



**Southwest Power Pool, Inc.**  
**ICT STAKEHOLDERS POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**September 17, 2010**  
**Net Conference**

**• Meeting Minutes •**

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**Agenda Item 1- Administrative Items**

Bruce Rew, SPP, called the meeting to order at approximately 10:00 a.m. There were 30 in attendance by teleconference.

**Agenda Item 2- Review of Current Activities by the ICT Working Groups**

The main purpose of the meeting was to review the current activities of the ICT Working Groups to make certain work is continued as the transition is made to Task Forces within the SPC.

**LTTIWG-** Jody Holland, SPP, started the review by going through the current activities of the LTTIWG. The question was raised as to which items the LTTIWG was passing to the SPC. Jennifer Vosburg, NRG Energy, stated there would be a System Impact Studies (SIS) Task Force that would handle issues with SIS. Dave Wilson, Arkansas Cities, commented on the membership of the SIS Task Force. Sam Loudenslager, Arkansas Public Service Commission, asked once the Task Force was formed that members be posted on the SPP website.

Gary Newell, LVS, LEPA, MEAM, MDEA, questioned that perhaps generation dispatch in the SIS ties into a NTTIWG issue. Dowell Hudson, SPP, commented that the merit order dispatch issue is similar to the SIS but is not the same and will be handled separately. Jennifer Vosburg commented that the existing action items presented would be addressed by a task force from the SPC, but that there would be other “long-term” responsibilities that would also need attention, such as Base Plan and Construction Plan input.

Bruce Rew summarized that an action item for the SPC meeting in October would be to determine which standing ongoing responsibilities will be addressed. Ms. Vosburg added that there should be two recognized categories of activities: action items and ongoing tariff responsibilities.

**NTTIWG-** Dowell Hudson led the discussion of the current activities of the NTTIWG. After the review, Mr. Hudson stated he would follow up with two action items: 1) provide list of 18 ATC/AFC Stakeholder items received by the AFC Task Force, and 2) issue a list of the current members of the AFC Task Force.



Mr. Hudson made a suggestion that when forming the SPC task force for the AFC issues the committee should look into membership and how technical the task force needs to be. Bruce Rew commented that the membership of this particular task force will need guidance from the SPC as to possibly limiting the number of members and insuring voting parity within the group. Mark McCulla, Entergy, and Dowell Hudson both commented on the recommended size of the task force. Mr. Hudson inquired if there would be a need for a task force meeting prior to the October SPC meeting. Jennifer Vosburg stated it is likely but not set yet.

Ms. Vosburg inquired as to the why TLR5 issues were not an ongoing item listed by the NTTIWG. Don Shipley, SPP, answered that the E-RSC was being presented a new report for the TLR5 items, and that the ICT would like to continue the pursuit in that avenue. Mr. Shipley then gave a short review of the open items. Dowell Hudson brought up the suggestion of forming a reliability task force, and Ms. Vosburg stated that suggestion should be reviewed.

**WPPIWG-** Antoine Lucas, SPP, provided a review of the current WPPIWG activities. Mr. Lucas announced there would be a final WPPIWG conference call meeting on September 21<sup>st</sup>. Jennifer Vosburg inquired if the WPP tasks will be addressed between both the SPC and the E-RSC based on the previous E-RSC meeting. Sam Loudenslager agreed that they should. Mr. Loudenslager voiced a concern about a hold on WPP activities during the SPC transition. Mr. Lucas assured the SPC the WPP was still moving forward.

**User's Group-** Tim Phillips, SPP, gave a brief overview of the User's Group activities and the newly proposed AFC Related Errors report. Jennifer Vosburg stated the new report would be well received. Tina Lee, KGEN Power, had some suggestions for improving the report. Mr. Phillips stated he would follow up with her for further action.

### **Agenda Item 3- Selection of E-RSC Representative**

Bruce Rew reminded the Committee that as part of the new charter, a Stakeholder Representative from the SPC would be elected and would serve on the SPC/ERSC Coordination Committee. Mr. Rew opened up for discussion the nomination of the Stakeholder Representative. David Cheshire, ExxonMobil, nominated Jennifer Vosburg. Becky Turner, Entegra Power, seconded the nomination. Dave Wilson moved to elect the nominee by acclamation. Joan Walker-Ratliff, Conoco-Phillips, seconded the motion. With no dissent, Jennifer Vosburg accepted the election as Stakeholder Representative of the SPC.

### **Agenda Item 4- Review of the SPC/ERSC Coordination Committee**

Discussion was held on the other members of the SPC/ERSC Coordination Committee. Kristine Schmidt will be the representative for the ERSC. Mark McCulla will be the representative for Entergy. Bruce Rew will be the representative for the ICT.

### **Agenda Item 5- Additional Transition items**

David Cheshire commented that the plan is to organize and prioritize the current items between the ERSC and the SPC and could this be done before the October SPC and ERSC meetings.



Jennifer Vosburg agreed with the comments and that it is possible that multiple task forces will need to meet prior to the October meetings. Ms. Vosburg also reminded the Committee that stakeholders can lead the SPC task forces. Antoine Lucas brought to the SPC's attention that the use of e-mail exploders via SPP have been used to communicate to the working groups. This would need to be changed and an interim method may need to be established. An action item was established to deliver to Kristine Schmidt an interim list that could be used until further work is completed on the SPC task force structures.

#### **Agenda Item 11- Action Items Review**

Action items:

1. Publish list of 18 items from the AFC Task Force
2. Issue list of current members of the AFC Task Force
3. Provide interim list of SPC contacts to Kristine Schmidt

#### **Agenda Item 12- Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:35 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bruce Rew

<b>Company Name</b>	<b>Attendee</b>
<b>Arkansas Cities</b>	Zachary David Wilson
<b>Arkansas Electric Coop. Corp.</b>	Ronnie Frizzell
<b>ConocoPhillips</b>	Joan Walker-Ratliff
<b>Cottonwood Energy Company, LP</b>	Roberto Paliza
<b>East Texas Electric Cooperative, Inc.</b>	John Chiles
<b>Entegra Power Group</b>	Rebecca Turner
<b>ExxonMobil Power and Gas Services Inc.</b>	David Cheshire
<b>GDF SUEZ Energy North America</b>	Tom Allen
<b>KGen Power Management (Hinds, Hot Springs)</b>	Tina Lee
<b>Lafayette Utilities System</b>	Gary Newell
<b>Louisiana Energy &amp; Power Authority</b>	Gary Newell
<b>Miss.Delta Energy Agency</b>	Gary Newell
<b>Municipal Energy Agency of MS (MEAM)</b>	Gary Newell
<b>NRG Energy</b>	Jennifer Vosburg
<b>Entergy Services</b>	Alan Ralston
	Mark McCulla
	Vinit Gupta
	Cameron Warren
	Jim Case
	Glen Bernstein
	Kham Vongkhamchanh
<b>Southwest Power Pool</b>	Kim Gorter
	Jody Holland
	Dowell Hudson
	Don Shipley
	Tony Green
	Antoine Lucas
	Tim Phillips
	Bruce Rew
	Lanny Nickell
<b>Arkansas Public Service Commission</b>	Sam Loudenslager
<b>E-RSC Working Group</b>	Kristine Schmidt
	William Taylor III



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ICT Working Groups Current Activities

**Jody Holland**

**Dowell Hudson**

**Antoine Lucas**

**Tim Phillips**



## Long Term Transmission Issues Working Group

## Study Efficiency and Improvement

- **Current Activities**

- WOTAB modeling comparisons for WPP, AFC analysis and CBA to review for study consistencies
- SIS to add a section for using Base Plan upgrades vs. an “after-the-fact” solutions check
  - Improve determination of influence of future construction projects on TSR’s
- Continued Base Case Contingency Overload review

- **Proven Successes**

- Reliability Must Run study being conducted from request by the stakeholders

## Improve Stakeholder Value

- **Current Activities**

- **Form a task force of stakeholders for recommendations on improving System Impact Study process and the System Impact Study Report**
  - Provide stakeholders more clarification of the process
- **Review procedures for use of stakeholder provided generation dispatch in the SIS**
  - Allow stakeholders more control in the dispatch of generation units
- **Post a Model Assumption Document, developed by the ICT for use with the yet to be accepted revised Attachment D**
  - Help stakeholders better understand the construction of models

## Near Term Transmission Issues Working Group



## Increase Service Reliability

- **Current Activities**

- **Continue the in-depth review of the AFC/ATC process with Entergy and Stakeholders**
  - Quantitative and independent analysis continues to correct calculation errors and improve Transmission Service quality
- **Review of Entergy's Congestion Management Process (CMP) for determination of curtailment of Non-Firm transactions with no deference to tagged transactions**
  - Actions by the ICT provide positive reliability and economic impact with assurance of the proper service being provided

## Stakeholder Involvement

- **Current Activities**

- **AFC Task Force**
  - AFC Task force organized to identify and prioritize outstanding AFC issues for study and analysis
  - Establish membership requirements and set schedule of efforts for stakeholders to engage in process



## Increase Stakeholder Value

- **Proven successes**

- **The Operating Efficiency Task Force “One Stop Shopping” efforts produced the Customer Assistance Process, by which SPP Customer Relations acts as single point of contact for the status of all study information for both RTO and ICT study processes**
- **AFC Task Force implemented changes to modeling of load pockets**
  - Disabled Zonal Import limit in AFC modeling
  - Improved AFC calculation in the Operating and Planning Horizons



## Weekly Procurement Process Issues Working Group

## Process Refinement

- **Current Activities**

- **Continue effort on the QF Put Modeling proposal**
  - Increase accuracy of transmission flows
  - Reduce PNC flexibility requirement
  - Improve SCUC model's unit commitment and dispatch
- **Extend the WPP on-peak offer period**
  - Provide stakeholders more opportunities for WPP participation
- **Continue to gather and publish WPP Summary of Results**
  - Provides stakeholders WPP metrics on a weekly basis for review and discussion

## Process Improvement Value

- **Proven Successes**

- **Reduction of forecasted production costs for Entergy's ratepayers.**
- **Increased access to Entergy's transmission system.**



## Data Integrity Assessment

- **Current Activities**

- **Continue to perform quarterly assessments of Entergy's transmission and data systems**
  - **Verify Data access**
  - **Validate AFC and WPP data retention**
  - **Evaluation and resolution of filed data error reports from stakeholders, Entergy, and the ICT**
- **Report all findings to stakeholders and regulatory agencies**

## Data Integrity Assessment

- Proven Successes**

- Entergy implemented and completed an ICT recommended Gap Plan ahead of schedule to bring AFC and WPP data archive and restoration current.
- Software has been upgraded so that Entergy tracks backup process errors and notifies support staff in real-time.
- ICT has verified multiple Entergy corrections for the Study Horizon model, RFLOADER code, and date range for the ATC=Zero Report.
- All filed Data Error Report issues for the last quarter have been corrected.
  - 10 of 10 issues resolved, with Entergy still investigating the cause of one issue.

## AFC Related Errors Filed

Issue Title	Total Issues Filed	AFC Related	ICT Discovered	Entergy Discovered	Customer Discovered	Caused by OATI Software	Caused By Human Error	Issue Corrected	Caused Impact
2/11/2010 Filing									
Incorrect Bus number in the Study Horizons	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	No
Network Resource Designation	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	Not Determined
ATC = Zero Posting	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	n/a
Preemption Issue	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	Entergy Investigating
2/24/2010 Filing									
Incorrect Monitored Elements	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	Not Determined
3/4/2010 Filing									
Affiliate Flag	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	n/a
3/10/2010 Filing									
Incorrect Outage Entry	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	No
3/16/2010 Filing									
Displaced Redirects in WebTrans	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	Yes
4/5/2010 Filing									
Model Inconsistency	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	Not Determined
Incorrect Outage Dates	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	Not Determined
<b>Period</b>	<b>Total Issues Filed</b>	<b>AFC Related</b>	<b>ICT Discovered</b>	<b>Entergy Discovered</b>	<b>Customer Discovered</b>	<b>Caused by OATI Software</b>	<b>Caused By Human Error</b>	<b>Issues Corrected</b>	
02/10 - 04/10	10	8	2	7	1	1	8	10	

