

SOUTHWEST POWER POOL
Western Markets Working Group
July 25th, 2024
Virtual Meeting:
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SUMMARY OF MOTIONS AND ACTION ITEMS

WMWG MOTIONS:

1. **Agenda Item 3: Consent Agenda**

Motion: Mike Mason (TSGT) motioned to approve the June 2024 Meeting Minutes. Steve Szablya (PSCO) provided the second. Motion carried unanimously.

WMWG ACTION ITEMS:

Action Item: Explore the possibility of creating a Task Force, with merchant and Balancing Authority representation, focused on exploring coordination steps during reliability related scenarios.

Action Item: SPP Staff will present an education session on the modified method of allocating power balance MWs across the Balancing Authorities.

Action Item: Antonio Barber (SPP) will explore alternate ways to present load forecast error on an hourly basis.

WMWG MINUTES

AGENDA ITEM 1 – ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Jeff Lindsay (MEAN) called the meeting to order at 09:35 a.m., CPT. Jeff reviewed the agenda with the group.

The following members were in attendance or represented by proxy:

- Jeff Lindsay (Chair), MEAN
- Alex Baird, CSU * PROXY Brandon Scott
- Mike Mason (Vice Chair), TSGT
- Neil Lindgren – WAPA UGP
- Sabrina Martz – PRPA

- Alberto O’Naghten - Guzman
- Steve Szablya – PSCO
- Cady Paris – Black Hills
- Jonny Sellars – Basin Electric

AGENDA ITEM 2 – ANTITRUST STATEMENT

Brad Johnston (SPP) presented the SPP antitrust statement.

AGENDA ITEM 3 – CONSENT AGENDA

Jeff Lindsay (MEAN) presented the June 2024 WMWG Minutes to the group.

Motion: Mike Mason (TSGT) motioned to approve the June 2024 Meeting Minutes. Steve Szablya (PSCO) provided the second. Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 4 – MARKETS + UPDATE

Brad Johnston (SPP) updated the group of the latest updates on Markets +:

- SPP requested the Commission issue an order on the Market+ Tariff by July 31, 2024.
- SPP Staff continues to draft and approve protocol language with respective Market+ task forces and working groups with a target completion date of Q3 2024.

AGENDA ITEM 5– WEIS BA RELIABILITY DISCUSSION

Steve Szablya (PSCO) presented on the reliability challenges faced by Balancing Authorities (BAs) in the WEIS and shared data illustrating the issues. Mike Mason (TSGT) stated PSCO’s recent OASIS notice, which requests entities to recover balance of load and generation within 10 minutes, will require submitting tighter economic range. The group appreciated Steve bringing this issue to the group, and agreed alternative solutions need to be investigated. Raleigh Mohr (SPP MMU) asked if factors like bad data and Market Participants not being supply adequate are exacerbating the issues the BAs are experiencing. Raleigh also asked if SPP is going to file update Tariff language to support BAs requesting a Market Hold. Brad Johnston (SPP) stated there are internal efforts focused on modifying governing document language, if needed, for WEIS Market Holds requested by a BA.

AGENDA ITEM 6 – JUNE 2024 WEIS MARKET REPORT

Antonio Barber (SPP) and Brad Pope (SPP) gave an overview of the monthly metrics. The group had concerns the reports could be skewing the results due to variability at different times of the

day. They requested SPP staff break down the forecast errors on an hourly basis, which could help in understanding how forecast accuracy fluctuates throughout the day and give a clearer picture of the performance of the forecasts.

Action Item: Antonio Barber (SPP) will explore alternate ways to present load forecast error on an hourly basis.

AGENDA ITEM 7 – JUNE 2024 MMU WEIS MARKET UPDATE

DJ Smith (SPP MMU) reviewed the June MMU WEIS Market Update. The group discussed and asked questions.

AGENDA ITEM 8 – MMU SPRING QUARTERLY STATE OF THE MARKET

DJ Smith (SPP MMU) and David Daniels (SPP MMU) reviewed the MMU Quarterly 2024 Quarterly State of the Market Report. The group discussed and asked questions.

AGENDA ITEM 9 – JULY WEIS WRR STATUS REPORT

Brad Johnston (SPP) informed the group of the following updates:

- WRR41: Residual Supply Index – awaiting response from FERC
- WRR38 – VRL Change: implemented on July 1st

AGENDA ITEM 10 – OPEN DISCUSSION/GENERAL QUESTIONS

Additional topics were discussed:

- Brad Johnston (SPP) provided a update on the effort to find a solution to limit URDs during start-up. SPP Staff is currently reviewing an option that would not require vendor assistance or governing language change. More information to be provided as details become available.
- Neil Lindgren (WAPA UGP) requested information on the patch to correct the unintended allocation of power balance on the BAs that was introduced when WR 38 was implemented. SPP Staff will bring an education session to the WMWG that will cover the issue and resolution at a later date.
- Neil Lindgren (WAPA UGP) requested the group explore the idea of creating a Task Force, that would have both merchant and reliability personnel, that focused on finding alternatives to issuing Market Holds in the WEIS.

Action Item: Explore the possibility of creating a Task Force, with merchant and Balancing Authority representation, focused on exploring coordination steps during reliability related scenarios.

Action Item: SPP Staff will present an education session on the modified method of allocating power balance MWs across the Balancing Authorities.

AGENDA ITEM 11 – SUMMARY OF MOTIONS, ACTIONS ITEMS, FUTURE MEETINGS

August 2024 WMWG Meeting

Thursday, August 22, 2024 9:30AM - 3:30PM CDT

Location: Virtual

September Joint WMWG and WMEC Meeting

Monday, September 25th, 2024 9:30 AM - 05:00 PM CPT

Location: In-Person at Penrose House, Colorado Springs, Colorado

AGENDA ITEM 12 – ADJOURNMENT

Jeff Lindsay (MEAN) adjourned the meeting at 01:15 p.m. CST.

Respectfully Submitted – Brad Johnston, WMWG Staff Secretary

P	= By Phone	Joint WMWG and WMEC Meeting July 25, 2024 Attendance
X	= In Person	
*	= By Proxy	

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