

**Southwest Power Pool, Inc.**  
**Seams Advisory Group**  
**Scope Statement**  
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## PURPOSE

The Seams Advisory Group (SAG) is responsible for providing direction, guidance, and advice to Southwest Power Pool (SPP) Organizational Groups, advisory groups, user forums, and staff regarding issues impacting or being impacted by SPP's seams agreements, joint operating agreements, or arrangements with neighboring transmission providers, transmission owners, or customers.

## SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES

In carrying out its purpose, the SAG:

1. Identifies seams coordination issues between SPP and adjacent transmission providers caused by different processes, procedures, tariffs, or business practices in the areas of planning, tariff administration, market development/operations, and real-time operations.
2. Proposes improvements to seams agreements, business practices, processes, or tariffs, along with supporting rationale, implementation costs and any tariff changes or tariff revenue impacts to mitigate seams coordination issues.
3. Provides direction and guidance on SPP staff proposed improvements to new or existing seams agreements, joint operating agreements, or similar agreements or arrangements that have been developed or are under development between SPP staff and parties to those agreements.
4. Provides direction and guidance for the implementation of the planning and operational components of new or existing seams agreements, joint operating agreements, or similar agreements or arrangements.
5. Advises and directs SPP staff on matters related to interregional coordination through representation on SPP's various Interregional Planning Stakeholder Advisory Committees (IPSAC), along with other stakeholder representatives as prescribed in SPP's joint operating agreements.

6. Identifies opportunities to coordinate with neighboring non-SPP stakeholders to address issues of common interest, such as market-to-market issues.

## REPRESENTATION

The SAG is comprised of at least 8 representatives and no more than 24 representatives from SPP Member companies and contract signatories, including the chair and vice-chair, if one is appointed. The SAG shall elect/appoint a chair using the process defined in Section 3.3 of the Bylaws, however it has the discretion to determine the need for a vice-chair position.

SAG representatives will be selected based on their experience and involvement in seams-related transmission planning, transmission service, regulatory, market, and system operations activities.

## REPORTING

The SAG provides as needed advice to SPP Organizational Groups, other advisory groups, and user forums.