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HOLISTIC INTEGRATED TARIFF TEAM (HITT) UPDATES

In January, the board and Members Committee and working groups approved the following items related to recommendations of the Holistic Integrated Tariff Team (HITT):

- **M2** – Study Offer Requirements for Variable Resources white paper approved by the Markets and Operations Policy Committee (MOPC) and the board of directors and Members Committee (BOD/MC)
- **M3** – Study Automatic Mitigation of Unduly Low Offers white paper approved by the MOPC and the BOD/MC
- **M4a** – Study Economic Evaluations of Reliability: Dynamic Line Rating white paper approved by the MOPC and the BOD/MC.

See the full list of recommendations from the [HITT report](#) at the link.

REVISION REQUEST (RR) UPDATES

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

Organizational groups addressed the following revision requests (RR):

- Withdrawal of **RR 334** (Criteria Update Used in Transmission Owner Designation Process) was approved by MOPC.
- **RR 417** (Clarify No Notification-to-construct Issued from 20-Year Assessments) was approved by MOPC.
- **RR 424** (Separation of Reliability Coordination Area System Operating Limit Methodology from Planning Criteria: Clean-up) was approved by MOPC and BOD/MC.
- **RR 429** (Mitigation Protocol Language Clean-up & Clarification) was approved by MOPC.
- **RR 433** (Combined Interest Resource and Day-ahead Must Offer) was approved by MOPC.
- **RR 434** (Attachment AR revisions) was approved by MOPC.
- **RR 436** (Basin Electric Power Proposed Changes to Attachment J Schedule 2) was approved by the RSC and MOPC.
- **RR 441** (Ramp Capability Products Settlements Protocol Corrections) was approved by the Market Working Group (MWG).
- **RR 442** (Desired Dispatch Settlement Definition Alignment) was approved by the MWG.

- **RR 444** (Order 841 ESR Additional Settlements Protocol Correction & Clarification) was approved by the MWG.

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

- **WRR 17** (WEIS Dynamic Exclusion) was approved by the Western Markets Executive Committee (WMEC).
- **WRR 18** (WEIS Loss Adjustment Factor Description Correction) was approved by the WMEC.
- **WRR 19** (WEIS Imbalance Energy Settlement Sign Convention Correction) SPP Comments 011221 were approved by the WMEC.

DIRECTORS AND MEMBERS

BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND MEMBERS COMMITTEE

Jan. 26, 2021 | [BOD/MC Meeting Materials](#)

The board and Members Committee met and held the annual special meeting of members in January. During the meeting, directors and members approved committee nominations from the Corporate Governance Committee (CGC) and the CGC's approval of new scopes for working groups, advisory groups and user forums from the Markets and Operations Policy Committee (MOPC) re-organization effort.

Directors and members also approved white papers for HITT M2, M3 and M4a, RR 424, Project Cost Working Group recommendations for project cost adjustments, staff recommendations for project assignments, scopes, modifications, withdrawal and re-evaluation, and a Western Energy Imbalance Services (WEIS) Market Frequently Constrained Area Study Recommendation from the Market Monitoring Unit. Directors and members approved MOPC's 2021 Transmission Expansion Plan Report, and a revised SPP Member Value Statement process.

Roster changes: During the special meeting of members, the group approved the CGC recommendation of Betsy Beck, Enel Green Power North America, for the independent power producer sector seat.

Action items: The board of directors and Members Committee will meet again April 27, 2021.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE (CGC)

Jan. 7, 2021 | [CGC Meeting Materials](#)

During its January meeting, the CGC approved the following nominations: Al Tamimi, Sunflower Electric Power and Matt Pawlowski, NextEra Energy, to serve on the Finance Committee; Scott Briggs, Oklahoma Gas and Electric, and Maria Smedley, Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corporation, to serve on the Human Resources Committee; and Caleb Head, Northeast Texas Electric Cooperative, as chair of the Credit Practices Working Group. The CGC also approved revised scopes for MOPC working groups, advisory groups and user forums.

Action items: The CGC will meet Feb. 16, 2021 to discuss user forum nominations, membership agreements, record retention and expiring terms for directors.

CREDIT PRACTICES WORKING GROUP (CPWG)

Jan. 21, 2021 | [CPWG Meeting Materials](#)

The group learned about transmission congestion rights (TCR) exposure calculation types and heard updates on the status of surety bonds after the January Finance Committee meeting. The group previewed upcoming revision requests.

Action items: The CPWG will meet again Feb. 18, 2021 to continue discussions of TCR exposure calculation surety bonds and review mark-to-auction data.

FINANCE COMMITTEE (FC)

Jan. 14, 2021 | [FC Meeting Materials](#)

The FC reviewed and approved the major assumptions used to value the liabilities of the SPP Retirement Plan. All assumptions were unchanged with the exception of the discount rate which was reduced to 4.0% from 4.5% due to further reductions in corporate bond yields. The committee approved an additional \$390,000 in unbudgeted funding for the Identity and Access Management project which will fund work planned to be completed in 2021. Additional funding will be required in 2022 to fully complete the project. The committee heard a report on the corporate liability insurance market in advance of SPP's policy renewals in March.

Action items: The FC will meet again Apr. 15, 2021.

HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE (HRC)

Jan. 14, 2021 | [HRC Meeting Materials](#)

The HRC reviewed the process for determining SPP's annual performance compensation plan funding recommendation and CEO compensation recommendation. The committee approved both recommendations for presentation to the board in executive session during the Jan. 26, 2021 meeting. Staff presented year end 2020 HR metrics.

Action items: The HRC will meet again Apr. 15, 2021.

OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (OC)

Jan. 13, 2020 | [OC Meeting Materials](#)

The committee met in executive session to address action items and review future meetings and will meet again Apr. 14, 2021.

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

Jan. 6, 2021 | [SCRIPT Meeting Materials](#)

Staff summarized the outcomes of educational sessions and policy ideation completed by the SCRIPT in 2020, and previewed straw proposals of recommendations to be considered by sub-teams. The team reviewed the schedule of meetings for the six topical sub-teams. Staff informed attendees they would post an updated schedule, accept requests from non-members to attend sub-team meetings and share drafts of straw proposals ahead of sub-team meetings.

Roster changes: Denise Buffington, Evergy Companies, and Usha-Maria Turner, Oklahoma Gas & Electric Company (OG&E), joined the SCRIPT.

Action items: The SCRIPT will meet Feb. 2, 2021 to hear reports from sub-teams and re-assess the sub-team meeting schedule.

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE (SPC)

Jan. 13, 2021 | [SPC Meeting Materials](#)

Staff provided overview of metrics, the SPC self-assessment, and the 2022 ITP scopes followed by the 20-year Assessment. The committee heard updates on MOPC, SCRIPT, Order 1000, the SPP West member process, the strategic plan and progress on HITT items, including the M1 report expected for the SPC's July meeting. The group approved reports as satisfying the objectives of HITT M2, M3 and M4a, and discussed the outcomes of studies for HITT R5. The committee also approved a recommendation from the Energy Storage Resource Task Force and a proposed scope for a new Value of Transmission calculation.

Roster changes: The SPC welcomed four new members in 2021, including Mark Crisson, SPP Director, as vice chair as well as Melie Vincent (Oklahoma Municipal Power Authority), Andrew Lachowsky (Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corporation) and Kevin Noblet (Evergy Companies).

Action items: The SPC will hold a closed virtual retreat Feb. 17-18 to revise the strategic plan and will hold its next regular committee meeting to review the finalized plan April 14, 2021.

MARKETS AND OPERATIONS

MARKETS AND OPERATIONS POLICY COMMITTEE (MOPC)

Jan. 11 and 12, 2021 | [MOPC Meeting Materials](#)

The MOPC endorsed the 2021 SPP Transmission Expansion Plan report, approved the 20-Year Assessment scope, approved the 2022 Integrated Transmission Plan's (ITP) scope, and waived the ITP Manual's requirement to use resource planning software in the 2022 ITP assessment. MOPC modified the existing megawatt-mile process to reduce the number of needed or requested reruns and directed the RTWG to draft the appropriate Tariff language.

MOPC sent the Electric Storage Resources (ESR) Tx8 white paper to the ESR Steering Committee for consideration and sent the ESR E6 white paper to the ESR Steering Committee and Order 2222 Task Force. MOPC approved the ESR TX1 white paper recommendations, including adoption of the load-curve analysis to address determining ESR-required duration in the planning processes.

The committee approved RR 334, RR 417, RR 424, RR 429, RR 433, RR 434 and RR 436.

Roster changes: Seth Cochran, DC Energy Midwest, and Usha-Maria Turner, OG&E, joined MOPC.

Action items: The committee will meet again April 12 and 13, 2021.

DELIVERABILITY STEERING COMMITTEE (DSC)

No meeting in January | [DSC Meeting Materials](#)

The DSC will meet for the first time, Feb. 1, 2021.

ECONOMIC STUDIES WORKING GROUP (ESWG)

Jan. 4 and 7, 2021 | [ESWG Meeting Materials](#)

The ESWG met in joint conference with the TWG Jan. 4 and for an ESWG meeting Jan. 7. During the meetings, the group approved the 2022 ITP Scope document, the 2022 20-Year Assessment Scope document and approved a change to the Hydro Annual Energy tab in the 2022 ITP generation review to a yellow (editable) tab. The group also approved changing the fuel forecast for Horseshoe Lake from ST7 to NG Oklahoma in the 2022 ITP. The group endorsed the 2021 Value of Transmission study scope and reviewed and approved the 2021 ESWG schedule.

Action items: The ESWG will meet again Feb. 3, 2021.

GENERATOR OUTAGE TASK FORCE (GOTF)

Jan. 26, 2021 | [GOTF Meeting Materials](#)

The group reviewed and revised outage coordination methodology and discussed a proposed hourly calculation for the generator assessment process. The GOTF reviewed the results of the stakeholder satisfaction survey and heard an update on the white paper and the inclusion of a section on the impact of renewables.

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

MARKET WORKING GROUP (MWG)

Jan. 19 and 20, 2021 | [MWG Meeting Materials](#)

The MWG approved three revision requests: RR 441, RR 442 and RR 444. The MWG discussed an update on Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Order 2222 Task Force and reviewed a cost/benefit analysis for HITT initiative R4.

Action items: The MWG will meet again Feb. 16, 2021.

OPERATING RELIABILITY WORKING GROUP (ORWG)

Jan. 7, 2021 | [ORWG Meeting Materials](#)

The group heard updates on the activities of the Primary Frequency Response Task Force and the Operations Congestion Management Task Force. The ORWG approved a review of RR 432 (Revisions to Attachment U) and discussed RR 414 (Default Reliability Buffers to Mitigate SOL Exceedences). Staff presented flowgate performance and outage coordination metrics, and updates on the SPP Roadmap and energy storage resource recommendations.

Action items: The ORWG will meet again Feb. 3 and 4, 2021.

ORDER 2222 TASK FORCE

Jan. 5, 20 and 27, 2021 | [Order 222 Task Force Meeting Materials](#)

During January meetings, staff presented an overview of the task force purpose, scope, and plans for addressing the order requirements. The task force heard a presentation on Order 2222 requirements and ten policies identified by staff as required. The task force reviewed a policy work plan straw proposal, a master list of issues and a draft timeline for the task force. The task force discussed policy issues identified by staff.

Action items: The task force will meet again Feb. 9, 2021

PROJECT COST WORKING GROUP (PCWG)

No meeting in January | [PCWG Meeting Materials](#)

The PCWG will meet 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)

Jan 21, 2021 | [RTWG Meeting Materials](#)

The group heard updates on the activities of the Order 2222 Task Force and legal update from the December 2020 Regulatory Status Report and Regulatory Outlook. The group reviewed four new revision requests: RR 439 (BP 7070 Clean-up), RR 435 (Change Assignment Threshold for ERIS in the GI Study Process SPP Business Practice 7250), RR 437 (Surplus Interconnection Service Timing Clarification) and RR 441 (Ramp Capability Products Settlements Protocol Corrections). Staff presented an overview of results from the annual effectiveness survey and previewed the upcoming monthly working group survey.

Action items: The RTWG will meet again Feb. 18, 2021 and continue discussion of RR.

SUPPLY ADEQUACY WORKING GROUP (SAWG)

Jan. 28 and 29, 2021 | [SAWG Meeting Materials](#)

The group heard discussed the hybrid ratio option for hybrid facility accreditation, reviewed the results of the wind effective load carrying capability study, the scope for the upcoming loss of load expectation study, and planning criteria for the Generator Testing Task Force. Staff provides updates on SPP's Strategic Roadmap and the upcoming meeting schedule for the SAWG.

Action items: The SAWG will meet again Feb. 23, 2021.

TRANSMISSION WORKING GROUP (TWG)

Jan. 28 and 29, 2021 | [TWG Meeting Materials](#)

The TWG met in joint conference with the ESWG Jan. 4 and met for a TWG meeting Jan. 6. During the Jan. 6 meeting, the group heard presentations from SPP staff on model reduction and group reduction for the Generator Interconnection process, and reviewed RR 432 and RR 435. Staff provided updates on the Integrated Transmission Plan process, and detailed project

proposal process improvements. The group discussed other projects, planning and modifications.

Action items: The TWG will meet again Feb. 2, 2021.

REGIONAL STATE COMMITTEE

REGIONAL STATE COMMITTEE (RSC)

Jan. 25, 2021 | [RSC Meeting Materials](#)

Staff presented updates on the approval of the WEIS Tariff, the Western Regional Transmission Organization (RTO) membership process, and the ongoing joint study process with Midcontinent Independent System Operator Organization (MISO). The committee reviewed and approved the SPP RSC Engagement Letter for services from Landmark Certified Public Accountants as the RSC Auditor. The RSC approved a CAWG recommendation for standalone battery effective load carrying capability accreditation and RR 436.

Action items: The RSC will meet again Feb. 12, 2021 to review of the SPP RSC and Organization of MISO States liaison committee report and hold an educational session on storage education.

WESTERN REGION

ENHANCED CURTAILMENT CALCULATOR WORKING GROUP (ECCWG)

Jan. 15, 2021 | [ECCWG Meeting Materials](#)

The group continued a joint education session with the Unscheduled Flow Committee (UFC) on the Unscheduled Flow Mitigation Plan (UFMP). The group reviewed additions to curtailment methodology, and a draft change order for alternative curtailment relief.

Action items: The ECCWG will meet again March 19, 2021 and continue discussion of the UFMP, curtailment methodology and alternative relief actions.

QUALIFIED OWNERS AND OPERATORS (QOO)

No meeting in January | [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)

Jan. 22, 2021 | [WMEC Meeting Materials](#)

During the January 22nd, 2021 WMEC net-conference, the WMEC approved WRR 17, WRR 18 and SPP Comments 011221 for WRR 19.

Action items: The WMEC will meet again Feb. 25, 2021.

WESTERN MARKETS WORKING GROUP (WMWG)

Jan. 28, 2021 | [WMWG Meeting Materials](#)

The WMWG reviewed a presentation on Supply Adequacy in the WEIS Market. The WMWG also reviewed an education session on Repricing and Public Data. Other topics discussed are detailed in the WMWG minutes posted on SPP.org.

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

WESTERN RELIABILITY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (WREC)

Jan. 13, 2021 | [WREC Meeting Materials](#)

The committee updates from the Western Reliability Working Group and ECCWG, including monitored element methodology, congestion management, COVID-19 and the approval of Modification Request 4. Staff updated the committee on FERC's approval of the WEIS Tariff. The committee heard updates on SPP's energy imbalance market project and the addition of Grid BA to SPP's reliability coordination (RC) services in April.

Action items: The WREC will meet again April 28, 2021 and will discuss quarterly SPP metrics.

WESTERN RELIABILITY WORKING GROUP (WRWG)

Jan. 26 and 27, 2021 | [WRWG Meeting Materials](#)

The group discussed monitored element methodology and heard updates from the Market Integration Task Force and ECCWG. Staff led discussions of the R-Comm template update, WEIS and congestion management, metrics performance threshold, the addition of Grid BA to RC

services, West energy alerts, COVID-19, outage coordination methodology and outage discrepancies, generation forecast submission and geographic information system (GIS) data and Modification Request 005.

Action items: The WRWG will hold meetings Apr. 13 and 14, 2021 to include discussions of outage coordination methodology and exchange of GIS data.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

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

For more information about an SPP stakeholder group, go to SPP's [Stakeholder Groups page](#).

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