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SPP/MISO/PJM/TVA Inter-Regional Planning Meeting

SPP Director of Engineering Jay Caspary participated in a joint planning meeting with the Midwest ISO, PJM, the Tennessee Valley Authority, the Department of Energy, and the National Renewable Energy Laboratories to establish a plan to work jointly for the development of infrastructure to accommodate wind energy in the Eastern Interconnection grid.

The Joint Planning Committee will develop common power system analysis models to perform coordinated system planning, conduct coordinated regional transmission planning studies, exchange planning data, and develop necessary report and study protocols. “Scenarios will include the possibility of a national Renewables Portfolio Standard (RPS) along with possible generation fuel mix development in the 25-year horizon. A key benefit to the analysis will be the coordination and unification of transmission study model assumptions,” said Keith Tynes, SPP Engineer Planning Manager.

Participants include a combination of planning groups and other interested parties, including SPP’s Transmission Working Group. SPP’s Mak Nagle, Manager of Technical Studies and Modeling, along with Charles Cates and Brett Rollow provide the primary technical support for the effort.

NERC/NAESB Update

NERC has invoiced all registered Load Serving Entities (LSEs) within the SPP footprint for bulk power reliability fees, reflecting a pro rata share of the NERC and SPP 2008 budgets. The LSE amounts were calculated from the 2006 Net Energy for Load data.

The North American Energy Standards Board (NAESB) continues to make FERC filings on business practices for Available Transfer Capability (ATC) and Total Transfer Capability (TTC) to meet FERC Order No. 890 requirements. In that Order, FERC seeks more transparency and consistency in how ATC and TTC values are calculated and posted to promote more efficient wholesale electric markets. NAESB is also making FERC filings for electronic tariff requirements, requiring all transmission providers to submit their Tariffs in a standard electronic data format.

The Month In Review

Business Practices Working Group, 11/2: A new business practice regarding the dispute resolution required by Attachment O of the SPP Open Access Transmission Tariff was unanimously approved and sent to the Regional Tariff Working Group for review.

Cost Allocation Working Group, 11/28: The CAWG heard updates regarding the software PROMOD Project Screen and the Model Benchmarking effort. The group also discussed changes to cost allocations for designated wind resources, an Empire District waiver request, and an American Electric Power waiver request.

Operating Reliability Working Group, 10/8, 11/7: In a special meeting, the ORWG drafted and approved a position paper for the Market Working Group and the Market and Operations Policy Committee on the FERC external generator filing.


Regional Tariff Working Group, 11/5, 11/8, 11/14, 11/19, 11/21, 11/29: The Tariff Attachment O planning document was modified, approved, and sent to the Market Working Group for review. Modifications to Tariff Attachments AE and AO to accommodate external generator participation in SPP’s Energy Imbalance Service Market were approved.
Transmission Working Group, 11/7-8, 11/13: The TWG amended Criteria 3.3.1e, and approved the language specification on Letters of Authorization, which includes Appendix B of all reliability projects in years one through four of the SPP Transmission Expansion Plan (STEP). The group also approved the revised 2008 STEP scope.

Other Meetings

Market Working Group, 11/6-7, 11/15, 11/20

This is a summary of recent SPP organizational group meetings. For complete minutes of a particular group meeting, please visit www.spp.org and select that committee on the Org Groups page. Meeting minutes are located in the left column.

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