

**Southwest Power Pool, Inc.  
GAS ELECTRIC COORDINATION TASK FORCE MEETING  
March 14, 2014, 9:00 a.m – 11:00 a.m.  
Conference Call – WebEx**

**• Summary of Action Items •**

1. Related to the Strategic Plan Bullet List (Don Shipley)
  - Need to develop portion on how to deal with industry items
  - Need to have FLF all by discussion with this group to deal with these issues
2. RTO Clearing Timeline presentation
3. March 20 FERC Open Meeting discussion – Send report to GECTF
4. Determine possibility of a joint meeting with MWG
5. Set up discussion with ORWG related to Cold Weather (continued from previous meeting)

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**Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order (Jake Langthorn)**

Vice-chair Amber Metzker called the meeting in session at 9:01 AM. Participants were asked to introduce themselves. Minutes were not approved due to lack of a quorum at the start of the meeting.

**Agenda Item 2 – Review of Past Action Items (Ben Bright)**

Ben Bright addressed the on the Action Item list from previous meetings. The ORWG discussion related to Cold Weather has not been addressed. The group has been focusing on Integrated Marketplace activities.

**Agenda Item 3 – SPP Strategic Plan Discussion (Michael Desselle)**

Michael Desselle provided an overview of the SPP Strategic Plan. Amber Metzker led additional discussion included a face-to-face joint meeting, the Gas Electric update (FERC has a meeting on March 20). Rob Janssen discussed a longer term initiative because winter exposed other areas that could have issues including high prices, even within SPP. A question of how we plan for this - the discussion should be included in the SPC agenda.

Don Shipley discussed fuel management where the cold weather has exposed this as something the group needs to be working on. Rob Janssen mentioned the extreme events of this winter exposing weaknesses that need to be addressed.

**Summary**

- Planning Long Term and Short Term
- Fuel Management
- Firm vs NonFirm Gas effects on planning
- Moving Gas/Electric Day closing
- CEPA Rules
- Cold Weather Operations
- Pipeline Flow Orders – Cold Weather related.

Additional discussion is planned, including a proposal of how to deal with the issues to be discussed in the face-to-face meeting and if policies need to be changed, to develop a position for MOPC.

Short-term – 2 months out

Mid-term – Next Winter

Long-term – Longer term initiative

SPP Staff will provide a direction for this group to discuss.

Don Shipley is to provide the RTO Clearing Timeline presentation to the group.

Michael Desselle discussed a proactive action that would provide better visibility into contracted pipeline/gas flows with Generation Owners –including a bulletin board or something similar. Don Shipley mentioned that NYISO/PJM/NEISO have done this.

Rob Janssen suggested SPP Staff create a straw-man proposal of Tariff changes and Severe Weather Planning – Rule changes, also in the Tariff.

#### **Agenda Item 4 – Operations Update (Don Shipley)**

Don Shipley discussed the Integrated Marketplace go live. The first 50 hours provided SPP and the Operators a lot of experience. SPP is continuing to work on the miscommunication of unit parameter issues.

Amber Metzker suggested a contact list update, possibly asking for gas contacts? Don Shipley thought it was a good point and would be a valuable addition.

Jim Jacoby asked if the additional headroom helped with the start of the Marketplace. It did. He asked if we have authority to increase the proposed headroom for bad weather. The response was that there is not enough flexibility related to how long the additional may be needed.

Don Shipley added that over the next 2 months, there are other meetings/discussions:

- March 20 – FERC Open Meeting. SPP will meet with FERC Tuesday to provide an update. Questions on the cold weather dates above have been sent. SPP will send the report to the GECTF.
- March 27 visit to PJM. Renew of winter experiences and discussion of how each RTO is addressing winter issues and fuel.
  
- April 1<sup>st</sup> is FERC's Cold Weather/Winter Operations Conference. Bruce Rew will attend for SPP. Included in the discussion are the events of January 6 and 7, February 6, and March 2 – 3, 2014.
- April 17<sup>th</sup> in Kansas City, SPP will meet with Southern Star discussing coordination with SPP going forward.
- Midstream Partnership, visit in April in Oklahoma City, discussing the pipeline and visiting the Ops Center.
- April 24<sup>th</sup> in Houston, visit with Center Point, in coordination with Midstream.
- Working Sessions early in May to discuss short-term, mid-term, and long-term activities for GECTF, include visits with utilities, increasing knowledge and sharing SPP information.
- July – draft Winter preparation plans, including IT/Software solutions needed, rule changes, and the plan that should be in place by December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014.

A draft agenda will be provided for the May face-to-face meeting including short-term, mid-term, and long-term goals.

Rob Janssen said May is okay to create a plan, but may be too late for Tariff changes. It would have to be expedited to get approval before January 2015.

#### **Agenda Item 5 – Summary of Action Items (Ben Bright)**

Ben Bright reviewed the action items.

#### **Agenda Item 6 – Discussion of Future Meetings (Jake Langthorn)**

- April 21 meeting 9 – 11 focused on the straw-man proposal.
- Proposal for a joint meeting with the MWG.
- Face-to-face meeting May 7<sup>th</sup> at SPP from 0800 – 1500.

The meeting ended at 11 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ben Bright  
Secretary