

Southwest Power Pool, Inc.
TRANSMISSION WORKING GROUP MEETING
July 6, 2021
Net-Conference

SUMMARY OF MOTIONS AND ACTIONS

- Approved **7-6-2021 TWG Consent Agenda**
 - **MOD-030** Final Report
 - **SUS-021 Rockhaven** Report Clarification

- Approved **Standardized Timelines / HITT T3**

- Approved **ITP Mitigation Proposal Update**

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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
Andrew Berg, Missouri River Energy Services
Arash Ghodsian, EDF Renewables
Chris Pink, Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc.
Clifford Franklin, Sunflower Electric Power Corporation
Gayle Nansel, Western Area Power Administration
James Ging, Kansas Power Pool
Jarred Cooley, Xcel Energy
Jason Shook, GDS Associates
Jim McAvoy, Oklahoma Municipal Power Authority
Joe Fultz, Grand River Dam Authority
John Boshears, City Utilities of Springfield Missouri
John Knofczynski, East River Electric Power Cooperative
Joshua Verzal, Omaha Public Power District
Kalun Kelley, Western Farmers Electric Cooperative
Matt McGee, American Electric Power
Michael Mueller, Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corporation
Michael Wegner, ITC Holdings
Noman Williams, GridLiance High Plains LLC
Phil Westby, Basin Electric Power Cooperative
Randy Lindstrom, Nebraska Public Power District
Scott Benson, Lincoln Electric Systems
Shane McMinn, Golden Spread Electric Cooperative
Steve Hardebeck, Oklahoma Gas & Electric

Proxies:

Calvin Daniels for Kalun Kelley (WFEC)

Renee Miranda for Jarred Cooley (SPS)

Edin Terzic for Scott Benson (LES)

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

Derek Brown made a motion for the TWG to approve the meeting agenda. James Vermillion seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

The consent agenda included MOD-030 Final Report and SUS-021 Rockhaven Report Clarification.

Jason Shook made a motion for the TWG to approve the consent agenda. Scott Benson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 2 – STANDARDIZED TIME LINES / HITT T3

Jason Davis (SPP) reviewed with the group the proposed changes to the standardized timelines for transmission projects as part of the HITT T3 initiative. This topic was previously presented at the May and June 2021 TWG meetings. SPP recommended that the TWG approve standardized project timeline as presented and the additional timing for exceptions as presented. Next steps were presented to develop a Revision Request to update the governing language with the goal of October 2021 approval.

Derek Brown made a motion for the TWG to approve the standardized project timeline as presented and to approve additional timing for exceptions as presented. Michael Wegner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 3 – ZONAL PLANNING CRITERIA / HITT T2

Micha Bailey (SPP) presented a draft Revision Request based on the HITT T2 Initiative, a new version of RR391 which was previously rejected by FERC. This draft RR specifically addresses the reasons for rejection given by FERC. SPP is targeting approval of this RR at the October 2021 MOPC. Mr. Bailey addressed several TWG members' questions related to how SPP Criteria, NERC Criteria, Local Planning Criteria and Zonal Planning Criteria would be applied to a Transmission Customer's system. Concerns were raised by TWG members related to the representation that each TC and TO receives based on their percent load ownership in the zone. Concerns were also raised about SPP's plan to seek approval from the working groups, SPP Board and MOPC prior to seeking FERC feedback at

the time of RR submission for FERC approval. Mr. Bailey requested comments from TWG members once the RR has been officially posted and will seek approval from the TWG in August 2021. Andy Berg (Missouri River) made note that RR452, the discussion of which falls later on the July 2021 TWG agenda, also relates to the changes to be made by this Revision Request.

AGENDA ITEM 4 – 2022 TPL SCOPE

The 2022 TPL Scope was not presented due to lack of SPP staff availability. The scope will be presented at a future meeting or distributed through other means.

Chris Colson (WAPA) presented TPLTF Technical Outage Rationale. Mr. Colson reminded the TWG of upcoming changes to TPL 1-5 R2 and Parts 2.1.4 and 2.4.4 which will become effective in July 2023. SPP's scope for the TPL is in the process of being modified by SPP staff accordingly. The TPLTF has previously approved this technical rationale. Individual requests for approval of the 2022 TPL scope and the TPLTF Technical Outage Rationale will be brought to future TWG meetings, potentially as early as the August 2021 TWG. Mr. Colson addressed several TWG members' questions related to the submission of known outages and the filtering method used to create a published list of outages included in the models and incorporated into assessments.

AGENDA ITEM 5 – ITP UPDATES

ITP MITIGATION

Nick Parker (SPP) presented an update to SPP staff's plan to mitigate the 2021 and 2022 ITP and the 2022 20YA. Mr. Parker reviewed the updates that were made based on the approval received at the April 2021 MOPC and Board for all recommendations of the mitigation plan, with exception of the reliability-only 2023 ITP. Mr. Parker presented three plans to further mitigate the 2021 ITP schedule and the waivers each would require to address remaining scope reductions that need to be made to compensate for the rejection of the reliability-only 2023 ITP. The proposed mitigations include impacts to the 2021, 2022, and 2023 ITP studies and the 2022 20YA. Plan C was approved by the July ESWG. Mr. Parker addressed the TWG's questions. SPP staff will continue the development of these plans with the intention of returning to the TWG for approval in the fourth quarter of 2021.

John Boshears made a motion for the TWG to approve SPP staff's recommended "Plan C" for ITP mitigation and the associated waivers. Joe Fultz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ITP TARGET AREA

Chris Jamieson (SPP) presented an update of the 2021 ITP Target Area analysis, with an emphasis on the Target Area Economic and Reliability Sensitivity Models and Objectives. Mr. Jamieson addressed several TWG members' questions related to the probability index of risk based on contingencies included in the sensitivity case. SPP staff will continue to identify the details and schedule of target area portfolio development.

AGENDA ITEM 6 – TO PROJECT EVALUATION PROCESS

Charles Hendrix (SPP) reviewed comments submitted in response to RR452. One set of comments was submitted by the UMZ, and the other was submitted by Evergy, OGE, NPPD, SPS and OPPD. RR 452 outlines the proposed new study process to address the issue that the current evaluation and modeling processes for TO Planned Transmission System modification projects ("TO Projects") lack the detail required for SPP to properly evaluate these projects for reliability impacts before incorporating into the planning models. Concerns were raised by TWG members about which facilities will be impacted by the revision request and the resulting financial implications. SPP staff will investigate these concerns and make revisions to the RR to address them. Mr. Hendrix will work with the comment submitters to make updates to the draft of RR 452 and present the new version to the TWG in August 2021.

Corresponding to the revised version of RR 391, brought forth earlier in the meeting by Micha Bailey, SPP intends to update the draft of RR 452 to change "Local Planning Criteria" to "Zonal Planning Criteria."

AGENDA ITEM 7 – TWG WINTER WEATHER EVENT RECOMMENDATIONS

Adam Bell (SPP) presented SPP's recommendations based on the Winter Weather Event experienced in SPP's footprint in 2021. Mr. Bell addressed questions that were raised related to the focus of the recommendation developed by the TWG.

AGENDA ITEM 8 – NTC MODIFICATION

John O'Dell (SPP) reviewed the NTC modification request. Mr. O'Dell intends to seek Board approval after notifications to the TWG and MOPC are made.

AGENDA ITEM 9 – ACTION ITEMS AND FUTURE MEETINGS

No new actions items were proposed during the July TWG meeting.

The TWG will return to meeting on Monday and Tuesday in August 2021.

The Monday portion of the September TWG meeting will be canceled due to conflicting with the Labor Day holiday.

With no new business, Nathan McNeil, Midwest Energy, Inc., adjourned the meeting at 2:48pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Adam Bell

Secretary