

Southwest Power Pool, Inc.
TRANSMISSION WORKING GROUP MEETING
March 2, 2021
Net-Conference

SUMMARY OF MOTIONS AND ACTIONS

- Approved **3-3-2021 TWG Consent Agenda**
 - 2022 ITP Scope Modification – MISO MTEP model data
- Approved **RR 437 – Surplus Service Timing Clarification**
- Approved **RR 438 – GI Dispatch Change Correction**
- Approved **Sponsored Upgrade Studies**
 - Hughes County
 - Onida
- Approved **2021 ITP Mitigation Proposal**
- Approved **E1 ESR Task Team Whitepaper**

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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 9:00 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
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, Oklahoma 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
Andrew Berg, Missouri River Energy Services

Proxies:

Steve Sanders for Gayle Nansel (WAPA)

Jeremy Harris for Derek Brown (Evergy)

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

CONSENT AGENDA

The consent agenda included one item related to a change in the ITP Manual related to the use of MISO's MTEP model data.

- **James Ging (KPP) made a motion for the TWG to approve the consent agenda. Matt McGhee (AEP) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously**
 - 2022 ITP Scope Modification – MISO MTEP model data

AGENDA ITEM 2 – REMEDIAL ACTION SCHEME POLICY

Adam Bell (SPP) reviewed with the group the latest drafts of the Remedial Action Scheme (RAS) Policy. SPP staff provided a new version of the policy document and TWG members discussed their thoughts on the new revisions. Several TWG members had questions related to the compliance of the proposed new policy. SPP staff is going to take back the questions and bring them back to the next TWG meeting. Mr. Bell noted that this document once approved by the TWG would go to the ORWG for their review and then used to draft a revision request. The document will be up for approval at the next TWG meeting in April.

AGENDA ITEM 3 – GI GROUP REDUCTION

Caitlin Shank (SPP) provided the group a presentation on GI group reduction. This item is a follow up to a presentation provided to the TWG in January 2021. Mrs. Shank noted that this item was being driven by SPP's corporate goal of reducing the current GI backlog. The goal of the presentation was to get the TWG to approve SPP's proposal to reduce the total DISIS groups taking the deliverability process as a guideline. The presentation outline the expected results from each of the different options for group reduction. SPP staff made a recommendation to accept option two; however, the TWG was not ready to act on the proposal and requested additional information be brought back at the next TWG meeting.

GSEC Comments:

Our preferred grouping is that of Option 1 from the materials posted for the January 6, 2021 TWG meeting. This option consisted of the following areas: North, Central, and South. A reduction from 16 current groupings to 3 final groupings will result in an expansion of GSEC's zone from West

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Texas/Eastern New Mexico to include Oklahoma and Arkansas. The fewer groupings the better, as these could potentially be used as deliverability zones too. It is beneficial if the zones capture the buyers and sellers of energy and capacity; bigger deliverability zones create more streamlined opportunities to contract with a bigger pool of generation. We support the zones stretching from West to East to directly follow where the energy is sinking to load. Overall, advocating for Option 1 creates an alignment and fulfills this strategy.

SPP's preferred Option 3 would be the least valuable option if these groupings are also used as the deliverability zones. Risks associated with Option 3 include the following:

1. Any zone configuration that keeps a Single TO on its own means that the Single TO loses all benefit from a deliverability construct, as do any NITS load customers that want to designate a resource in the Single TO's zone
2. From a C1 perspective, a zone that keeps a Single TO on its own negates any benefit from that HITT initiative for the Single TO
3. Likewise, anything that splits Kansas and/or Oklahoma creates wind export zones and wind import zones, with no financial benefit to the companies building for wind exports; and
4. No direct impact on C2 benefits. Indirectly, if these zones joined one another in C1, it could possibly mitigate the number of times the C2 waiver needs to be used

One question that needs to be evaluated is whether the approved models reduction and the zones can/will align. We would like to see the alignment between the two reductions, especially with SPP's preferred Option 3. In an effort towards increased efficiency, which was the driver behind Model Reduction, the goal here in the first place is to get to the least amount of groupings. Although aggressive, we believe Option 1 is more efficient, consistent, carries less risk, and provides more benefits. However, we are still seeking a detailed explanation from SPP of how all of the different parts (GI Model Reduction, GI Group Reduction, Combined Schedule 11 Zones, etc.) will work alongside one another once implemented.

AGENDA ITEM 4 – RR 437 SURPLUS SERVICE TIMING CLARIFICATION

Steve Purdy (SPP) reviewed a revision request to clarify that the 60-day period to complete the surplus interconnection service impact study begins only after SPP has received an executed study agreement with all of the required information and the study deposit. In addition, the requirement to provide technical information as part of a request for surplus interconnection service is being removed because the technical information is part of the study agreement and not part of the application.

Steve Hardebeck (OGE) made a motion to approve the RTWG approved version of RR 437. Scott Benson (LES) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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AGENDA ITEM 5 – RR 438 GI DISPATCH CHANGE CORRECTION

Steve Purdy (SPP) reviewed a revision request to address the Generator Interconnection Improvement Task Force recommendation of revision Business Practice 7350 with the inclusion of Light Load seasons.

Jason Shook (GDS) made a motion to approve RR 438. Shane McMinn (GSEC) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 6 – 2021 ITP MITIGATION

Chris Davis (SPP) presented SPP staff's plan to mitigate the 2021 ITP assessment back on schedule. Mr. Davis reviewed the proposed mitigation plan which had been altered based on the discussion at the previous month's TWG and ESWG meetings. The proposed mitigations include impacts to the 2021, 2022, and 2023 ITP studies. Mr. Davis addressed the TWG's questions and stated SPP staff is requesting the groups approval of the plan. TWG members also requested that the 2022 ITP and 2022 20-Year Assessment schedules be brought to the group for an update.

Cliff Franklin (Sunflower) made a motion for the TWG to approve SPP staff's 2021 ITP Mitigation Plan as presented at the meeting. Steve Hardebeck (OGE) seconded the motion. The motion passed with two abstentions: OPPD and Basin.

AGENDA ITEM 7 – RR 391 ZONAL PLANNING CRITERIA AND HITT T2 UPDATE

Micha Bailey (SPP) provided the TWG an update on the progress of addressing FERC's rejection of RR 391 on creating a Zonal Planning Criteria. Mr. Bailey's presentation included the areas of the revision request that FERC noted must be addressed before resubmitting the tariff changes. Mr. Bailey closed with reviewing the items that a small group of SPP staff and stakeholders have been working on to address the FERC concerns. This item will be back in front of the TWG at subsequent TWG meetings and will ultimately be added to a new revision request and approval will be requested from the TWG.

AGENDA ITEM 8 – TRANSMISSION OWNER (TO) PROJECT EVALUATION PROCESS

Charles Hendrix (SPP) re-introduced the potential new study process to address the issue that the current evaluation and modeling processes for TO Planned Transmission System modification projects ("TO Projects") lacked the detail required for SPP to properly evaluate these projects for reliability impacts before incorporating them into the planning models. Mr. Hendrix addressed initial comments and questions from the group and noted SPP will continue to develop this new project and will eventually be before the group to request approval.

AGENDA ITEM 9 – SPONSORED UPGRADE STUDIES

Ryan Hicks (SPP) presented to the group two Sponsored Upgrade Studies that have been performed by SPP staff. TWG members reiterated a previous request that SPP staff provide more details and transparency in the information provided with sponsored upgrades.

- **SUS-016 Onida**

Andrew Berg (MRES) made a motion to approve SPP’s study work for SUS-016. Cliff Franklin (Sunflower) seconded the motion. The motion passed with one abstention: AEP.

AEP Rationale:

AEP abstained from the 3/2/2021 TWG motion to endorse the Sponsored Upgrade Study work and study report for SUS-016 Onida because AEP believes that if TWG is going to be asked to endorse study work and a study report, some basic information about the project should be provided in the report including: The problem being addressed by the project, a description of how the project solves the problem, a map and a one-line diagram of the project.

- **SUS-019 Hughes County**

Andrew Berg (MRES) made a motion to approve SPP’s study work for SUS-019. Cliff Franklin (Sunflower) seconded the motion. The motion passed with one abstention: AEP.

AEP Rationale:

AEP abstained from the 3/2/2021 TWG motion to endorse the Sponsored Upgrade Study work and study report for SUS- 019 Hughes County because AEP believes that if TWG is going to be asked to endorse study work and a study report, some basic information about the project should be provided in the report including: The problem being addressed by the project, a description of how the project solves the problem, a map and a one-line diagram of the project.

AGENDA ITEM 10 – ESR TASK E1 WHITEPAPER

Al Tamimi (Sunflower) presented the draft E1 whitepaper and answered questions. A question was asked if this document would go to the ESR Steering Committee or the MOPC, and Adam Bell (SPP) indicated it would first go to the ESR Steering Committee. Mr. Tamimi closed by stating this item was in front of the TWG for approval and that this whitepaper had previously been approved by the ESWG.

**Cliff Franklin (Sunflower) made a motion for the TWG to approve the E1 ESR
whitepaper. Shane McMinn (GSEC) seconded the motion. The motion passed with one
abstention: Evergy.**

AGENDA ITEM 11 – 2021 ITP CONSTRAINT ASSESMENT

Due to time constraints this item was only briefly covered. TWG members were encouraged to review the posted data and follow-up with staff on any questions. It was noted this item will be before the group via email approval by the end of the month.

INFORMATION POSTINGS AND "IF TIME ALLOWS"

Due to time constraints no items in this section of the agenda were covered during the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 12 – ACTION ITEMS AND FUTURE MEETINGS

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

One additional item was discussed related to extending the meeting time for future TWG meetings.

With no new business, Nathan McNeil, Midwest Energy, Inc., adjourned the meeting at 3:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Adam Bell

Secretary