

**SOUTHWEST POWER POOL, INC.**  
**Load Forecasting Task Force Meeting**

**Net Conference**

**February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025: 8:30 am – 12:00 pm**

**\*Meeting Minutes\***

**Meeting Attendance**

Cochran, Brad	Oklahoma Gas & Electric
Olsen, Connor	Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corporation
Harris, Mark	American Electric Power
Maddock, JP	Basin
Flucke, Jim	Eversource
Brown, Scott	NextEra
Rosenkranz, Jason	Nebraska Public Power District
Goodenough, John	SPS
Matos, Chris	Google
Cocklin, Joe	Lincoln Electric System

**Administrative Items**

1. LFTF Chair, Brad Cochran, called the meeting to order at 08:30 AM on February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025
2. Roll call and review of proxies
3. Agenda review

**Meeting Minutes Review and Update**

**Approval Item**

**Motion:** Motion to approve meeting minutes from the January 17, 2024, LFTF meeting.

- Motion made by Jim Flucke.
- Seconded by Scott Brown.
- Motion passed unanimously via verbal approval, with no abstentions.

**Member Presentation**

- Jason Rosenkranz presented updates to the document he and Connor Olsen prepared, titled *Load Forecasting Guidelines and Practices*, which represents Deliverable Item #2 from the LFTF scope document. The changes received positive feedback from LFTF members.

- Jason also introduced NPPD's *New Load Queue*, explaining its necessity, key milestones, and benefits to NPPD's load forecasting process. This topic had been discussed in previous meetings, and Jason provided insight into the decision-making process for qualifying new load and determining when to include it in load forecasts provided to SPP.
- John Goodenough summarized the *Load Forecasting Survey*, which LREs were asked to submit by January 20, 2025. A total of 26 responses were received, representing 28 GW of served load. John identified common trends and responses, including:
  - Despite frequent discussions on Artificial Intelligence (AI), none of the survey respondents reported leveraging AI for their modeling efforts.
  - Regarding spot load, the majority of respondents indicated that they require a signed contract before including speculative load in their forecasts.

### **SPP Staff Presentations**

- Afshin Salehian discussed the refined *Problem Statement* and *LFTF Objective*. He encouraged members to suggest processes or frameworks to support these objectives and presented a proposed framework developed through collaboration between SPP staff and LFTF members.
- Afshin outlined a phased schedule for the LFTF's next steps, aiming to complete all deliverables by July 2025.
- Status updates on the three LFTF deliverables:
  - The *Inputs and Assumptions* paper, which incorporates data from the Load Forecasting Survey, is 30% complete.
  - The *Processes* document, presented during this meeting, is 75% complete.
  - The *Responsibilities* document is 45% complete.
- Reviews of the *Responsibilities* and *Inputs and Assumptions* documents are planned for future meetings.

### **Future Meetings**

The 2025 meeting schedule was provided in the meeting agenda and covers March to July, 2025.

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4. Brad Cochran adjourned the meeting at 11:37 AM on February 19th, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

Sonny Bandak