

#### **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE** Virtual - February 16, 2023 - 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. **AGENDA**

1.	Call to Order and Administrative ItemsBarbara Sugar. Approval of Minutes (11/17/22) b. Action Items Review	gg
2.	Update on Governing Document RevisionsPaul Susk a. Docket No. ER22-2814 – Revisions to Clarify Membership on the RSC b. Docket No. ER22-2813 – Revisions to Modify Withdrawal Deposit Structure i. Member outreach efforts	кie
3.	Governance Review UpdateBarbara Su	ıgg
4.	CGC Effectiveness Survey ResultsBarbara Sug	gg
5.	Strategic Planning Committee Scope UpdateBarbara Sug	gg
6.	Organizational Group VacanciesBarbara Sugar.  a. <b>Human Resources Committee (1 vacancy)</b> i. Transmission Owning Seat (Term Ending Dec. 2025)  1. Rodney Palesano – Western Farmers Electric Coop.	gg
	b. Members Committee (3 vacancies)  i Investor Owned Utility (Term ending Dec. 2025)	
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- i. Investor Owned Utility (Term ending Dec. 2025)
  - 1. Stacey Burbure (AEP Public Service Company of Oklahoma)
- ii. Cooperative Sector Seat (Term ending Dec. 2023)
  - 1. Matt Caves Western Farmers Electric Coop.
  - 2. Al Tamimi Sunflower Electric Power Corp.
- iii. Alternative Power/Public Interest Sector Seat (Term Ending Dec. 2024)
  - 1. Christy Walsh Natural Resources Defense Counsel
- 7. Future meetings

May 18, 2023 Virtual August 17, 2023 Virtual November 16, 2023 Virtual

#### **Executive Session**

1. Board of Director Vacancies/Terms Ending ......Barbara Sugg



#### **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

Minutes #101

#### Zoom Meeting | November 17, 2022 – 8:00a.m. - 11:00a.m.

#### **BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**

#### Agenda Item 1 - Call to Order and Administrative Items

Chair Barbara Sugg called the Corporate Governance Committee ("CGC") business meeting to order at 8:02a.m. The following CGC members were in attendance or represented by proxy:

Larry Altenbaumer, Director
Denise Buffington, Evergy Companies
Ann Coultas, Enel Green Power North America
Jason Fortik, Lincoln Electric System
Steve Gaw, Advanced Power Alliance
Brett Leopold, ITC Great Plains
Lloyd Linke, Western Area Power Administration
John McClure, Nebraska Public Power District
Jim Staggs, Walmart
Barbara Sugg, Southwest Power Pool
Mike Wise, Golden Spread Electric Cooperative
Josh Martin, Director (ex Officio)

There was a total of 32 in attendance via Zoom. (Attachment –Attendance).

Ms. Barbara Sugg asked if there were any changes to the CGC Minutes from August 18, 2022. (Attachment – CGC Minutes 8/18/22).

## Mr. John McClure made a motion to approve the minutes from August 18, 2022. Mr. Jason Fortik seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Paul Suskie reviewed the action items. Mr. Suskie reported that the governance review is ongoing and that a workshop is scheduled for this afternoon. The other two action items, Board Compensation and Cybersecurity Incident Notification Policy, will be discussed in Executive Session. (Attachment – Action Items).

Ms. Sugg noted that the following CGC members were elected by their sector to a new term ending 2026:

- 1. Mike Wise, Golden Spread Electric Coop. Cooperative
- 2. Steve Gaw, Advanced Power Alliance Alternative Power/Public Interest
- 3. Lloyd Linke, WAPA Federal Agency

#### **Agenda Item 2 – Committee Vacancies**

Ms. Sugg presented two vacancies on the Members Committee. The first is an Investor Owned Utility sector vacancy with a term ending December 2023 due to Ms. Usha Turner (OG&E) vacating the position. The second is also an Investor Owned Utility sector vacancy with a term ending December 2024 due to Ms. Denise Buffington (Evergy) vacating the position. She invited the nominees for each position to speak on their qualifications and interest in the positions. The CGC voted in Executive Session following the business meeting. The nominees are as follows:

a. Emily Shuart, Oklahoma Gas and Electric



#### b. Kevin Bryant, Evergy Companies

Ms. Sugg presented the Strategic Planning Committee vacancy. This is a Transmission Owning Member vacancy with a term ending December 2023 due to Ms. Usha Turner (OG&E) vacating the position. Ms. Sugg invited the nominees for the position to speak on their qualifications and interest in the position. The CGC voted in Executive Session following the business meeting. The nominees are as follows:

- 1. Denise Buffington, Evergy Companies
- 2. Jarred Cooley, Xcel Energy
- 3. Eric Bassingthwaighte, Omaha Public Power District
- 4. Emily Shuart, Oklahoma Gas and Electric

Next, Ms. Sugg presented the MOPC Chair and Vice Chair positions both with terms ending December 2022. The position of Chair is currently held by Ms. Denise Buffington (Evergy) and the position of Vice Chair is currently held by Mr. Alan Myers (ITC Great Plains). Based on past practice, the MOPC Vice Chair assumes the role of Chair for the next two-year term. Accordingly, SPP Staff solicited for nominees for the position of Vice Chair. The CGC voted in Executive Session following the business meeting. The nominees for each position are as follows:

- 4. MOPC Chair
  - a. Alan Myers, ITC Great Plains, Current MOPC Vice Chair
- 5. MOPC Vice Chair
  - a. Ray Bergmeier, Sunflower Electric
  - b. Joseph Lang, Omaha Public Power District

#### Agenda Item 3 - Organizational Group Chair Expiring Terms

Mr. Paul Suskie presented the candidates nominated to serve a two-year term as Chair of an Organizational Group. The nominees and corresponding Organizational Groups are as follows:

- 1. Modeling Development Advisory Group, John Turner, Western Farmers Electric Coop.
- 2. Settlements User Forum, Tess Venetz, Xcel Energy
- 3. Economic Studies Working Group, Calvin Daniels, Western Farmers Electric Cooperative
- 4. Operations Training User Forum, Derek Stafford, Grand River Dam Authority
- 5. Change User Forum, Jodi Hall, Evergy Companies

Mr. Mike Wise made a motion to approve the nominees as presented. Mr. Jason Fortik seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

#### <u>Agenda Item 4 – Organizational Group Assessment and Rosters</u>

Mr. Lanny Nickel presented the Organizational Group Assessments and Rosters. He noted that the new format is much improved over the previous year. Mr. Nickel also reported that SPP Staff and Working Group Chairs are working together to address instances where representatives had low attendance. The CGC discussed future changes to how Members are listed on the rosters, the practice for standing proxies on Working Groups, and noted a few clean-up items.



#### **Future Meetings**

February 16, 2023 TBD May 18, 2023 TBD August 17, 2023 TBD November 16, 2023 TBD

The business meeting adjourned at 8:58a.m. Executive Session followed after a short break to discuss the nominations, SPP's Cybersecurity Incident Notification Policy and Board Compensation.

#### **Results from the Executive Session:**

#### **Members Committee Vacancies:**

Ms. Emily Shuart was nominated to fill the vacant IOU seat with a term ending December 2023.

Mr. Kevin Bryant was nominated to fill the vacant IOU seat with a term ending December 2024.

#### **Strategic Planning Committee Vacancy:**

Ms. Denise Buffington was nominated to fill the vacant Strategic Planning Committee Transmission Owning seat with a term ending December 2023.

#### **MOPC Chair:**

Mr. Alan Myers was nominated to fill the MOPC Chair position with a term ending December 2024.

#### **MOPC Vice Chair:**

Mr. Joe Lang was nominated to fill the position of MOPC Vice Chair with a term ending December 2024.

Respectfully Submitted, Paul Suskie, Secretary



# Southwest Power Pool, Inc. CORPORATE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE Pending Action Items Status Report

November 17, 2022 February 16, 2023

No.	Action Item	Date Originated	Status	Comments
1.	Staff to look at disclosure requirements pertaining to cyber events for future CGC discussion.	08/19/21	In ProcessCo mplete	On agenda for Executive Session November 17, 2022
2.	Conduct holistic review of SPP Governing Documents to encompass incremental changes and as part of SPP's Strategic Plan and the Adaptive Governance Enabling Capability.	02/17/2022	In Process	Retained Strategic Offsites to assist with governance review. Work ongoing.
3.	Review Board compensation market comparisons and trends.	08/18/2022	In ProcessCo mplete	On agenda for Executive Session November 17, 2022

## FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION WASHINGTON, DC 20426

#### OFFICE OF ENERGY MARKET REGULATION

Southwest Power Pool, Inc. Docket No. ER22-2814-000

Issued: November 1, 2022

On September 8, 2022, Southwest Power Pool, Inc. submitted revisions to section 7.2 of the SPP Bylaws in SPP's Governing Documents Tariff to clarify the availability of membership on the Regional State Committee. Pursuant to authority delegated to the Director, Division of Electric Power Regulation – Central, under 18 C.F.R. § 375.307, the submittal is accepted for filing, effective November 8, 2022, as requested.

The filing was publicly noticed. No protests or adverse comments were filed. Pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's regulations (18 C.F.R. § 385.214), notices of intervention, timely-filed motions to intervene, and any unopposed motions to intervene out-of-time filed before the issuance date of this order are granted.

This action does not constitute approval of any service, rate, charge, classification, or any rule, regulation, contract, or practice affecting such rate or service provided for in the filed document(s); nor shall such action be deemed as recognition of any claimed contractual right or obligation affecting or relating to such service or rate; and such action is without prejudice to any findings or orders which have been or may hereafter be made by the Commission in any proceeding now pending or hereafter instituted by or against the applicant(s).

This order constitutes final agency action. Requests for rehearing by the Commission may be filed within 30 days of the date of issuance of this order, pursuant to 18 C.F.R. § 385.713.

Issued by: Penny S. Murrell, Director, Division of Electric Power Regulation – Central

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Southwest Power Pool, Inc., Governing Documents Tariff, <u>Section 7.2, Bylaws 7.2 Regional State Committee (2.0.0)</u>.

## FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION WASHINGTON, DC 20426

#### OFFICE OF ENERGY MARKET REGULATION

Southwest Power Pool, Inc. Docket No. ER22-2813-000

Issued: November 1, 2022

On September 8, 2022, Southwest Power Pool, Inc. submitted revisions to sections 1.0 and 4.2 of the SPP Membership Agreement to revise definitions and add a third withdrawal deposit category. Pursuant to authority delegated to the Director, Division of Electric Power Regulation – Central, under 18 C.F.R. § 375.307, the submittal is accepted for filing, effective November 8, 2022, as requested.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Southwest Power Pool, Inc., Governing Documents Tariff, <u>Section 1.0, MA 1.0</u> <u>Definitions (8.0.0)</u>; Southwest Power Pool, Inc., Governing Documents Tariff, <u>Section 4.2</u>, MA 4.2 Termination Procedures and Effective Dates (5.0.0).



# CGC EFFECTIVENESS SURVEY

2022 SELF-ASSESSMENT









### **SURVEY OVERVIEW**

- 100% participation for first time in years!
- Average rating remains high: 4.6 out of 5
- Slight rating decrease
  - Timely and relevant meeting materials
  - Dissenting voices are heard
- Slight rating increase
  - Members are prepared for meetings
  - Members are supportive and respectful
  - Follow through on questions and commitments



## **SURVEY HISTORY**

- Best response rate in recent history: 100%
- Overall effectiveness rating similar to previous years

Response rate						
2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
100%	83%	54%	80%	64%	89%	80%

	Overall Effectiveness					
2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
4.6	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.4	4.6



## **HIGHEST RATINGS**

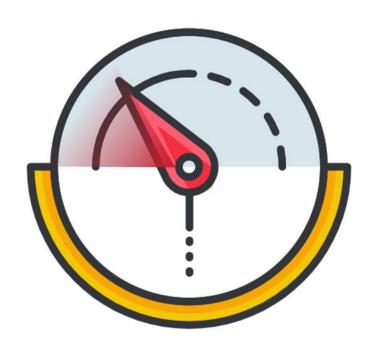
- Membership represents the **diversity** of the SPP organization.
- Members are **supportive and respectful** of the individual needs and differences of group members.
- Members are engaged during the meetings and leave with a feeling of accomplishment
- Members are committed to accomplishing the group's goals





## **ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT**

- Provide timely and relevant materials
- Facilitate the meetings to guide discussion and seek input on key decisions, including hearing dissenting voices.
- **Information** presented in meetings needs to be more **clear**.





### **OPEN-ENDED COMMENTS**

"CGC has benefitted from a good group of members"

"The sector representation format for the CGC is still working well" "I really appreciate materials being delivered early to allow time to review"

"Continue to hold educational sessions on group governance fundamentals"

"Address representation issue on working groups and committees"

"These meetings need to be held in person"

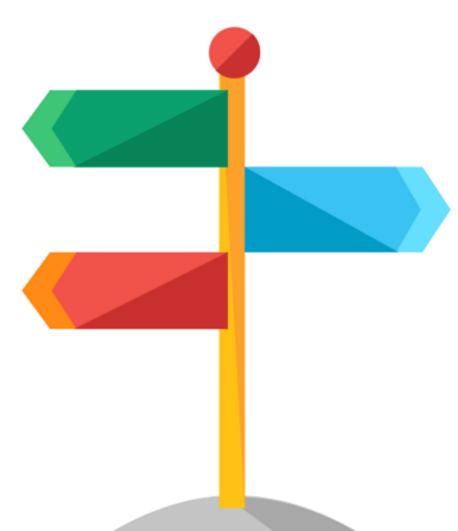
"Develop an annual action plan for governance topics that need to be addressed"

"We should review our voting processes "



## **NEXT STEPS**

- Implement internal process improvements to ensure timely delivery of materials.
- Develop an annual calendar for CGC to be included in the annual assessment.
- Incorporate governance suggestions into the current governance review.







#### **SOUTHWEST POWER POOL, INC.**

**Strategic Planning Committee** 

#### RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

January 18, 2023 Proposed modifications to committee scope.

#### ORGANIZATIONAL ROSTER

The following persons are members of the Strategic Planning Committee:

John Cupparo - Chair, SPP Board of Natasha Henderson, Golden Spread Electric Cooperative

Steve Wright, SPP Board of Directors David Mindham, EDF Renewables

Denise Buffington, Evergy Companies Matt Pawlowski, NextEra Energy Resources,

Matt Caves, Western Farmers Electric

Cooperative Richard Ross, American Electric Power-

Southwestern Electric Power Co Tom Christensen, Basin Electric Power

Cooperative Steve Sanders, Western Area Power Administration, Upper Great Plains

Dennis Florom, Lincoln Electric System

Barbara Sugg, Southwest Power Pool

#### **BACKGROUND**

The Strategic Planning Committee (SPC) has identified minor modifications and clarifications to the committee's scope document. These include additional clarification in purpose statement, removal from the scope of activities the responsibility to develop a mission and vision statement, and additional clarifying statements related to the SPC role with the transmission planning models.



#### **ANALYSIS**

The group discussed the proposed modifications at the regularly scheduled January meeting. After discussion by the committee, it was agreed these changes improve the clarity of the scope of activities.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

The SPC recommends approval of the modifications to their scope statement.

**Approved:** Strategic Planning Committee January 18, 2023

Passed Unopposed

Action Requested: Approve Recommended Scope Modifications



# STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE PROPOSED SCOPE CHANGE

FEBRUARY 16, 2023









## PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS

# Section: Purpose

## Additional clarification statement

"The SPC primarily fulfills its purpose through the stewardship of the current strategic plan based on the following activities."



## PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS

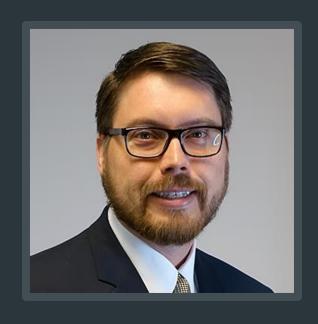
# Section: Scope of Activity

- Add "vision" to statement "Formulate strategies to ensure achievement of SPP's mission and vision",...
- Clarify SPC role within transmission planning model development process to, "review and provide guidance on futures"
- Remove that SPC is to develop and recommend Vision and Mission statements



## **SPC RECOMMENDATION**

• CGC to approve the modified scope of the Strategic Planning Committee as proposed.



# **JOSHUA PHILLIPS**

Principal of Strategic Initiatives and Business Standards

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# Southwest Power Pool, Inc. STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE Organizational Group Scope Statement January 18, 2023

#### **Purpose**

The Strategic Planning Committee (SPC) is responsible for the development and recommendation of strategic direction for the company in accordance with its scope as approved by the Board of Directors.

The SPC primarily fulfills its purpose through the stewardship of the current strategic plan based on the following activities.

#### **Scope of Activities**

- a) Gather information from the SPP Members, customers, Staff, regulatory jurisdictions, market monitors, and legislative bodies on industry trends, forecasts and directions:
- b) Assess the industry environment in which SPP will be operating;
- c) Assess SPP's capabilities and competencies against the industry environment, including coordination with neighboring entities;
- d) Formulate strategies to ensure achievement of SPP's mission and vision statement, goals, objectives, and responsibilities, and recommend necessary modifications to SPP processes to carry out these strategies;
- e) Review and provide guidance on futures for evaluation within transmission planning models;
- f) Work with other Organizational Groups in developing related action plans, schedules and budgets;
- g) Complete a self-assessment annually to determine how effectively the SPC is meeting its responsibilities; and
- h) Perform such other functions as the Board of Directors may delegate or direct.



#### Representation

The SPC shall be comprised of up to fourteen members. Up to four, but no less than three, representatives shall be from the Board of Directors; five representatives from the Transmission Owning Member sector as nominated by the Corporate Governance Committee; and five representatives from the Transmission Using Member sector as nominated by the Corporate Governance Committee.

#### Reporting

The Strategic Planning Committee reports directly to the Board of Directors.



# Southwest Power Pool, Inc. STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE Organizational Group Scope Statement

April 25, 2017 January 18, 2023

#### **Purpose**

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The SPC primarily fulfills its purpose through the stewardship of the current strategic plan based on the following activities.

#### **Scope of Activities**

- a) Gather information from the SPP Members, customers, Staff, regulatory jurisdictions, market monitors, and legislative bodies on industry trends, forecasts and directions;
- b) Assess the industry environment in which SPP will be operating;
- Assess SPP's capabilities and competencies against the industry environment, including coordination with neighboring entities;
- d) Develop and recommend to the Board of Directors a mission and vision statement and accompanying goals and objectives;

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- e)d) Formulate strategies to ensure achievement of SPP's mission and vision statement, goals, objectives, and responsibilities, and recommend necessary modifications to SPP processes to carry out these strategies;
- f)e)Initiate definition of Review and provide guidance on futures for evaluation within transmission planning models;
- <u>s)f</u>)Work with other Organizational Groups in developing related action plans, schedules and budgets;
- h)g) Complete a self-assessment annually to determine how effectively the SPC is meeting its responsibilities; and
- ih) Perform such other functions as the Board of Directors may delegate or direct.

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	MEMBERSHIP REPRESENTATION ON SPP COMMITTEES				2023 02 02
Member Company	MC 3 year terms	CGC 4 year terms	FC 4 year terms	HRC 4 year terms	SPC 4 year terms
Advanced Power Alliance	Steve Gaw	Steve Gaw	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
Alternate Power/Public Interest) (TU)	Dec-23	Dec-26			
EP/PSO/SWEPCO	200 25	2 00 20	Sandra Bennett		Richard Ross
Investor-Owned Utility) (TO)	Dec-25		Dec-23		Dec-26
American Clean Power Association	Dec 23		Dec 23		Dec 20
Alternate Power/Public Interest) (TU)	Dec-24				
Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corporation	Buddy Hasten				Andrew Lachowsky
Cooperative) (TU)	· ·				Dec-23
• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	Dec-25				
Basin Electric Power Cooperative	Tom Christensen				Tom Christensen
Cooperative) (TO)	Dec-25				Dec-26
City Utilities of Springfield	Chris Jones				
Municipal) (TU)	Dec-25				
Dogwood Energy	Rob Janssen				
Independent Power Producer) (TU)	Dec-25				
EDP Renewables North America	David Mindham				David Mindham
Independent Power Producer) (TU)	Dec-23				Dec-24
Enel Green Power North America		Ann Coultas			
Independent Power Producer) (TU)		Dec-24			
Evergy Companies	Kevin Bryant	Denise Buffington			Denise Buffington
(Investor-Owned Utility) (TO)	Dec-24	Dec-23			Dec-23
Golden Spread Electric Cooperative	Mike Wise	Mike Wise	Mike Wise		Natasha Henderson
Cooperative) (TU)	Dec-24	Dec-26	Dec-26		Dec-26
Google Energy	Will Conkling	Dec 20	Dec 20		Dec 20
	Dec-23				
(Large Retail Customer) (TU)	Dec-23			NI NACIP	
GridLiance High Plains, LLC				Noman Williams	
Independent Transmission Co) (TU)				Dec-26	
TC Great Plains	Brett Leopold	Brett Leopold		Matthew Dills	
(Independent Transmission Co) (TU)	Dec-25	Dec-25		Dec-24	
Kansas Electric Power Cooperative				Suzanne Lane	
(Cooperative) (TU)				Dec-24	
Liberty Utilities (Empire District)	Tim Wilson				
(Investor-Owned) (TO)	Dec-24				
Lincoln Electric System		Jason Fortik	Emily Koenig		Dennis Florom
(Municipal) (TU)		Dec-23	Dec-24		Dec-24
Nebraska Public Power District	Tom Kent	John McClure			
(State Agency) (TO)	Dec-24	Dec-25			
NextEra Energy Resources, LLC			Matt Pawlowski		Matt Pawlowski
Independent Power Producer) (TU)			Dec-24		Dec-26
NorthWestern Energy	Bleau LaFave				
(Investor-Owned Utility) (TU)	Dec-25				
Oklahoma Gas & Electric Company	Emily Shuart		Brad Cochran	Scott Briggs	
(Investor-Owned Utility) (TO)	Dec-23		Dec-25	Dec-24	
·	David Osburn		Dec-23	Dec-24	
Oklahoma Municipal Power Authority					
(Municipal) (TU)	Dec-23			11	
Omaha Public Power District	Joe Lang			Joe Lang	
State Agency) (TO)	Dec-23			Dec-23	
SPS/Xcel Energy	Adrian Rodriguez				
Investor-Owned Utility) (TO)	Dec-23				
Sunflower Electric Power Corporation			Al Tamimi		
Cooperative) (TO)			Dec-24	Dec-25	
enaska Power Services	Kevin Smith				
Independent Power Producer) (TU)	Dec-24				
Fri-County Electric Cooperative, Inc.	Zac Perkins				
Cooperative) (TU)	Dec-24				
ri-State Generation and Transmission Assoc.					
Cooperative) (TU)	Dec-23				
Walmart		Jim Staggs			
Large Retail Customer) (TU)		Dec-24			Matt Carra
Western Farmers Electric Cooperative					Matt Caves
Cooperative) (TO)		,, ,,,,			Dec-24
Western Area Power Administration	Lloyd Linke	Lloyd Linke			Steve Sanders
(Federal Power Marketing Agency) (TO)	Dec-23	Dec-26			Dec-24

Human Resources Committee (4 Year Term)			
	Vacancy (0)		
Representative	Company	Sector/Position	Term Expires
Bronwen Bastone	SPP Board	Chair	N/A
John Cupparo	SPP Board	Board Representative	N/A
Liz Moore	SPP Board	Board Representative	N/A
Joe Lang	Omaha Public Power District	Transmission Owner	2023
Suzanne Lane	Kansas Electric Power Co	Transmission Using	2024
Matt Dills	ITC Great Plains	Transmission Using	2024
Scott Briggs Oklahoma Gas & Electric		Transmission Owner	2024
		Transmission Owner	2025
Noman Williams	GridLiance High Plains	Transmission Using	2026

# Nomination Form Human Resources Committee Transmission Owning

	Rodney Palesano
Nominee Name & Title:	Senior Manager, Human Resources
	Western Farmers Electric Cooperative (WFEC)
Company:	
Type of Experience & Responsibilities	Employed by WFEC for >27 years with more than 22 years as the
with Company:	head of Human Resources. Responsibilities include: Benefit plans
	(retirement and health); recruiting/retention; compensation
	design and management with survey data analysis; performance
	management; payroll; employee development; administrative
	procedures; and succession planning. Participation on, and held
	officer positions on multiple boards, task forces and advisory
	committees related to the above.
	WFEC is a Generation & Transmission (G&T) Cooperative
	headquartered in Oklahoma that has been a member of SPP since
	1969. WFEC serves 21-member distribution cooperatives and
	Altus Air Force Base. WFEC's member distribution cooperatives
	are located in Oklahoma (17 members) and New Mexico (4
	members) that service Oklahoma, New Mexico and portions of
	Texas and Kansas.
Nominee's Phone Number & Email	(405) 831-5212
Address:	r_palesano@wfec.com
	Gary Roulet
Nominated by	Chief Executive Officer, WFEC
Nominated by:	Giller Executive Officer, Wille
	Matt Caves
	Senior Manager, Legal & Regulatory Compliance, WFEC
	Transmission Owning Member
Sector Nominated For:	
	None
Affiliate(s):	
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	Members Committe	e (24 Members) (3 Year Term)		
	Vaca	ancies (In Red)		
	Investor Owned Utility S	ector-Transmission User (6 Seats)		
Sector	Representative	Company	Term Expires	
IOU	Adrian Rodriguez	SPS/Xcel Energy	2023	
IOU	Emily Shuart	Oklahoma Gas & Electric Company	2023	
IOU	Tim Wilson	Liberty Utilities (Empire District)	2024	
IOU	Kevin Bryant	Evergy Companies	2024	
IOU	Bleau LaFave	NorthWestern Energy	2025	
IOU			2025	
	Cooperative Sector-	Transmission Owning (5 Seats)		
Sector	Representative	Company	Term Expires	
Cooperative			2023	
Cooperative	Zac Perkins	Tri-County Electric Cooperative	2024	
Cooperative	Mike Wise	Golden Spread Electric Cooperative	2024	
Cooperative	Buddy Hasten	Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corp	2025	
Cooperative	Tom Christensen	Basin Electric Power Cooperatie	2025	
Соороганус		Transmission User (2 Seats)	2020	
Sector	Representative	Company	Term Expires	
Municipal	Dave Osburn	Oklahoma Municipal Power Authority	2023	
Municipal	Chris Jones	City Utilities of Springfield	2025	
		rketers Sector-Transmission User (3 Seats)	2023	
Sector	Representative	Company	Term Expires	
IDD/Marketers	David Mindham		2022	
IPP/Marketers		EDP Renewables	2023	
IPP/Marketers	Kevin Smith	Tenaska Power Services	2024	
IPP/Marketers	Rob Janssen  State Agencies Sector	Dogwood Energy - Transmission Owning (2 Seats)	2025	
Sector	Representative	Company	Term Expires	
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State Agencies	Joe Lang	Omaha Public Power District	2023	
State Agencies	Tom Kent	Nebraska Public Power District  cy Sector - Transmission Owning (1 Seat)	2024	
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Sector	Representative	Company	Term Expires	
FPMA	Lloyd Linke	Western Area Power Administration	2023	
		pany Sector -Transmission Using (1 Seat)	Ι	
Sector	Representative	Company	Term Expires	
ndependent Transmission C	· ·	ITC Great Plains	2025	
		Sector Transmission Using (1 Seat)		
Sector	Representative	Company	Term Expires	
Large Retail	Will Conkling	Google Energy, LLC	2023	
Public Interest/Alternative Power Sector-Transmission Using (2 Seats)				
Sector	Representative	Company	Term Expires	
Alternative/PI	Steve Gaw	Advanced Power Alliance	2023	
Alternative/PI			2024	
	Small Retail Customer S	ector -Transmission Using (1 Seat)		
Sector	Representative	Company	Term Expires	
Small Retail	VACANT		2022	

# Nomination Form Members Committee Investor Owned Utility

Nominee Name & Title:	Stacey Burbure Vice President of FERC and RTO Strategy and Policy American Electric Power Service Corporation (AEPSC) Representing the AEP affiliate members of the SPP
Company:	AEPSC on behalf of Public Service company of Oklahoma
Type of Experience & Responsibilities with Company:	Stacey Burbure is the Vice President of FERC and RTO Strategy and Policy for American Electric Power Service Corporation.  Stacey and her staff are responsible for the formation the AEP Polices and their advocacy within the RTO stakeholder processes and at the FERC.
	Stacey began working for AEP in 2019 as senior counsel in the Legal Department, representing the company in PJM transmission owner committees and handling transmission formula rate and policy issues before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Prior to joining AEP, Burbure held a senior counsel position at an investor-owned utility, focusing on transmission issues. Previously, she acted as senior counsel to the North American Electric Reliability Corporation where she acted as lead counsel to the Reliability Standards Committee. She began her career in the energy field in 2003 at law firms in Washington, D.C.
	Burbure earned her bachelor's degree from Swarthmore College and her law degree from George Washington University Law School. She is a board member of the Charitable Foundation of the Energy Bar Association.
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Nominated by:	C. Richard Ross – Director RTO Transmission Policy AEPSC as agent for Southwestern Electric Power Company
Affiliate(s):	Public Service Company of Oklahoma Southwestern Electric Power Company Oklahoma Transmission Company Southwestern Transmission Company Transource Missouri, LLC Transource Oklahoma, LLC Transource Energy, LLC

# Nomination Form Members Committee Cooperative

Cooperative			
	Matthew A. Caves		
Nominee Name & Title:	Senior Manager, Legal & Regulatory Compliance		
Company:	Western Farmers Electric Cooperative		
Type of Experience & Responsibilities with Company:	Matt currently serves as WFEC's Senior Manager, Legal & Regulatory Compliance and Compliance Officer. As WFEC's Compliance Officer he directs and supervises WFEC's Compliance Team relative to NERC Compliance. Matt also manages WFEC's legal and environmental health and safety departments and staff.		
	Additionally, Matt currently serves on SPP's Strategic Planning Committee (SPC), and as WFEC's representative on SPP's Markets and Operations Policy Committee (MOPC) and Reliability Compliance Advisory Group (RCAG). He is also a member of the Midwest Reliability Organization (MRO) Compliance Monitoring and Enforcement Program Advisory Council (CMEPAC) and the Oklahoma Dept of Environmental Quality Air Quality Advisory Council (AQAC).		
	WFEC is a Generation and Transmission (G&T) Cooperative headquartered in Anadarko, OK that has been in existence for 80 years and has been a member of SPP since 1969. WFEC serves 21-member distribution cooperatives, Altus Air Force Base, and a few municipalities within Oklahoma. WFEC's service territory includes a portion of Oklahoma, New Mexico, Kansas, and Texas. WFEC has a diverse fuel portfolio that includes wind, solar, hydroelectric, and fossil fuel. WFEC's Board and membership continues to be very proactive in adding renewables to this diverse fuel mix.		
Nominee's Phone Number & Email	405-759-2784		
Address:	matt.caves@wfec.com		
Nominated by:	Gary Ray Roulet, Chief Executive Officer, WFEC & Bobby Ferris, Executive VP & General Manager, Lea County Electric Cooperative		
Affiliate(s):	N/A		

# Nomination Form Members Committee Cooperative

Nominee Name & Title: Al Tamimi, Ph.D., P.E.

V.P., Transmission Planning, Policy & NERC

Compliance

Company:

Sunflower Electric Power Corporation (TO)

Type of Experience & Responsibilities with Company:

My current responsibilities include overseeing transmission & distribution planning, transmission policy and the NERC compliance program for Sunflower Electric Power Corporation. In my current job, I am heavily involved in transmission and market policy issues and strategies which has an impact on SPP and Sunflower systems. Additionally, I manage strategies for our company to meet NERC and CIP compliance requirements, generation retirement strategies, and distributed generation impact on our rate payers. I have also developed and managed several strategies related to our company's transmission and distribution including planning, long-term strategic investment, interconnections, and design and facility criteria.

SPP working groups participations: I currently serve and have served on several Southwest Power Pool ("SPP") working groups, task forces and committees since 2007; The Economic Studies Working Group ("ESWG"), The Finance Committee (FC), Markets and Operations Policy Committee ("MOPC"), Synchrophasor Task Force, Chair for the Generation Interconnection Improvement Task Force ("GIITF"), Chair for the High Priority Incremental Load Study ("HPILs"). I also served as a team member of the Holistic Integrated Tariff Team "HITT" where I provided input and expertise to the group on several aspects of the variety of issues the HITT considered, including the discussions on cost allocation in wind rich zones and the new three-stage generation interconnection process.

**Education background:** My education is in the power system engineering area and business administration. I hold a master's degree in electrical engineering from Wichita State University and a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degree in electrical engineering from Kansas State University. I also attended the MBA program at Baker university.

Industry publications: Published several journal and conference papers in the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers ("IEEE"). My publications focused on optimization of transmission investments as they relate to high penetration of wind in rural communities. I have also

	earned a senior member status in the IEEE society. I became a licensed professional engineer in Kansas in 2005.  Looking at the current members of the membership committee, I think I will complement the cooperative sector since I will bring the perspective of a transmission owning cooperative with more than 300% wind penetration and located on the western part of SPP and on the seams with the west. I also have extensive SPP stakeholder experience and can work collaboratively with other SPP members and SPP Staff, Executive Team, and the SPP Board of Directors to assist with finding solutions to complex problems and helping find consensus for these solutions.
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Nominated by:	Self
Affiliate(s):	None

# Nomination Form Members Committee Alternative Power/Public Interest

Nominee Name & Title:	Christy Walsh, Director of Federal Energy Markets
	Natural Resources Defense Counsel
Company:	
Type of Experience & Responsibilities with Company:	I am the director of Federal Energy Markets for the NRDC Sustainable FERC project and am responsible for NRDC's work on wholesale power markets and transmission issues. My work involves working on matters before FERC and at the RTOs, including serving on SPP's MOPC. I spent 18 years at FERC in various positions, including advising Chairman Jon Wellinghoff and holding senior executive positions such as Director of the Division of Policy Development and Deputy General Counsel. I lead FERC on important electric and gas policy issues, working closely with FERC leadership in developing many policy reforms, including those involving RTO markets, electric storage, distributed energy, and transmission. I also have significant experience on electric reliability matters as the lead FERC attorney to implement FERC's reliability authority stemming from EPAct 2005. As part of that effort, I drafted the regulations to approve NERC as the ERO and led the efforts to approve numerous reliability standards and assess NERC's enforcement actions. I also led FERC's efforts on gas-electric coordination issues and worked on Western issues such as the EIM, CAISO markets, and the current Markets+ and EDAM proposals.
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	Christy Walsh (self)
Nominated by:	
Affiliate(s):	None