

**SOUTHWEST POWER POOL**  
Future Grid Strategy Advisory Group Meeting

March 16, 2022  
Webex / Teleconference Meeting

## **SUMMARY OF MOTIONS AND ACTION ITEMS**

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## MINUTES

### AGENDA ITEM 1 – CALL TO ORDER

Mark Ahlstrom (NextEra), chair, called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m. CT.

### AGENDA ITEM 2 – STATEMENTS AND ATTENDANCE

Michael Daly (SPP) reminded attendees that this meeting was public and read the anti-trust notice. The following members were in attendance:

Mark Ahlstrom, NextEra, Chair  
Kamran Ali, AEP  
Scott Benson, LES  
Denise Buffington, Evergy  
Brian Drumm, ITC Trans Co  
Steve Gaw, APA  
Evan Kinney, NPPD  
Gayle Nansel, WAPA  
James Okenfuss, Savion  
Dave Sonntag, WFEC

A quorum was present for the meeting, and the following absences were noted:

- Aaron Doll (EDE) was absent from the meeting and was not represented by proxy.
- Dmitri Jarocki (Google) was absent from the meeting and was not represented by proxy.
- Joe Lang (OPPD) was absent from the meeting and was not represented by proxy.
- Corey Linville (Sunflower) was absent from the meeting and was not represented by proxy.
- Jerrod Nelson (Xcel) was absent from the meeting and was not represented by proxy.

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### **February 23, 2022**

- Usha Turner (OG&E) was absent from the meeting and represented by Bradley Cochran (OG&E).
- Terry Wolf (MRES) was absent from the meeting and was not represented by proxy.

A comprehensive attendance list is provided in Attachment 1.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 3 – CONSENT AGENDA**

Mark Ahlstrom presented the consent agenda for approval to the group. The agenda included the meeting minutes from February 23, 2022, and the meeting agenda for March 16, 2022. Scott Benson (LES) motioned to approve the consent agenda as presented. Kamran Ali (AEP) seconded the motion. The motion passed with no opposition or abstentions.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 4 – ACTION ITEM REVIEW**

Michael Daly reviewed the action items from the previous meeting and noted that all were complete. The complete report is located [here](#).

#### **AGENDA ITEM 5 – SURVEY DATA PRIORITIZATION PROPOSAL**

Sam Ellis (SPP) thanked group members and staff for responding to the survey. In total, 23 responses were received, and Sam and Michael Daly analyzed that data further. They looked for commonalities in the responses and organized those around recurring themes. These themes became the focus areas for the larger group to consider. The focus areas are: a.) Transmission; b.) Changing Resource Mix; c.) IT Concerns; d.) Smart Grid Technologies; and e.) Policy Concerns.

Sam detailed each focus area and noted the survey responses that supported each one. Group members were asked whether the focus areas, and their supporting topics, seemed reasonable. Group discussion revealed some overlap between focus areas on a few items, specifically resource adequacy. Additionally, the group raised the point that many of the items in each focus area were also a policy concern, which could lead to some overlap in work to identify challenges to the future grid. Steve Gaw (APA) stated that the overlapping nature of the topics needs to be recognized at the outset.

Mark Ahlstrom pointed out that the group needed to understand what items SPP may already be working on so the group could give more attention to other ideas. Sam agreed, and the next meeting will provide information about relative items already being addressed in SPP's roadmap process.

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Mark then addressed some items that could be of use to the group as it begins work in these focus areas. He suggested the Western Power Pool's approach for resource adequacy and Derek Stenclik's guiding principles presentation could aid the group in developing its report. Additionally, Scott Benson (LES) pointed to an EPRI presentation on decarbonization that would be useful for the group.

Sam agreed that our next meeting could detail what work SPP is already doing and provide more detail around the focus area groups. The April and May meetings will be devoted to more education from outside resources.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 6 – NEXT STEPS**

Sam Ellis asked the group for agreement on the focus areas. Consensus was reached, but the group noted that some items under each focus area will overlap to some degree. Sam pledged to further refine the topics for focus area. Michael Daly will send out the refined list and ask members to submit their top two preferences plus one alternate. This feedback will be used in assigning members to each focus area.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 7 – MEETING FEEDBACK**

Michael Daly provided the QR code and link for attendees to assess the effectiveness of the meeting. He will also send out this link to group members.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 8 – SUMMARY OF ACTION ITEMS**

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#### **AGENDA ITEM 9 – DISCUSSION OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

Mark Ahlstrom noted that the next meeting will be held virtually on March 30, 2022. After that, a virtual meeting will be held on April 18, 2022. Registration can be accessed [here](#).

**AGENDA ITEM 10 – ADJOURNMENT**

Mark Ahlstrom adjourned the meeting at 2:23 p.m. CT.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Daly on behalf of Sam Ellis

Secretary

Attachments: Attendance Record

Attachment 1—Meeting Attendance Record

First Name	Last Name	Company
Mark	Ahlstrom	NextEra Energy Resources
Malcolm	Ainspan	NRG Power Marketing, LLC
Kamran	Ali	American Electric Power
Kelsey	Allen	Southwest Power Pool
Scott	Benson	Lincoln Electric System
John	Boshears	City Utilities of Springfield
Bert	Bressers	Southwest Power Pool
Denise	Buffington	Evergy Companies
Casey	Cathey	Southwest Power Pool
Bradley	Cochran	Oklahoma Gas & Electric
Keith	Collins	Southwest Power Pool Market Monitoring Unit
Michael	Daly	Southwest Power Pool
Richard	Dillon	Southwest Power Pool
Brian	Drumm	ITC Transmission
Sam	Ellis	Southwest Power Pool
Steve	Gaw	Advanced Power Alliance
Orijit	Ghoshal	Grain Belt Express
Jared	Greenwalt	Southwest Power Pool Market Monitoring Unit
Hwikwon	Ham	Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
Brian	Johnson	American Electric Power
David	Kelley	Southwest Power Pool
Evan	Kinney	Nebraska Public Power District
Antoine	Lucas	Southwest Power Pool
Jason	Mazigian	Basin Electric Power Cooperative
Kyle	McNabb	NRG Energy
David	Mindham	EDP Renewables
Gayle	Nansel	Western Area Power Administration—Upper Great Plains
James	Okenfuss	Savion, LLC
Adam	Schieffer	Omaha Public Power District
Harvey	Scribner	Southwest Power Pool
David	Sonntag	Western Farmers Electric Cooperative
Heather	Starnes	Healy Law Offices/MJMEUC
Al	Tamimi	Sunflower Electric Power Cooperative
Jodi	Woods	Southwest Power Pool Market Monitoring Unit