

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

The purpose of the Security Advisory Group (SECAG) is to advance the physical and cyber security of the electricity infrastructure within the Southwest Power Pool (SPP) footprint. This group provides a forum for discussing physical and cyber security issues and sharing best practices.

## SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES

In carrying out its purpose, the SECAG:

- Serves as an expert advisory panel to, SPP Organizational Groups, advisory groups, and user forums regarding cyber and physical security, to include best practices, emerging risks, and acceptable security compliance processes.
- Provides a forum for discussion of physical and cyber security issues impacting the electric sector including, but not limited to, the controls supporting the identification of, protection from, detection of, response to, and recovery from such issues.
- Provides a forum for discussion of best-practice recommendations for SPP-managed resources, including:
  - Security of SPP Network (SPPNET) member connections.
  - Security and acceptable use of confidential SPP and Member data, focusing on data submission, distribution, and storage.
  - Incident reporting and dissemination focused primarily on region-impacting security events possibly warranting NERC Event Analysis and/or DOE reporting.
- Works on behalf of SPP Members and SPP contract signatories to solicit, gather, and present comments, feedback, and information requests to NERC, FERC, the Regional Entities in the SPP RTO footprint and other regulatory and enforcement bodies for security-related standards development, interpretation requests, and security application discussions.

- Provides physical and/or cyber security subject-matter experts to other SPP Organizational Groups, advisory groups, and user forums as requested.

## REPRESENTATION

The SECAG 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 SECAG 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.

SECAG representatives will be selected based on their experience with physical and/or cyber security, recommended minimum of 5 years of experience.

## REPORTING

The SECAG provides as needed advice to SPP Organizational Groups, other advisory groups, and user forums and provides reports to the SPP Oversight Committee on a bi-annual basis or more frequently as needed.