

SOUTHWEST POWER POOL, INC.
Load Forecasting Task Force Meeting

Net Conference

October 8th, 2024: 8:00 am – 12:00 pm

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Attendance

Cochran, Brad	Oklahoma Gas & Electric
Olsen, Connor	Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corporation
Hebble, Eric	Golden Spread
Harris, Mark	American Electric Power
Maddock, JP	Basin
Houser, Will	Continental Resources
Flucke, Jim	Evergy
Brown, Scott	NextEra
Rosenkranz, Jason	Nebraska Public Power District
Goodenough, John	SPS
Beck, Betsy	Google
Cocklin, Joe	Lincoln Electric System

Administrative Items

1. LFTF Chair, Brad Cochran, called the meeting to order at 08:00 AM on October 8th, 2024
2. Roll call and review of proxies
3. Agenda review

Approval Item

Motion: Motion to approve meeting minutes from the 9/3/2024 LFTF meeting.

Scott Brown made the motion. It was seconded by Jim Flucke. Motion passed unanimously through verbal approval, no abstentions.

RTO Presentation

PJM staff presented their internal load forecasting practices. Beginning in 2023, they use a third-party consultant to perform their hourly load forecasts. PJM staff provided insight regarding industry practices, indicating that while there is no industry standard, there are many common practices.

SPP Staff Presentation

Jeff Baskin, with support from Garret Crowson, presented SPP's MTLF Forecast methodology. Although their forecasts are typically used for a 7-day outlook, they are exploring longer-term planning simulations with the help of their data scientists.

Member Presentations

Trenton Feasel and Mark Harris presented AEP's economic forecasting process and methodology. They discussed how they are staffed, organized, and the scope of their team's work. Their presentation prompted discussion regarding how large load blocks are included in forecasts and what criteria must be met for that to happen.

EPRI Load Forecasting Initiative

David Larson presented EPRI's LF Initiative. He introduced some of EPRI's products, including three recent reports relevant to the LFTF. There was a lot of focus on data center trends, specifically that new requests are for larger loads than previously seen. A large proportion of the 10-25 GW of proposed load over the next 5 years is projected to be from data centers.

Review of Deliverable Priorities

Afshin Salehian provided an update on the progress of the 3 deliverable groups: 1) Inputs and Assumptions 2) Processes and 3) Responsibilities. The group leads provided more detailed updates and discussed some of the challenges they foresee.

Future Meetings

2025 meeting schedule will be posted in the coming weeks.

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4. Brad Cochran adjourned the meeting at 11:55 AM on October 8, 2024

Respectfully submitted,

Sonny Bandak