

Southwest Power Pool, Inc.
GRID SECURITY TASK FORCE
Organizational Group Scope Statement
July 20, 2015

Purpose

The Grid Security Task Force (GSTF) of the SPP Reliability Compliance Working Group (RCWG) is responsible for drafting a report detailing the current state of the security and resiliency of the SPP Region of the North American Bulk Electric System. This report will be provided to the Markets & Operations Policy Committee (MOPC) and the Strategic Planning Committee (SPC) as a guide for potential planning and operational changes necessary to address emerging threats to the grid.

Scope of Activities

In carrying out its purpose, the GSTF will:

1. Review regulations, compliance standards, government reports, security incidents and other related documents to understand the current state of the security of the grid.
2. Identify other SPP organizational groups that have expertise in grid operations and seek input from those groups to address operational concerns for the grid.
3. Draft a report on the current state of the security and resiliency of the SPP Region of the North American Bulk Electric System for adoption and submission to the MOPC and SPC.

Representation

Any employee of an SPP Member Company can participate as a GSTF member. The GSTF will consist of a minimum of six (6) members. The RCWG chair will select a task force chair based on interest and expertise. The CIPWG Chair and SPP staff secretary will be assigned to assist the task force. All work products will be subject to the review and approval of the RCWG prior to being presented to the Strategic Planning Committee.

Duration

The GSTF is expected to be temporary and complete assigned tasks by the end of 2015.

Reporting

The GSTF reports to the RCWG.

GSTF Objective

Draft a white paper detailing the state of both cyber and physical security within the electric industry, from both threat and response perspectives.

Members

1. Robert McClanahan (Chair)
2. Eric Ervin
3. Philip Huff
4. Michael DeLoach
5. Phil Clark
6. John Breckenridge
7. Mike Buyce

Staff Secretary

Kim VanBrimer