Summary of Revisions to
SPP RE Regional Reliability Standards Development Process Manual Revisions

In alignment with the scope set forth by the SPP Markets and Operations Policy Committee (MOPC), the Standards Process Manual Task Force (SPMTF), supported by SPP Regional Entity (RE) staff, has developed proposed revisions to the SPP RE Regional Reliability Standards Development Process Manual (Manual) to address stakeholder questions and concerns raised during the initial implementation of the Manual. The key areas of focus considered by the SPMTF included:

- One entity/one vote policy
- Weighting formula applied to the ballots
- Use of SPP website and standards email exploder for notification
- MOPC’s involvement in the process
- General process improvements

In consideration of the above areas, the SPMTF has posted two redlined versions of the Manual for stakeholder review. Below is a brief synopsis of proposed changes in Draft 1 of the Manual.

- Added provision allowing the MOPC to take one of three actions following the submittal of a request to develop, revise or retire an SPP RE Regional Reliability Standard (Section V(B), Step 1).

- Clarified the formation of a Standard Drafting Team (SDT) following a request for a new SPP RE Regional Reliability Standard, including a provision allowing for an open nomination process when selecting individuals to serve on the SDT (Section V(B) Step 3).

- Incorporated language to ensure each written comment is considered and responded to by the SDT during the public comment period and open voting process (Section V(B), Step 5).

- Revised the open voting process to include:
  - Notifications process to ensure the posting of a proposed regional standard on the public SPP website as well as through customary procedures and processes (Section V(B), Step 2, Step 3, Step 5, Step 6).
  - Incorporated qualification guidelines for entities registering within one of the five SPP voting segments (Section V(B), Step 6).
  - Modified the “End User and Public Interest” voting segment to exclude individuals currently employed by an entity eligible to join one or more of the voting segments (Section V(B), Step 6).
  - Established a quorum requirement of 75% of the members of the registered ballot body casting a ballot (Section V(B), Step 6).
• Adjusted the weighting formula to proportionally reduce voting segments with less than five votes to ensure no segment is unduly influential in the balloting process (Section V(B), Step 6).

• Added provision for a “Recirculation Ballot” to allow entities the opportunity to revise their voting position in consideration of comments submitted by other entities (Section V(B), Step 6).

• Incorporated a provision in the development of Minority Reports to require a summary of comments and/or issues not addressed by the SDT during the development of a proposed SPP RE Regional Reliability Standard (Section V(B), Step 7).

• Included language specifying action(s) required of the MOPC in the event further revision to the proposed standard is warranted as well as language specifying the materials to be provided to the MOPC for consideration and review (Section V, Step 9).

Further revisions made in Draft 2 of the Manual:

• Included language throughout the Manual requiring entities to be within the SPP RE or RTO region to participate in the SPP RE Regional Reliability Standards process (rather than “having a direct and material interest in the SPP RE or SPP RTO BES”).

• Added language that entities registered in multiple regions will not be able to register on behalf of more than one regional registration (Section V(B), Step 6).

• Defined customary communications processes to be used to notify stakeholders of SPP RE Regional Reliability Standards under development (Section V (A)).

• Clarified when ballot body registration and voting begins and ends (Section V(B), Step 6).

• Clarified who is responsible for writing the Minority Report (Section V(B), Step 7).

The SPMTF looks forward to receiving industry feedback on its efforts to develop a more open, fair and balanced regional reliability standards development process.