RELIABILITY WORKING GROUP (WRWG)

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

Action items: The WRWG will meet again Jan. 26, 2021. SPP staff will identify tentative meeting locations for future face-to-face meetings.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

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

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