



# **2024-2026 SPP RTO EXPANSION COORDINATION AGREEMENT DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY AND ROADMAP**

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# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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In support of Southwest Power Pool's (SPP) RTO Expansion into the Western Interconnect, this **"2024-2026 SPP RTO Expansion Coordination Agreement Development Strategy and Roadmap"** was developed to frame the path for SPP and Interregional Strategy to finalize coordination agreements with each neighboring entity by January 1, 2026. These agreements will establish the operations and planning coordination frameworks related to the Transmission Service Provider (TSP), Balancing Authority (BA), and/or Planning Coordinator (PC) functions that are necessary to enhance and optimize interregional coordination, transmission planning, and reliability.

## ROADMAP GOALS

- Finalized Agreements (Target Completion by January 1, 2026)
- Enhanced Interregional Collaboration
- Ensured Regulatory Compliance

## NEIGHBORING ENTITIES

This roadmap driven by SPP's RTO Expansion into the Western Interconnect aims to establish agreements between SPP and our neighboring entities in the west.

- Arizona Public Service (*Arizona, New Mexico*)
- Black Hills Corporation (*South Dakota, Wyoming, Colorado*)
- NorthWestern Energy (*Montana*)
- PacifiCorp (*Utah, Wyoming*)
- Xcel Energy/Public Service Company of Colorado (*West, including Colorado*)
- Public Service Company of New Mexico (*New Mexico*)
- Tri-State Generation & Transmission Association (*New Mexico*)
- Tucson Electric Power Company (*Arizona, New Mexico*)
- Western Area Power Administration (*Desert Southwest Region/Lower Colorado*)

## CORE STEPS TO COORDINATION AGREEMENT DEVELOPMENT

Our agreement development approach is structured into eight steps to ensure the successful negotiation, drafting, and execution of each agreement.

1. Regional Process Education
2. Evaluation of Process Alignment
3. Feasibility Assessment of Existing Agreements
4. Initial Draft Development
5. Negotiation, Revising, and Refining
6. Stakeholder Review and Feedback
7. Final Version Development and Approval
8. Agreement Execution and FERC Filing

## KEY MILESTONES AND TIMELINE

Below is a summary of key milestones and timelines showing the progression of agreement development and regional education.

### COORDINATION AGREEMENT DEVELOPMENT

As of April 18, 2025

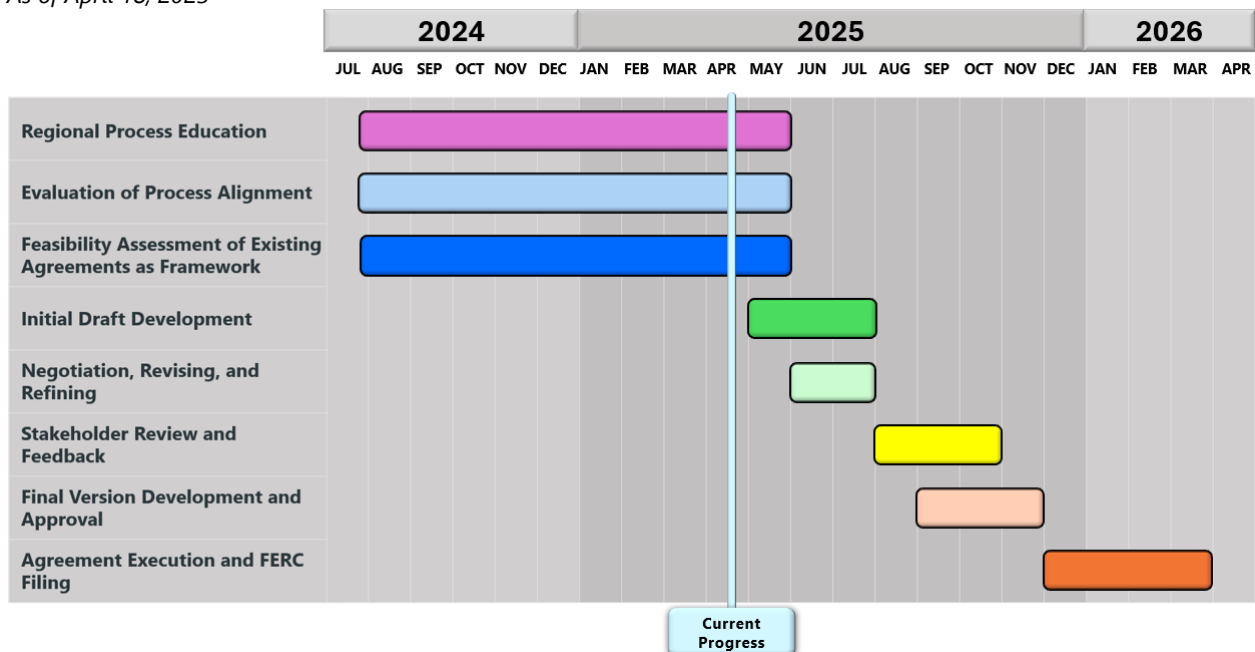


Figure 1: Overview of the forecasted approach to agreement development across three years from regional education to filing with Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC).

### Coordination Agreement Development Milestones

- **Steps 1-5** Completion: by August 1, 2025
- **Step 6** Completion: by November 1, 2025
- **Step 7** Completion by December 1, 2025
- **Project Completion:** January 1, 2026\*
- \*Desired Agreement “**FERC Order by**” Date: April 1, 2026

### REGIONAL EDUCATION PROGRESSION

As of April 18, 2025

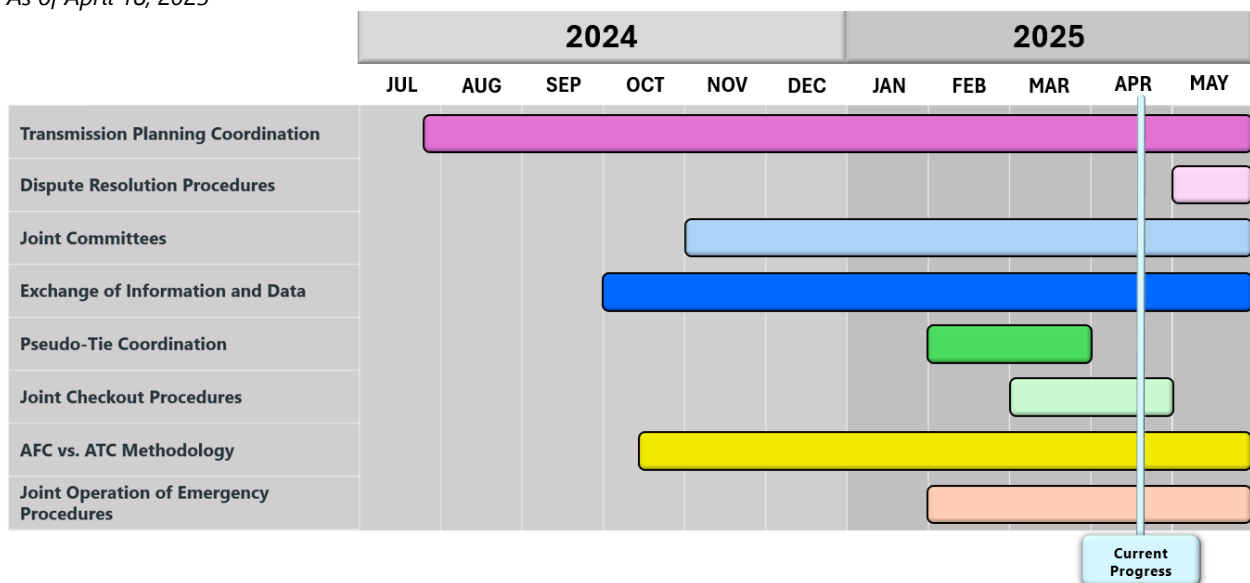


Figure 2: High-level view showing the projected monthly progression of regional process education by topic.

### Technical Discussion Topic Milestones

- **Transmission Planning Coordination** Begins: **May 2025**
- **Exchange of Info & Data** and **AFC vs. ATC Methods** Begin: **October 2024**
- **Joint Committees** Begins: **November 2024**
- **Emergency Procedures** and **Pseudo-Tie Coordination** Begin: **February 2025**
- **Joint Checkout Procedures** Begins: **March 2025**
- **Dispute Resolution Procedures** Begins: **May 2025**

# OBJECTIVE

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## ROADMAP GOALS

This roadmap aims to finalize separate agreements with SPP's neighboring entities in the Western Interconnect by January 1, 2026. These agreements will establish formal processes for interregional coordination, with planning and operations considerations. Our principal objective is to ensure that the expansion of SPP into the Western Interconnect is smooth, efficient, and beneficial for all parties involved.

### 1. FINALIZED AGREEMENTS BY JANUARY 1, 2026

Negotiate, draft, and execute agreements with the neighboring entities.

### 2. ENHANCED INTERREGIONAL COLLABORATION

Establish streamlined processes between SPP and neighboring entities in the Western Interconnect with considerations to key planning and operations Technical Discussion Topics to ensure efficient regional operations and improved system reliability.

### 3. ENSURED REGULATORY COMPLIANCE

All agreements will comply with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) requirements and regional regulatory standards. Ensuring adherence to these regulations will prevent delays and provide legal protection for SPP and the entities involved.

## MEASURING SUCCESS: KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS AND METRICS

This section outlines the critical Key Performance Indicators (KPIs), and metrics used to track the progress and success of the agreement development process.

### 1. COORDINATION AGREEMENT DEVELOPMENT

- KPI: *Percentage of each agreement development step completed.*
- Target: *100% completion of milestones by their assigned deadlines.*
- Tracking Method: *RTO Expansion Coordination Agreement Development dashboard tracking each agreement development step's progress.*

## **2. REGIONAL EDUCATION PROGRESSION**

- KPI: *Percentage of education on planning and operations technical topics completed.*
- Target: *100% completion of milestones by their assigned deadlines.*
- Tracking Method: *RTO Expansion Regional Education Progression dashboard tracking the progress of each agreement development step.*

## **3. NEIGHBOR ENGAGEMENT**

- KPI: *Percentage of engagement based on progress status, level of engagement and ease of availability.*
- Target: *80% or higher engagement rate, indicating entities are focused on the objective and meeting roadmap deadlines (excluding circumstances outside of their control).*
- Tracking Method: *RTO Expansion Neighbor Engagement dashboard tracking percentage of neighbor engagement.*

## **4. PROCESS ALIGNMENT**

- KPI: *Number of aligned operations and planning processes between SPP and each entity.*
- Target: *100% process alignment by the time agreements are executed.*
- Tracking Method: *RTO Expansion Agreement Alignment dashboard tracking reports to track Evaluation of Process Alignment and Feasibility Assessment of Existing Agreements as Framework steps, identifying gaps in processes and tracking progress toward resolving them.*

## **5. REGULATORY COMPLIANCE AND FERC APPROVAL**

- KPI: *Percentage of agreements approved by FERC without significant modifications or delays.*
- Target: *100% FERC approval on first submission.*
- Tracking Method: *RTO Expansion FERC Filings dashboard monitoring the progress of agreement filings during the FERC review process, beginning once agreements are filed with FERC.*

# STRATEGY AND ROADMAP 2024-2026

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This strategic roadmap outlines the key steps to guide the development and execution of agreements between SPP and SPP's neighboring entities in the Western Interconnect. Each step—from education and process alignment to negotiation and FERC filing—ensures collaboration, regulatory compliance, and timely execution, with the goal of finalizing all agreements by January 1, 2026.

## REGIONAL PROCESS EDUCATION

SPP and SPP's neighboring entities educate each other on respective processes, practices, and regulatory frameworks to ensure a common understanding of interregional coordination requirements.

### KEY TASKS:

- Conduct educational workshops for SPP staff and neighboring entities on planning and operations processes, considering key Technical Discussion Topics.
- Provide educational materials that outline SPP's regional regulatory framework.
- Assess understanding and alignment among neighboring entities through in-depth working sessions.
- Facilitate constructive relationship-building sessions aimed at fostering long-term collaboration and mutual trust between SPP and the participating entities. These sessions will encourage open communication, address potential concerns, and establish strong foundations for ongoing partnerships.

### DELIVERABLES:

- Educational materials (e.g., process guides, manuals, etc.).
- Clear understanding of planning and operations processes.
- SPP staff and neighboring entities are well-informed and aligned for the subsequent steps and topics.
- Documenting agreed-upon communication practices, conflict resolution strategies, and ongoing collaboration efforts between each entity. This will serve as a living document to guide interactions and ensure sustained cooperation throughout the project and beyond.



**DEPENDENCIES:**

- Engagement and participation from SPP staff and neighboring entities in educational sessions.
- Availability of finalized and up-to-date materials for educational sessions.
- SPP staff and neighboring entities schedule availability.
- Implementation and documentation of new SPP processes (e.g., New Checkout Process with WebCheckout & WIT).

EVALUATION OF PROCESS ALIGNMENT

Evaluate and align the planning and operations processes between SPP and SPP's neighboring entities to identify consistencies and gaps.

**KEY TASKS:**

- Conduct a comparative analysis of each neighboring entity's processes with SPP's processes.
- Identify areas of misalignment in planning and operations practices.
- Facilitate alignment workshops to discuss findings and work toward resolving any gaps.

**DELIVERABLES:**

- Comprehensive report detailing aligned processes and identified gaps.
- Parties in agreement regarding the path forward on how to bridge any procedural gaps.

**DEPENDENCIES:**

- Completion of Regional Process Education to ensure all parties understand SPP's processes and vice versa.
- Full cooperation from entities to provide insights into their existing processes.
- Input from internal technical staff to evaluate alignment.

## FEASIBILITY ASSESSMENT OF EXISTING AGREEMENTS AS FRAMEWORK

Assess whether existing agreements or frameworks can be leveraged as a basis for the new agreements.

### KEY TASKS:

- Review existing agreements between SPP and [MISO/AECI](#) to identify relevant frameworks and provisions.
- Conduct feasibility assessments for adapting these agreements to the Western Interconnect context.
- Catalog specific sections of existing agreements that can serve as templates and recommend modifications where necessary.

### DELIVERABLES:

- Feasibility assessment report.
- List of reusable sections from existing agreements.
- Recommended modifications for each agreement to fit the Western Interconnect context.

### DEPENDENCIES:

- Completion of Evaluation of Process Alignment (by focus area) to properly ensure existing agreements are aligned with stakeholder needs.
- Access to finalized agreements for review (i.e., SPP/AECI JOA pending changes due to FERC Order 1920, etc.).
- Legal review of existing agreements to ensure compliance with regulatory requirements (i.e., FERC Order 1920 resulting in changes to SPP/AECI JOA, etc.).

## INITIAL DRAFT DEVELOPMENT

Draft a preliminary version of each agreement, incorporating feedback from stakeholders and ensuring alignment with legal, planning, operations, and regulatory requirements.

### KEY TASKS:

- Draft provisions considering planning and operations key Technical Discussion Topics.

- Integrate feedback from previous alignment discussions and feasibility assessments into the drafts.
- Ensure compliance with FERC and other regulatory standards for all provisions.

**DELIVERABLES:**

- First draft of each agreement, outlining key planning and operations provisions.
- Legal signoff for compliance and regulatory considerations.
- Draft internal distribution for initial feedback.

**DEPENDENCIES:**

- Completion of the Feasibility Assessment of Existing Agreements to determine the structure of the agreements.
- Input from legal, planning, and operations to ensure compliance with standards and from external parties to ensure all needs are reflected in the preliminary draft.
- Critical path item(s):

## NEGOTIATION, REVISING, AND REFINING

Engage in negotiations with each neighboring entity; revise and refine initial drafts to address concerns and finalize provisions.

**KEY TASKS:**

- Organize negotiation sessions with each entity to address concerns and make necessary revisions and refinements based on feedback received in each session.
- Conduct internal reviews and additional discussions as necessary to ensure all provisions are agreeable to SPP and the neighboring entity.

**DELIVERABLES:**

- Revised agreement drafts reflecting negotiated changes.
- Documentation of negotiation points and resolution of key issues.
- Review and sign-off from neighboring entity on revised draft.

### **DEPENDENCIES:**

- Completion of Initial Draft Development to ensure drafts are ready for negotiation.
- External party availability and willingness to negotiate terms.
- Legal review to ensure compliance during negotiations.

## STAKEHOLDER REVIEW AND FEEDBACK

SPP staff presents the revised agreements to internal and external stakeholders for final review and feedback before developing final drafts.

### **KEY TASKS:**

- Distribute the revised agreements to stakeholders, including regulatory bodies and legal counsel, and external entities.
- Hold feedback sessions at monthly and quarterly stakeholder meetings to gather input on the revised agreements.
- Make note of the final revisions needed based on stakeholder review and feedback.

### **DELIVERABLES:**

- Final feedback reports from stakeholders.
- Revisions made to the agreements based on input from the review sessions.
- Final draft preparation sign-off from all stakeholders.

### **DEPENDENCIES:**

- Completion of the Negotiation, Revising, and Refining step to ensure agreements reflect the first draft revisions.
- Stakeholder engagement in providing timely feedback.
- Input from legal and other staff to address any new concerns raised during the review.
- Finalized stakeholder meeting materials before presenting to each group.
- Final draft preparation sign-off from all stakeholders.

## FINAL VERSION DEVELOPMENT AND APPROVAL

Prepare the final versions of the agreements, incorporating all final feedback and securing approval from SPP and each of the neighboring entities.

### **KEY TASKS:**

- Develop the final versions of each agreement, incorporating all negotiated revisions and feedback.
- Conduct a final review with internal and external legal teams to ensure the agreements comply with regulatory standards.
- Obtain formal approval from all stakeholders and entities.

### **DELIVERABLES:**

- Finalized agreements formally approved by all impacted parties and ready for execution.

### **DEPENDENCIES:**

- Completion of the Stakeholder Review and Feedback step to ensure all feedback has been addressed.
- Final sign-off from legal teams to ensure the agreements meet all regulatory standards.
- Stakeholder approval of the final drafts.

## AGREEMENT EXECUTION AND FERC FILING

Execute the finalized agreements and file them with FERC for regulatory approval.

### **KEY TASKS:**

- Coordinate the signing and execution of the agreements with each entity.
- Prepare all necessary documentation for FERC submission.
  - Transmission Letter development.
  - Retrieval of testimony (if necessary).
- Submit the agreements to FERC and monitor the review process to ensure approval without significant modifications.

**DELIVERABLES:**

- Fully executed agreements signed by all parties.
- FERC filing submission and confirmation of receipt.
- Final FERC approval of the agreements.

**DEPENDENCIES:**

- Completion of Final Version Development and Approval to ensure agreements are finalized and ready for execution.
- Ongoing engagement with stakeholders to resolve any last-minute issues or concerns.

# TECHNICAL DISCUSSION TOPICS

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## PLANNING

These planning-based discussion topics aim to establish clear protocols for interregional coordination to ensure SPP and neighboring entities are aligned in their long-term strategic efforts to enhance system reliability and efficiency.

## EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND PLANNING DATA

Establish protocols for sharing long-term planning data, ensuring transparency and accuracy.

### **Internal Resource Assignments:**

#### Generator Interconnection

- [Jennifer Swierczek](#) | Manager, Generator Interconnection
- [Deni Golden](#) | Senior Tariff Services Specialist

#### Transmission Services

- [Jason Davis](#) | Manager, Transmission Services
- [Bryce Bowie](#) | Lead Specialist, Transmission Services
- [Josh Ross](#) | Senior Engineer II, Transmission Services

#### Modeling Delivery

- [Eddie Watson](#) | Manager, Modeling Policy

## TRANSMISSION PLANNING COORDINATION

- Single Party Planning: Align expectations regarding regional transmission planning reporting and the ongoing distribution of information as is necessary for effective coordination between the Parties.

### **Internal Resource Assignments:**

#### Transmission Planning

- [Kirk Hall](#) | Manager, Transmission Planning

- [Ahmed Alazzawi](#) | Senior Engineer, Transmission Planning
- [Greg Lampley](#) | Senior Engineer, Transmission Planning

#### Modeling Delivery

- [Eddie Watson](#) | Manager, Modeling Policy
- Generator Interconnection Processes: Synchronize processes to ensure coordination of generators connecting to the grid are timely and efficient.

#### **Internal Resource Assignments:**

##### Generator Interconnection

- [Jennifer Swierczek](#) | Manager, Generator Interconnection
- [Deni Golden](#) | Senior Tariff Services Specialist
- [Lori Cloninger](#) | Senior Engineer, DISIS Lead
- [Audrey White](#) | Tariff Services Specialist II, Intake Lead
- [Jill Ponder](#) | Senior Interregional Specialist, Affected System Studies Coordinator
- Transmission Service Processes: Optimize coordination between SPP and neighboring entities for reliable transmission services.

#### **Internal Resource Assignments:**

##### Transmission Services

- [Jason Davis](#) | Manager, Transmission Services
- [Bryce Bowie](#) | Lead Specialist, Transmission Services
- [Josh Ross](#) | Senior Engineer II, Transmission Services
- Coordinated Transmission Planning: Align planning efforts to enhance system reliability and avoid redundancies.

#### **Internal Resource Assignments:**

##### Transmission Planning

- [Kirk Hall](#) | Manager, Transmission Planning
- [Ahmed Alazzawi](#) | Senior Engineer, Transmission Planning



- [Greg Lampley](#) | Senior Engineer, Transmission Planning

#### Modeling Delivery

- [Eddie Watson](#) | Manager, Modeling Policy

## DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCEDURES

Establish formal procedures to resolve disputes related to transmission planning processes prior to engaging regulatory agencies (i.e. FERC).

### **Internal Resource Assignments:**

#### Legal

- [Joseph Ghormley](#) | Senior Attorney, Legal - Markets - Regulatory Policy
- [Chris Nolen](#) | Associate General Counsel, Legal

## JOINT COMMITTEES

Form joint committees to oversee planning coordination and to enhance transmission planning process alignment between SPP and neighboring entities.

### **Internal Resource Assignments:**

#### Interregional Strategy

- [Clint Savoy](#) | Manager, Interregional Strategy and Engagement

## OPERATIONS

These operations-based discussion topics aim to address real-time coordination between SPP and neighboring entities.

## EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND OPERATION DATA

Define protocols for real-time operations data exchange.

### **Internal Resource Assignments:**

#### Modeling and Data Integrity

- [Tim Miller](#) | Manager, Modeling and Data Integrity

### Seams and AFC Support

- [Blake Parker](#) | Senior Engineer, Seams and AFC Support
- [Dan Epperson](#) | Manager, Seams and AFC Support

### System Operations

- [Alex Watkins](#) | Manager, System Operations - West

## JOINT OPERATION OF EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

- Transmission Emergencies: Coordinate responses to transmission infrastructure failures.
- Energy Emergencies: Develop joint protocols for addressing energy supply crises.

### **Internal Resource Assignments:**

#### System Operations

- [Alex Watkins](#) | Manager, System Operations - West

#### Balancing Authority Administration

- [Daniel Baker](#) | Manager, Balancing Authority
- [Margaret Quispe](#) | Lead Ops Functional Coordinator, Balancing Authority Admin

## JOINT CHECKOUT PROCEDURES

Standardize the processes for net schedule interchange validations and checkouts to ensure accuracy of inadvertent energy accounting.

### **Internal Resource Assignments:**

#### Balancing Authority Administration

- [Daniel Baker](#) | Manager, Balancing Authority
- [Margaret Quispe](#) | Lead Ops Functional Coordinator, Balancing Authority Admin

#### Transmission Services Request and Interchange

- [Cristie Weaver](#) | Supervisor, Transmission Services Request and Interchange

## PSEUDO-TIE COORDINATION

Establish guidelines for managing and coordinating pseudo-ties between Balancing Authorities.

### **Internal Resource Assignments:**

Interregional Strategy

- [Clint Savoy](#) | Manager, Interregional Strategy and Engagement

## AVAILABLE FLOWGATE CAPABILITY VS. AVAILABLE TRANSFER CAPABILITY METHODOLOGY

Align approach to AFC vs. ATC methodology (i.e., path management, flow method, etc.) between SPP and neighboring Transmission Service Providers.

### **Internal Resource Assignments:**

Seams and AFC Support

- [Blake Parker](#) | Senior Engineer, Seams and AFC Support
- [Dan Epperson](#) | Manager, Seams and AFC Support

System Operations

- [Alex Watkins](#) | Manager, System Operations - West

Balancing Authority Administration

- [Daniel Baker](#) | Manager, Balancing Authority

## DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCEDURES

Ensure clear paths for resolving operations related disputes quickly and establish formal procedures to resolve disputes related to operations processes prior to engaging regulatory agencies (i.e. FERC).

### **Internal Resource Assignments:**

Legal

- [Joseph Ghormley](#) | Senior Attorney, Legal - Markets - Regulatory Policy
- [Chris Nolen](#) | Associate General Counsel, Legal

## JOINT COMMITTEES

Form joint committees to address ongoing needs and ensure effective coordination of real-time operations.

### ***Internal Resource Assignments:***

Interregional Strategy

- [Clint Savoy](#) | Manager, Interregional Strategy and Engagement

# PROJECT TIMELINE

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## COORDINATION AGREEMENT DEVELOPMENT

This timeline outlines the key milestones and deadlines for each step of the roadmap, including other project milestones, ensuring the timely development and execution of agreements. It tracks progress from initial education to final FERC filing, keeping the project on schedule to meet our target completion date of January 1, 2026.

### STEP 1: REGIONAL PROCESS EDUCATION

**Start Date:** July 2024

**End Date:** May 2025

*Key Milestones:*

- **July 2024:** Begin facilitating educational sessions between SPP staff and neighboring entities, ensuring key planning and operational Technical Discussion Topics are efficiently addressed.
- **May 2025:** SPP staff and neighboring entities finish educational sessions.

**TARGET COMPLETION BY: JUNE 1, 2025**

### STEP 2: EVALUATION OF PROCESS ALIGNMENT

**Start Date:** July 2024

**End Date:** May 2025

*Key Milestones:*

- **July 2024:** Begin process alignment evaluation.
- **May 2025:** Review finalized alignment evaluations with SPP staff.

**TARGET COMPLETION BY: JUNE 1, 2025**

## STEP 3: FEASIBILITY ASSESSMENT OF EXISTING AGREEMENTS AS FRAMEWORK

**Start Date:** July 2024

**End Date:** May 2025

*Key Milestones:*

- **July 2024:** Begin review of existing agreements/frameworks to evaluate adaptability potential.
- **May 2025:** Complete feasibility assessment reports for new agreements and present findings and recommendations to SPP staff.

**TARGET COMPLETION BY: JUNE 1, 2025**

## STEP 4: INITIAL DRAFT DEVELOPMENT

**Start Date:** May 2025

**End Date:** July 2025

*Key Milestones:*

- **May 2025:** Begin drafting preliminary agreements/provisions, incorporating feedback from key planning and operations technical discussions.
- **July 2025:** Initial draft development complete and ready for review/negotiation.

**TARGET COMPLETION BY: AUGUST 1, 2025**

## STEP 5: NEGOTIATION, REVISING, AND REFINING

**Start Date:** June 2025

**End Date:** July 2025

*Key Milestones:*

- **June 2025:** Begin conducting negotiation sessions with each neighboring entity.
- **July 2025:** Finalize revisions based on feedback from negotiation sessions in preparation of stakeholder review & feedback at monthly and quarterly stakeholder meetings.

**TARGET COMPLETION BY: AUGUST 1, 2025**

## STEP 6: STAKEHOLDER REVIEW AND FEEDBACK

**Start Date:** August 2025

**End Date:** October 2025

*Key Milestones:*

- **August 2025:** Present agreements @ Seams Advisory Group (SAG) meeting.
- **October 2025:** Present agreements @ Markets and Operations Policy Committee (MOPC) meeting, Strategic Planning Committee (SPC) meeting, and Board of Directors (BOD)/Members Committee meeting.
- **October 2025:** Collect and organize stakeholder feedback for final version development.

**TARGET COMPLETION BY: NOVEMBER 1, 2025**

## STEP 7: FINAL VERSION DEVELOPMENT AND APPROVAL

**Start Date:** September 2025

**End Date:** November 2025

*Key Milestones:*

- **September 2025:** Begin final version development, incorporating final stakeholder feedback.
- **November 2025:** Conduct final legal review to ensure regulatory compliance and secure final approvals from all parties.

**TARGET COMPLETION BY: DECEMBER 1, 2025**

## STEP 8: AGREEMENT EXECUTION AND FERC FILING

**Start Date:** December 2025

**End Date:** April 2026\*

*Key Milestones:*

- **December 2025:** Execute final agreements with each neighboring entity.
- **December 2025:** Legal begins Transmittal Letter development (and retrieves testimony, if necessary) in preparation of FERC Filing.

- **January 2026:** Successfully file executed agreements with FERC and monitor the FERC approval process and respond to regulatory feedback as needed.

### **TARGET PROJECT COMPLETION BY: JANUARY 1, 2026\***

*\*DESIRED "FERC ORDER BY" DATE: APRIL 1, 2026*

## TECHNICAL DISCUSSION TOPICS

This timeline outlines key milestones and deadlines, ensuring the timely development and execution of agreements by January 1, 2026. This timeline is intentionally flexible, yet with a solid foundation.

### TRANSMISSION PLANNING COORDINATION

**Start Date:** July 2024

**End Date:** May 2025

*Key Milestones:*

- **July 2024:** Generator Interconnection Processes discussions begin.
- **October 2024:** Single Party and Coordinated Transmission Planning discussions begin.
- **February 2025:** Discussions on Transmission Service Processes and WestConnect-NorthernGrid-CAISO coordination efforts begin.

### **TARGET COMPLETION BY: JUNE 1, 2025**

### DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCEDURES

**Start Date:** May 2025

**End Date:** May 2025

*Key Milestones:*

- **May 2025:** Dispute Resolution Procedures discussions begin.

### **TARGET COMPLETION BY: JUNE 1, 2025**



## JOINT COMMITTEES

**Start Date:** November 2024

**End Date:** May 2025

*Key Milestones:*

- **November 2024:** Joint Committees discussions begin.

**TARGET COMPLETION BY: JUNE 1, 2025**

## EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND DATA

**Start Date:** October 2024

**End Date:** May 2025

*Key Milestones:*

- **October 2024:** Exchange of Information and Data discussions begin.

**TARGET COMPLETION BY: JUNE 1, 2025**

## JOINT CHECKOUT PROCEDURES

**Start Date:** March 2025

**End Date:** April 2025

*Key Milestones:*

- **April 2025:** Joint Checkout Procedures discussions begin.

**TARGET COMPLETION BY: MAY 1, 2025**

## PSEUDO-TIE COORDINATION

**Start Date:** February 2025

**End Date:** March 2025

*Key Milestones:*

- **February 2025:** Pseudo-Tie Coordination discussions begin.

**TARGET COMPLETION BY: APRIL 1, 2025**

## AFC VS. ATC METHODOLOGY

**Start Date:** October 2024

**End Date:** May 2025

*Key Milestones:*

- **October 2024:** AFC vs. ATC Methodology discussions begin.

**TARGET COMPLETION BY: JUNE 1, 2025**

## JOINT OPERATION OF EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

**Start Date:** February 2025

**End Date:** May 2025

*Key Milestones:*

- **February 2025:** Joint Operation of Transmission and Energy Emergency Procedures discussions begin.

**TARGET COMPLETION BY: JUNE 1, 2025**

# CONCLUSION

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The “**2024-2026 SPP RTO Expansion Coordination Agreement Development Strategy and Roadmap**” outlines a comprehensive and structured approach for achieving the successful negotiation, drafting, and execution of agreements with neighboring entities in the Western Interconnect. By following the eight clearly defined steps—ranging from regional process education to agreement execution and FERC filing—SPP ensures effective interregional collaboration, regulatory compliance, and operations alignment by the target completion date of January 1, 2026.

This roadmap will establish essential operations and planning frameworks, enhance the efficiency of interregional coordination, and contribute to the long-term reliability and resilience of the grid across regions. Through the careful monitoring of key milestones and stakeholder engagement, SPP is positioned to successfully integrate its Western Interconnect neighbors and achieve its strategic expansion goals, ensuring a seamless transition for all involved parties.