

Southwest Power Pool
WESTERN RELIABILITY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Friday, June 21, 2019
8am to 10am MDT (9am to 11pm CDT)
Net Conference

• M I N U T E S •

1. Call to Order

Keith Carman called the meeting to order at 8.03 am MDT (9:03 am CDT) on Friday, June 21, 2019.

2. Attendance and Quorum Determination

CJ Brown took attendance (attached) and confirmed that quorum was met. There was one proxy for the meeting - Kaleb Brimhall (PRPA) for Jeff Landis.

3. Review and approval of WREC meeting agenda

With no changes, Keith Carman called for a motion to approve the agenda. Bob Staton motioned to approve, seconded by Denton McGregor; with no further discussion or opposition, the motion was approved.

4. Approval of WREC Minutes from May 17, 2019 open meeting

Keith Carman requested for approval of the minutes without changes. Jonathan Aust motioned to approve, seconded by Denton McGregor; with no further discussion or opposition, the motion was approved.

5. Review of Past Action Items

- a. Clint Savoy will send out the revised modification process document to WREC for approval after going back to WRWG, and he will present it to WREC in July during the next WREC in-person meeting.

<In Progress> CJ Brown reminded the WREC that this action item was slated to be presented by Clint Savoy during the in-person meeting, but the document has not been sent out yet, so CJ Brown will follow up with Clint.

- b. Yasser Bahbaz will send the West RC Org Chart to WRWG members only.

<Completed> Yasser Bahbaz has already sent the Org Chart.

6. **WRWG Updates and Approval Items**

Denton McGregor provided WRWG updates, stating that the West Modeling Task Force (WMTF) reported that most entities are good with the west side models and that a subgroup has been created to develop goals and to monitor the elements in SPP real-time assessment with the neighboring RCs. Primary discussion by the Congestion Management and Seams Task Force (CMSTF) is on congestion management philosophy discussion of thermal and voltage management, and the methodology is in draft now for final testing of systematic application with CAISO. RC Readiness Task Force have not met since their last meeting as they were lacking agenda/action items to do, but they were reviewing the SPP RC plan that NERC Operating Reliability Subcommittee (ORS) were reviewing previously, to see if it should include additional information like training items but have plans to tackle that during SPP's on-site training in August.

Denton McGregor provided heads up to the WREC that the WRWG has an action item to approve the SPP RC Restoration Plan at the July face-to-face meeting and that it will then go to WREC for endorsement.

WRWG Charter:

Denton McGregor said that the WRWG Charter was last approved in August 2018. He went over some of the changes in the document for the group, including the leadership terms which allows a Chair to be re-nominated or who has not been a Vice Chair before, etc., with no term limits as long as the Chair is duly elected. John Tolo asked if there was any discussion of a 1- or 2-year term as people might be more willing to take up those roles if it is a 1-year term; to which Denton said there was no discussion that he could recall since 2 years seems like a good position, but as suggested, they could go back and change it if it becomes a problem. Keith Carman likes the 2-year term for continuity but agrees a 1-year term might attract more interest. Denton believes the updates also allows provision for a Vice Chair to automatically fill the Chair position if necessary, such as if the Chair becomes unable to perform the function temporarily or until a new Chair is elected to fill the role. Further discussions clarified that the WRWG leadership terms should be considered to have started in 2019, with re-election to occur in December 2020 for the new term in 2021.

Denton further explained that the Charter updates also included clarification on the quorum based on attendance and not by the entire number of membership in the group. Keith Carman agrees that it should be 50% of the members who are present and voting, not 50% of everybody in the membership, which would also encourage participation in meetings. However, if a member in attendance abstains from voting, he/she would be excluded from the count. Further clarification ensures each company only gets one representative to vote.

WREC suggested minor edits to change “Representatives” to upper case and that “each customer” should be singular. With those two minor edits, Keith Carman motioned for the WRWG Charter to be approved with effective date of 6/21/2019. Bob Staton motioned to approve, seconded by Jonathan Aust; with no further discussion or opposition, the motion was approved.

Appendices to SPP RC SOL Methodology WI:

C J Brown said that per his discussion with Keith Carman, the Appendices to SPP RC SOL Methodology Western Interconnect (WI) document should be considered an endorsement by WREC instead of an approval since there were no opposition for this document. He further clarified that if there are items that will need an email vote, he will try to provide at least 2 full weeks’ notice and officially discuss in details in the next WREC meeting. If there is any item with a minority abstention or votes of no, then the WRWG should let the WREC know. Denton McGregor added that MOP items should still be presented to WREC but the stamp will still be from WRWG, except for all FERC filing documents and financials that will still need approval from WREC. Further clarification stated that the day of publishing should be the effective date of the document unless it is an implementation date.

CJ Brown reminded the WREC that timeliness is key to some of these technical documents and that WRWG should still update WREC to make sure that WREC is aware of these documents and its progress, but that they should not undermine the work of their people. Bob Staton agrees and said that we should trust the industry SMEs in the task forces who are doing the work so a simple notification should be fine, since most of the work will be going into maintenance mode and that the WREC will not be meeting as often after December 3rd. It was agreed that future documents such as this should be called a “reporting” from WRWG with a clean version and changes noted, which should not be an endorsement.

7. SPP Project Status Update

CJ Brown said that he sent out a project status report last week but went on to provide highlights from the report, saying that additional satellite phones request have been delivered and installation are in progress but should be ready by shadow operations for training; train-the-trainer events are coming up in August and SPP is still trying to set up more trainings with the RC customers; in terms of hiring, a trainer for the West RC has been hired internally, so only two positions remain open at this time - one operator and one engineer, but SPP is still on schedule; model deployment scheduled for the first of next month is on track; and that SPP is fully engaged in getting prepared with its on-site certification in August.

8. Other Items

- Abel Bustillos asked about the RTCA disclaimer in the Replicated Data Server (RDS) site. CJ Brown said that SPP did put the disclaimer on our RDS site, explaining that the reason is because SPP was informed that some entities were using SPP's RTCA results as their only way of doing their contingency analysis, so SPP put a disclaimer out there to warn them that if SPP's RDS were to not run, they need to have a backup and that any use of this data was at their own choice/risks. CJ said that things do happen and RTCAs don't solve, so the disclaimer is to ensure entities keep in mind not to use SPP's RTCA solely for their compliance. CJ said he will inform Yasser Bahbaz to discuss about this disclaimer at the next WRWG meeting.
- Kaleb Brimhall asked if notifications and modifications to data specifications, etc., from the Regional Compliance Working Group (RCWG) applies to the West. CJ Brown clarified that any Western communication protocols will be filtered through the WRWG, but they can be part of that RCWG group for awareness if they choose to.

9. Summary of Action Items

- a. Clint Savoy will send out the revised modification process document to WREC for approval after going back to WRWG, and he will present it to WREC in July during the next WREC in-person meeting.
- b. Yasser Bahbaz will send an outline to Clint Savoy for the Modification Oversight Process (MOP) document to clarify how a conflict should be handled.

10. Future Meetings

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Host</u>
7/17/2019, Wednesday	1-5pm local	F2F: Tri-State (SPP will provide lunch)
8/16/2019, Friday	8-10am MT	WebEx
9/18/2019, Wednesday	1-5pm local	F2F: Black Hills (SPP will provide lunch)
10/18/2019, Friday	8-10am MT	WebEx
11/20/2019, Wednesday	1-5pm local	F2F: SPP (SPP will provide lunch)
12/6/2019, Friday	8-10am MT	WebEx

11. Executive Session Discussion

- a. WIDSA Update
- b. Project Development Expenditures

12. Adjournment

Keith Carman called for a motion to close the open meeting at 9:42am MDT (10:42am CDT). Jonathon Aust motioned to approve, seconded by John Tolo; with no further discussion or opposition, the motion was approved and moved into executive session.

Respectfully submitted,
CJ Brown
WREC Staff Secretary

Attendance:

Keith Carman (Tri-State, WREC Chair)
Bob Staton (Xcel Energy – PSCo, WREC Vice Chair)
Abel Bustillos (EPE)
Brian Rounds (AESL)
Denton McGregor (Black Hills, WRWG Chair)
John Tolo (TEP)
Jonathan Aust (WAPA)
Kaleb Brimhall (PRPA) for Jeff Landis
Lloyd Linke (WAPA)
Maude Grantham-Richards (Tri-State)
Mike Rein (Xcel)
Mike Sahs (EPE)
Pam Feuerstein (IREA)
Tom Christensen (BEPC)
Tom Kleckner (RTO Insider)

CJ Brown (SPP, WREC Secretary)
Bert Bressers (SPP)
Samantha Gwei (SPP)
Yasser Bahbaz (SPP)