

**SOUTHWEST POWER POOL
REGIONAL STATE COMMITTEE
October 30, 2023
Little Rock, AR**

SUMMARY OF MOTIONS AND ACTION ITEMS



MOTION: Move to approve the July 24, 2023 minutes. (Commissioner Randy Christmann (NDPSC) /Secretary John Tuma (MNPUC) seconded) *Passed Unanimously*

MOTION: Move to accept the slate of officers as presented. (Chairperson Fiegen (SDPUC)/Commissioner Justin Tate (ARPSC) seconded) *Passed Unanimously*

MOTION: Motion to approve RR 584. (Secretary John Tuma (MNPUC)/Chairperson Kristie Fiegen (SDPUC) seconded) In Favor – 8; Opposed – 4 (AR, LA, OK, NM). *Motion Passed*

MOTION: Motion to eliminate the Safe Harbor 20% wind criteria in Attachment J, Section III. B. (Chairman Scott Rupp (MOPSC) motioned/Chairman Todd Hiett (OCC) seconded). In Favor - 6; Opposed – 6 (TX, ND, SD, LA, NE, NM). *Motion Failed*

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MOTION: Approve RR 554 and RR 568 as approved by the REAL Team, Cost Allocation Working Group and Markets and Operations Policy Committee. (Vice President Will McAdams (PUCT) motioned/Chairperson Kristie Fiegen (SDPUC) seconded). Prior to voting on this item Vice President McAdams made a motion for an amendment to his previous motion.

MOTION TO AMEND: Amend RR 554 to use 7 years of historical data and RR 568 to use 7 years of historical data for allocation. (Vice President Will McAdams (PUCT) motioned/Commissioner Mike Francis (LPSC) seconded). In Favor-11; Opposed-1 (KS) *Motion Passed*

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MOTION: Motion for CAWG and SPP Staff to develop an 'availability' definition, per MMU's considerations, along with the outage policy initiative for January 2024 and subsequent Revision

Request. (Secretary John Tuma (MNPUC) motioned/Vice-President Will McAdams (PUCT) seconded) In Favor-10; Opposed-2 (OK, NE)

MOTION: Motion to endorse the demand response policy paper and REAL Team and MOPC recommendation as meeting the accreditation of demand response policy objective and support the development of a Revision Request enhancing accreditation for Demand Response. (Vice Chairman Hutchison (NPRB) motioned/Vice President Will McAdams (PUCT) seconded) *Passed Unanimously*

MOTION: Motion to endorse the Fuel Assurance SAWG direction as described and as meeting the fuel assurance policy objective and support the development of a Revision Request enhancing fuel assurance requirements. (Vice President Will McAdams (PUCT) motioned/ Secretary John Tuma (MNPUC) seconded.) Prior to voting on this item Secretary John Tuma (MNPUC) made a motion for an amendment to the previous motion.

MOTION TO AMEND: To amend the Fuel Assurance scope as follows: SAWG will develop policy to incorporate weighting for PBA based on critical system periods and consider modification to the OMC exceptions related to fuel-related outages and failure to maintain facilities within the design criteria. (Secretary John Tuma (MNPUC)/ Vice President Will McAdams (PUCT) seconded) *Passed Unanimously*

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MINUTES

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

The following members participated:

Andrew French, Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC), RSC President
Will McAdams, Texas Public Utility Commission (PUCT), RSC Vice President
John Tuma, Minnesota Public Utility Commission (MNPUC), RSC Secretary/Treasurer
Chuck Hutchison, Nebraska Power Review Board (NPRB)
Justin Tate, Arkansas Public Service Commission (APSC)
Kristie Fiegen, South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (SDPUC)
Sarah Martz, Iowa Utilities Board (IUB)
Mike Francis, Louisiana Public Service Commission (LPSC)
Pat O'Connell, New Mexico Public Regulation Commission (NMPRC)
Randy Christmann, North Dakota Public Service Commission (NDPSC)
Scott Rupp, Missouri Public Service Commission (MOPSC)
Todd Hiett, Oklahoma Corporation Commission (OCC)

AGENDA ITEM 1 – CALL TO ORDER

President Andrew French called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM.

AGENDA ITEM 2 – PRELIMINARY MATTERS

- A. Commissioners' Roll Call and Declaration of a Quorum - Roll call and quorum were established.
- B. Adoption of Minutes from July 24, 2023
MOTION: Move to approve the July 24, 2023 minutes. (Commissioner Randy Christmann (NDPSC)/Secretary John Tuma (MNPUC) seconded) *Passed Unanimously*
- C. Review of Ongoing action items – Ms. Kim O'Guinn (SPP) reviewed the open action items. Ms. O'Guinn reported action item 23-01 Safe Harbor Criteria and 23-03 FERC Order on Revisions to Add Waiver of Base Plan Allocation Methodology are on this agenda to be discussed.
- D. Acknowledgement of Visiting Commissioners and Staff – Mr. Paul Suskie (SPP Staff) welcomed Chairman Eric Blank (Colorado PUC), Chairman Thad LeVar (Utah PSC) and

Commissioner Kevin Thompson (Arizona Corporation Commission). Joining Commissioner Thompson are Nikki Farha and Ryan Anderson.

AGENDA ITEM 3 – UPDATE

- A. Southwest Power Pool (SPP) Report – Ms. Barbara Sugg recognized RSC President French for his leadership of the RSC and the creation of the Resource and Energy Adequacy Leadership Team (REAL) and thanked the RSC and CAWG for the work on cost allocation concerns in the wind rich portion of the SPP system. Ms. Sugg commented on the recent announcement from the US Department of Energy regarding the awarding of \$464M in funding for the joint SPP/MISO JTIQ project portfolio. A reception following the day's meetings will be held in the SPP Café to honor Larry Altenbaumer and Josh Martin who are retiring from the SPP board of Directors.

- B. RSC Third Quarter 2023 Financial Report - Mr. Paul Suskie reported on the Third Quarter 2023 expenses.

AGENDA ITEM 4 – RSC BUSINESS ITEMS

- A. RSC Nominating Committee – Chairperson Kristie Fiegen (SDPUC) provided a recommendation from the committee for the slate of RSC Officers for 2024. The slate presented and recommended by the committee is: RSC President Will McAdams (PUCT), RSC Vice-President John Tuma (MNPU) and Chuck Hutchison (NPRB).

MOTION: Move to accept the slate of officers as presented. (Chairperson Fiegen (SDPUC)/Commissioner Justin Tate (ARPSC) seconded) *Passed Unanimously*

AGENDA ITEM 5 – COST ALLOCATION GROUP (CAWG) REPORT AND VOTING ITEMS

CAWG Report – Ms. Shari Albrecht (KCC) reviewed topics discussed at the CAWG meetings over the past quarter which included: RR 584 HITT C2 byway facility cost allocation review process, HITT M1 congestion hedging, RR 554 performance based accreditation, RR 568 ELCC accreditation, Safe Harbor, JTIQ, Deliverability Study update, FERC reversal in Docket ER23-40-001, demand response accreditation and fuel assurance options.

- A. RR584 HITT C2 Evaluate a byway facility cost allocation review process – Ms. Shari Albrecht introduced RR584 which was developed in response to the recent FERC rejection of the HITT C2 waiver process previously developed and approved by the CAWG and RSC. Ms. Albrecht provided the history dating back to 2018 with the RSC and through the HITT initiative and implementation through the SPP Revision Request process and to filings at FERC. This RR directs staff to make a 205 filing at FERC to prospectively allocate the remaining ATRR of four Sunflower Electric Cooperative projects that were requested and reviewed by SPP Staff and the CAWG under the previously approved waiver process.

MOTION: Motion to approve RR 584. (Secretary John Tuma (MNPUC)/Chairperson Kristie Fiegen (SDPUC) seconded) In Favor – 8; Opposed – 4 (AR, LA, OK, NM).
Motion Passed

- B. Safe Harbor – Ms. Shari Albrecht provided an overview and history of the Safe Harbor criteria provided for in Attachment J, Section III of the SPP Tariff. RSC Action Item 23-01 required the CAWG to study the impacts of performance based accreditation and other SAWG initiatives on the 20% wind rule and 125% of load resource limit. In April 2023, CAWG sought input from the MOPC on the impacts of the Safe Harbor criteria on members’ business decisions and how the criteria may need to be changed. Following a number of CAWG discussions and straw polls, the following recommendations were adopted by the CAWG and presented to the RSC:
- a. Recommend to the RSC to eliminate the Safe Harbor 20% wind criteria in Attachment J, Section III.B. This motion passed the CAWG with 7 in favor and 5 opposed (PUCT, NPRB, LPSC, NMPRC, and NDPSC)
 - b. Recommend to the RSC to change the resource limit in Attachment J, Section III. B. from 125% to (100% + the higher of summer or winter season PRM + 10%), but not less than 125%. This motion passed the CAWG with 9 in favor and 3 opposed (PUCT, MNPUC, and NMPRC)

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AGENDA ITEM 6 – REAL TEAM UPDATE

REAL Team Update – Vice President Will McAdams (PUCT) provided an update on the REAL team work over the last six months and are bringing four items to the RSC for votes today. McAdams noted that majority of the team strongly felt the need to move these four items along as they are foundational to other items that need to be addressed. Those four items are: RR 554 performance based accreditation; RR 568 effective load carrying capability; the Demand Response white paper; and options for improving the fuel assurance approach in SPP.

- A. Resource Adequacy Voting Items
- a. RR 568 Effective Load Carrying Capability Policy (ELCC) and RR 554 Performance Based Accreditation Policy (PBA)

Mr. David Kelley (SPP Staff) thanked the Vice President McAdams on his leadership of the REAL team and acknowledged the SPP MMU, and stakeholders in the development of these policies as they are a result of all of these groups input. Mr. Kelley provided a brief overview of both ELCC and PBA including previous direction provided by the REAL Team, RSC and Board to be used in developing these policies. These RRs have been approved by the SAWG, REAL Team, CAWG and MOPC prior to bringing them to the RSC. Mr. Keith Collins (SPP MMU) provided some details on the preferred, alternative and minimum recommendations on these policies from the MMU. In short, the MMU's recommended minimum viable solution is to limit the PBA assessment to 7 years (from the proposed 10 years) without exclusion for catastrophic outages and to exclude any planned maintenance and out of management control outages from the ELCC study and allocation. Vice President McAdams commented that he will be proposing a motion that will take into account most of the MMU recommendations and noted these were discussed at the REAL Team and sent to the SAWG who did not approve them.

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President Andrew French commented that he would oppose and would prefer to stick with the 10 years as originally proposed.

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Secretary John Tuma (MNPUC) made a follow on motion for the creation of an 'availability' definition to be reviewed in a separate RR in January 2024. This motion is similar to the REAL Team motion for the SAWG to consider an 'availability' definition. The MMU noted that a draft RR has been developed for this definition.

MOTION: Motion for CAWG and SPP Staff to develop an 'availability' definition, per MMU's considerations, along with the outage policy initiative for January 2024 and subsequent Revision Request. (Secretary John Tuma (MNPUC)

motioned/Vice-President Will McAdams (PUCT) seconded) In Favor-10; Opposed-2 (OK, NE)

b. Demand Response Policy

Mr. Kelley provided an overview of the Demand Response (DR) whitepaper that has been developed by the REAL Team and SAWG. The primary policy objectives are to consider increases in large loads that may claim DR accreditation and to develop policies that accurately credit resources for reliability contribution and develop standards for DR program qualification. Additionally, these policies should facilitate diversity and create a verification process to ensure DR programs are performed as expected. Mr. Kelley briefly described the current DR policies and the additional recommendations being proposed for the updated policy.

MOTION: Motion to endorse the demand response policy paper and REAL Team and MOPC recommendation as meeting the accreditation of demand response policy objective and support the development of a Revision Request enhancing accreditation for Demand Response. (Vice Chairman Hutchison (NPRB) motioned/Vice President Will McAdams (PUCT) seconded) *Passed Unanimously*

c. Fuel Assurance Options

Mr. Kelley discussed the SAWG initiative to develop approach options to create policies to improve fuel assurance related to resource availability with the SPP BA. The recommendation approved by the SAWG, REAL Team and MOPC states that SAWG will develop policy to incorporate weighting for PBA based on critical system periods and consider modification to the OMC exceptions related to fuel-related outages, consider policy for PBA and ELCC adjustments to reflect new reliability investments, and recommends that SPP enhancement of operational dispatch strategies to start units prior to extreme cold conditions and keep them online.

MOTION: Motion to endorse the Fuel Assurance SAWG direction as described and as meeting the fuel assurance policy objective and support the development of a Revision Request enhancing fuel assurance requirements. (Vice President Will McAdams (PUCT) motioned/ Secretary John Tuma (MNPUC) seconded.) Prior to voting on this item Secretary John Tuma (MNPUC) made a motion for an amendment to the previous motion.

Secretary John Tuma requested the RSC consider an amendment to the Fuel Assurance scope to include an additional Out of Management Control exception for the failure to maintain facility to the design criteria.

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and failure to maintain facilities within the design criteria. (Secretary John Tuma (MNPUC)/ Vice President Will McAdams (PUCT) seconded) *Passed Unanimously*

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AGENDA ITEM 7 – OTHER RSC MATTERS

None discussed.

AGENDA ITEM 8 – NEW ACTION ITEMS

Ms. Kim O’Guinn reported that no new Action Items had been recorded in this meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 9 – SCHEDULE OF NEXT RSC BUSINESS MEETINGS

February 5, 2024	Virtual
May 6, 2024	Denver, CO
August 5, 2024	St. Louis, MO
November 4, 2024	Little Rock, AR

AGENDA ITEM 10 – ADJOURNMENT OF BUSINESS MEETING

President French adjourned the meeting.

ATTENDEES

Aaron Doll (Liberty)
Adam McKinnie (MO PSC)
Adam Schieffer (OPPD)
Adrian Rodriguez (Xcel SPS)
Adriane Barnes (SPP)
Al Tamimi (SUNC)
Alan Myers (ITC)
Alex Crawford (SPP)
Amanda Reiss (SDPUC)
Amy Newton (SPRM)
Andrea Harrison (WFEC)
Andrew Brown (SPP)
Andrew French (KCC)
Andrew Lachowsky (AECC)
Andy Barton (SPP)
Apryl Eby (Xcel SPS)
Bakhtawar Khan
Barbara Sugg (SPP Director)
Ben Bright (SPP)
Ben Stearney (Aces)
Ben Trowbridge (SPP Director)
Bernie Liu (Xcel SPS)
Betsy Beck (Google)
Bill Dowling (MW Energy)
Bleau LaFave (NW Energy)
Brad Cochran (OG&E)
Brad Cox (Tenaska)
Brad Hans (MEAN)
Brad Underwood (OPPD)
Bradley Payne (SPP)
Brett Leopold
Brian Johnson (AEP)
Brian Rounds (AESL)
Bridgette Frazier (APSC)
Britney Lloyd (SPP)
Bronwen Bastone (SPP Director)
Brooke Keene (SPP)
John Tuma (MNPUC)
Jon Davidson (CUS)
Jon Thurber (SD PUC)
Jordan Foster (SPP)
Josh Martin (SPP Director)
Joshua Phillips (SPP)
Joshua Ross (SPP)
Jude Lindholm AECC
Julie Tackett (WFEC)
Justin Hinton (SPP)
Justin Tate (ARPSC)
Kara Kolkman (WY PSC)
Kassia Micek SPG Global)
Kaye Mc Carty (SPP)
Kayla Messamore (Evergy)
Keith Collins (SPP MMU)
Kelly Carney (SPP)
Kelsey Allen (SPP)
Kevin Thompson (AZ Corp Commission)
Kim David (OCC)
Kim O'Guinn (SPP)
Kirk Hall (SPP)
Kristie Fiegen (SD PUC)
Kylah McNabb (Vestas)
La Keitha Ricks (APSC)
Lane Sisung (LPSC)
Lanny Nickell (SPP)
Larry Altenbaumer (SPP Director)
Larry Holloway (KPP)
Lauren Strager (ITC)
Laurie Woodall (AZ Corp Commission)
Lee Anderson (LES)
Lee Elliott (Invenergy)
Leesa Oakes (SPP)
Len Tao (SPP)
Lise Trudeau, MN PUC
Lloyd Linke (WAPA)

Bruce Rew (SPP)
Calvin Daniels (WFEC)
Carl Huslig (Grid Reliability)
Casey Cathey (SPP)
Jim Krajecki (CES)
Charles Hendrix (SPP)
Charles Hendrix (SPP)
Charles Locke (SPP)
Chase Smith (Southern Power Company)
Chris Haley (SPP)
Christine Aarnes (SUNC)
Christy Walsh (NRDC)
Chuck Hitchison (NPRB)
Cindy Ireland (APSC)
Clair, Adrienne E. (SUNC)
Collin Sniff (OPPD)
Colton Kennedy (OPPD)
Craig Moody (OPPD)
Dana Shelton (LPSC)
Daniel Lenihan (OPPD)
Dave Osburn (OMPA)
David Kelley (SPP)
David Mindham (EDP)
David Sonntag (WFEC)
Deborah Sterzing (SPP)
Denise Buffington (Eversgy)
Denise Martin (SPP)
Dennis Florom (LES)
Derek Brown (Eversgy)
Derek Wingfield (SPP)
Dixon, Carrie (NextEra)
Don Frerking (SPP)
Dustin Smith (SPP)
Dwayne Fulk (CUS)
Elizabeth Moore (SPP Director)
Emily Pannel (SPP)
Emily Shuart (OG&E)
Eric Blank (CO PUC)
Loren Ditsch (OPPD)
Marc Tupler (NMPRC)
Marguerite Wagner (ITC)
Marie Thompson (Southern)
Marisa Choate (SPP)
Matt Alvarado (IUB)
Maya Nevels (APA)
Michael Desselle (SPP)
Michael Wise (GSEC)
Michelle Harris (SPP)
Mike Francis (LPSC)
Mike Kraft (BEPC)
Mike Ross (SPP)
Natalie McIntire (NRDC)
Natasha Henderson (SPP)
Nate Morris (Liberty)
Nick Brown
Nicole King (OCC)
Nicole Wagner (SPP)
Nikki Farha (AZ Corp Commission)
Olivia Hough (CUS)
Patrick O'Connell (NMPRC)
Patrick Woods (ITC)
Paul Suskie (SPP)
Pradeep Podal (ICF)
Raleigh Mohr (SPP)
Randy Christmann (ND PSC)
Ray Bergmeier (SUNC)
Ray Hepper (SPP Director)
Regan Fink (PGR)
Richard Ross (AEP)
Rob Janssen (Kelson Energy)
Robert Pick (NPPD)
Robert Safuto (CES)
Robin Spady (OPPD)
Rodney Massman (MO PSC)
Russell Carey (SPP)
Russell Quattlebaum (SPP)

Erica O'Neal (OCC)
Ethan Tedder (SPP)
Eugene Mauk (NPRB)
Gary Gibson (CUS)
Gayle Nansel (WAPA)
Graham Edwards
Greg Rislov (SDPUC)
Heather Starnes (MJMEUC)
Hwikwon Ham (MN PUC)
Irene Dmitry (SPP Director)
Jake Weinberg
James Peters (SPP)
Jana Stratton (OCC)
Jarred Cooley (SPS)
Jason Chaplin (OCC)
Jason Davis (SPP)
Jason Fortik (LES)
Jason Mazigian (BEPC)
Javier Fernandez (OPPD)
Jeremy Severson BEPC
Jeremy Voll (BEPC)
Jessica Kasparek (LES)
Jessica Meyer (LES)
Jill Ponder (SPP)
Jill Rummel BEPC
Jillian Janik (SPP)
Jim Flucke (Evergy)
Jim Jacoby (AEP PSO)
Jodi Walters (EDPR)
Joe Lang (OPPD)
John Cupparo (SPP Director)
John Krajewski (NPRB)
John Luallen (SPP MMU)
John McClure (NPPD)
John Stephens (CUS)
Ryan Anderson (AZ Corp Commission)
Ryan Benton (OG&E)
Ryan Kirk (AEPSC)
Ryan Scott (Rev Renewables)
Sam Ellis (SPP)
Sarah Martz (IUB)
Scott Rupp (MO PSC)
Shari Albrecht (KCC)
Shawn Geil (KEPCo)
Shawnee Claiborn-Pinto (PUCT)
Sherri Maxey (SPP)
Simon Mahan
Skylar Kincaid (SPP)
Steve Epperson (SUNC)
Steve Gaw (APA)
Steve Wright (SPP Director)
Stuart Solomon (SPP Director)
Sunny Raheem (SPP)
Susan Certoma (SPP Director)
Tammy Bright (SPP)
Tara Smith (SPP)
Temujin Roach (EDF)
Terri Pemberton (KMEA)
Thad LeVAR (UT PSC)
Tiffany Wu (PUCT)
Todd Hiett (OCC)
Tom Kent (NPPD)
Tom Kleckner (RTO Insider)
Tom Michelotti (NEW)
Trent Campbell (OCC)
Victor Schock (NP PSC)
Walt Cecil (MO PSC)
Wendy Lilly (SPP)
Will Houser (CLR)
Will McAdams (PUCT)