Transmission Settlements Outreach User Conference Held

The Transmission Settlements Outreach User Conference was held at Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corporation on February 18-19 as a forum to introduce Transmission Settlement users to key concepts of the new transmission billing system. The event also allowed users and SPP staff to interact and generate feedback on the new system. Almost 30 users representing 12 different entities attended in person, including members of the Market Settlement Task Force. Another 30-40 people attended by web conference.

Topics included new xml formats for upload and statement files, a review of the required billing determinants, and an overview of Portal, the new tool customers will use to interact with the new transmission billing system. Additionally, vendors PCI, The Structure Group, and Areva presented shadow settlement tools to the users.

SPP Regional Entity Trustees Appoint Dochoda as General Manager

The Southwest Power Pool, Inc. Regional Entity (SPP RE) Trustees appointed Stacy Dochoda as Regional Entity General Manager. In this position, Dochoda will report to the SPP RE Trustees, oversee the execution of strategic initiatives, and direct the RE’s daily operations. As General Manager, Dochoda is responsible for achieving the SPP RE’s mission of promoting a reliable bulk power system within the region and directing the SPP RE’s performance of functions approved by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and the North American Electric Reliability Corporation.

Dochoda comes to the SPP RE with significant electric industry experience. Prior to joining the SPP RE, Dochoda spent twenty-five years at Reliant Energy, Inc. and its predecessor Houston Lighting and Power Company. Most recently, she served as Vice President of Market Advancement where she was responsible for Reliant’s regulatory and legislative strategy for California, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Maryland, New Jersey, and New York.

Dochoda earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Engineering from the University of Houston and a Masters in Business Administration with a concentration in Accounting from the University of Houston. She is also a Certified Public Accountant.

The Month In Review

**Market Working Group, 2/16-17:** MWG members discussed decision points on future markets, heard updates from the Congestion Hedging Task Force and the Cost Benefit Task Force, and reviewed Order 719 action items.

**Operating Reliability Working Group, 2/11:** PRRs 183, 192, 193, and 194 were approved, as well changes to the SPP Reliability Plan and the Market and Operations Policy Committee’s recommendation to remove Criteria 8. The group also discussed the Regional Voltage Analysis report and the continued need for the Operation Model Development Working Group and the Operations Data Working Group.

**Operations Training Working Group, 2/18:** OTWG made recommendations to fill three vacancies in its membership. The group discussed the impact of Nebraska and other potential new members on the regional training programs, as well as the need to revise its charter to include market training. Discussion of an emergency communications system continued. The group decided to engage Operator Educational Services, North America to deliver a one-day session titled “Emergency Preparedness and Restoration” at the upcoming System Operations Conferences. Carl Stelly reviewed the regional training survey results with the group, which were positive.

**System Protection and Control Working Group, 2/19:** The group developed a first draft of the SPP Under Frequency Load Shedding standard and reviewed follow-up questions by Nebraska entities.

**Transmission Working Group, 2/3-5:** The TWG approved the SPP modeling building process flowchart and matrix, the 2009 work schedule, and Criteria 3.5 changes. They also approved Appendix 11 creation to revise the transmission interconnection review process.

**Wind Integration Task Force, 2/6:** The group finalized the RFP for potential vendors to complete a study regarding the impacts of additional wind generation on the SPP footprint.
Other Meetings

**Regional Tariff Working Group, 2/5, 2/12, 2/19, 2/26:**

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://Org.Groups) page. Meeting minutes are located in the left column.

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