Market Development Staff to Host Future Market Informational Sessions

The SPP Market Development staff will host weekly informational sessions on various aspects of future markets products being considered by the Market Working Group. The sessions will be held every Monday starting February 2, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. CST, and continuing until Monday, April 27 (excluding the weeks of MWG meetings). Additional sessions will be scheduled at a future date.

Each week will focus on one or more aspects of market implementation. Business practices and lessons learned from other Regional Transmission Organizations will serve as the basis of these informational sessions. The object of these sessions is to provide enough insight into each topic to facilitate the decision process of the MWG on future market design.

SPP staff is developing the schedule of topics, which will be reviewed with the MWG at the January 19 -21 meeting. Once approved, the schedule of topics and dates will be emailed via Exploders and posted on SPP.org.

If you have any questions regarding the sessions, please contact Barb Nutter, Manager of Market Design at (501) 688-1655 or bnutter@spp.org.

NERC Update

The North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) filed several reliability standards violation penalty assessments in December with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). The registered entities that were found in violation include E. ON U.S. Services, Edgecombe Operating Services, and Duke Energy Carolinas, all registered in the Southeast Electric Reliability Council region (SERC). Settlement agreements were attached to each of these filings and the financial penalties range from $3,000 to $235,000.

The Month In Review

Board of Directors-Members Committee, 12/9: The December meeting is held annually to focus on organizational effectiveness. The Board of Directors/Members Committee reviewed the results of organizational group, Board of Directors and Stakeholder Satisfaction surveys, and reviewed organizational group rosters. Mr. Jim Eckelberger, Chairman, and his wife, Kathleen, hosted a holiday reception at their home the evening before.

Business Practice Working Group, 12/10: The group approved the final draft of the BPWG charter, accepted recommendations for changes to the Notification to Construct business practice, and approved the External Generator business practice to be submitted to the Market and Operations Policy Committee.

Corporate Governance Committee, 12/10: The committee approved revisions to the Membership Agreement for approval by the Board of Directors. The committee also nominated Pat Pope from Nebraska Public Power District to fill a new vacancy on the Members Committee for the State/Federal Power Agency sector.

Cost Allocation Working Group, 12/3: In their monthly meeting, the CAWG discussed SPP recommendations for the Economic Balanced Portfolio and the Regional State Committee agenda items.

Critical Infrastructure Protection Working Group, 12/11: The group discussed Phase I of Critical Infrastructure Protection (CIP) cyber security standards revisions and heard an update from the FBI/Joint Terrorism Task Force. The CIPWG held roundtable discussions on CIP standards compliance and general security issues.

Finance Committee, 12/8: The Finance Committee discussed future financing needs at their quarterly meeting, along with the 2008 SAS70 audit.

Market and Operations Policy Committee, 12/1: In a special meeting, the MOPC approved the Regional Tariff Working Group Tariff changes for compliance with the Balanced Portfolio order and forwarded it to the
Board of Directors for review.

**Model Development Working Group, 12/12:** The Generation Working Group made corrections to Criteria 12.1.4 and clarified language on Criteria 12.1.5.3g, “Wind Farm accreditation”, which now includes an example. The Generation Working Group also answered several questions submitted by members concerning Capacity Accrediting Criteria for units.

**Operating Reliability Working Group, 12/10:** The ORWG discussed the proposed edits to Criteria section 6 for external generators and reviewed the Blackstart plan test results.

**Oversight Committee, 12/8:** The Oversight Committee heard quarterly activity reports from Compliance, Market Monitoring, and the external market advisor. They also reviewed and approved a contract with Boston Pacific for external market advisor services in 2009.

**Regional Tariff Working Group, 12/4, 12/15:** The group unanimously approved FERC Order 890 Attachment O. They also discussed Attachment J for wind cost allocation and heard updates from the Aggregate Study Improvement Task Force and the Transmission Ownership Construction Task Force.

**Transmission Working Group, 12/9, 12/16:** At their quarterly teleconference, the TWG discussed and revised the Notification to Construct white paper, the 2008 SPP Transmission Expansion Plan (STEP) report, and the charter revisions requested by MOPC.

**Other Meetings**

- **Consolidated Balancing Authority, 12/8-9**
- **Market Working Group, 12/16-17**
- **Operations Training Working Group, 12/1**

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

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