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Spring Compliance Rollout Workshop Held

SPP held a workshop in Tulsa on February 13-14 to outline SPP’s Compliance Program and the upcoming ERO Compliance program. Over 100 people from around the SPP footprint attended. Some attendees were SPP members, others represented entities who have never before participated in NERC activities.

Workshop speakers reported on the results and lessons learned from the 2006 SPP/ NERC Compliance program; identified the requirements of the 2007 program; and discussed CIP standards, NERC Functional Registration information, and the ERO program scheduled to begin later in the year. A panel discussion was held with representatives from Edison Electric Institute, the American Public Power Association, the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, and Electric Power Supply Association.

Another compliance workshop will be held this summer.

NAESB / NERC Update

At the end of 2006, NERC and its independent Board of Trustees approved the formation of a new corporation to serve as the FERC-approved Electric Reliability Organization (ERO). The “new” NERC is working with SPP and the other regional reliability organizations to obtain approval from FERC to serve as Regional Entities (REs) under the ERO. The REs will then begin administering regional compliance programs and developing regional reliability standards.

This February, the North American Energy Standards Board (NAESB) membership passed a resolution to add a sixth representation segment to the Wholesale Electric Quadrant for Independent Grid Operators and Planners. Nine ISOs/RTOs, including SPP, will join NAESB under this newly formed segment. The other existing segments in the NAESB Wholesale Electric Quadrant are Transmission, Generation, Load Serving Entity, Marketer/Broker, and End Use Customers. The new segment adds 7 Board seats and 7 Executive Committee seats for members of the new segment.

Corporate Governance Committee Holds 1Q Meeting

The Committee discussed issues assigned to it from last fall’s Chairs/Secretaries Workshop, as well as other possible Bylaws changes. SPP staff will continue with proposed Bylaws revisions.

The committee initiated the annual nominations process for director and members committee positions that have terms expiring this year. SPP staff will contact Members Committee representatives to assess their interest in being nominated to new three-year terms. Phyllis Bernard and Quentin Jackson were nominated to new three-year terms on the Board of Directors.

Nominees for consideration for the Regional Entity Trustees positions should be submitted to SPP CEO Nick Brown and/or SPP General Counsel Stacy Duckett. The process for seating the Trustees will be initiated if/when SPP is approved to be an RE.
The annual Organizational Group Assessment process has been reassigned from the Strategic Planning Committee to the Corporate Governance Committee.

The Month in Review

**Business Practices Working Group, 2/5:** The group approved language addressing the exception process for proposed revisions to Business Practice 2.12.

**Cost Allocation Working Group, 2/21:** The group discussed cost allocations for the 2006-2016 SPP Transmission Expansion Plan, the undesignation of resources, and the SPP Aggregate Study Summit. Transmission expansion issues were discussed, including economic upgrades and technical conferences with the RSC.

**Market Working Group, 2/6-7, 2/16, 2/23:** The following PRRs were approved: PRR 137 (External Generation in the EIS Market), PRR 123 (Loss Examples), PRR 124 (Posting Hours of Constraint), PRR 136 (Operational Constraint Subcategories), PRR 138 (Billing Determinant Anomalies – Substitution Criteria), PRR 139 (Verification Meter SL Values), PRR 140 (Final Resettlement Settlement Timeline), PRR 143 (Market Flow Changes), PRR 144 (Timeline Update), PRR 145 (CAT IDC Comparability).

**Operations Training Working Group, 2/5:** The OTWG discussed NERC training standards, the Spring 2007 System Operations Conference, and the upcoming Train-the-Trainer Workshop at SPP.

**Regional Tariff Working Group, 2/22:** The RTWG discussed their response to FERC Order 890 on OATT reform and the development of a formula rate for transmission service. The next RTWG meeting will be a two-day session, due to the large number of outstanding issues.

**System Protection and Control Working Group, 2/27:** The SPCWG reviewed a presentation on Virtual Dynamic Fault Recorders. The group received updates on comparison of PRC 003,004,005 to existing SPP Criteria and comparison of PRC 020,021,022 to existing SPP Criteria. The SPCWG approved Westar’s Special Protection Scheme for Jeffrey Energy Center and Xcel Energy’s exemption request to SPP Criteria 7.3.1.3b.

**Transmission Working Group, 2/7-8:** The TWG approved a motion to recommend that SPP staff send Letters of Authorization for all reliability projects in the 2006 Expansion Plan to the parties responsible for construction. The TWG also approved the revised SPP Tariff 1.42d Expansion Plan definition. The TWG reviewed Criteria 3 Task Force results, the EHV Overlay study, and SPS’s Flowgate Analysis.

This is a summary of SPP organizational group meetings that occurred in February, 2007. For complete minutes of a particular group meeting, please visit [http://www.spp.org](http://www.spp.org) and select that committee on the Committees and Groups page. Click on the “documents” folder in the left panel to view meeting minutes.

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