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A monthly summary of organizational group activities

SEPTEMBER MEETING SUMMARIES

BUSINESS PRACTICES WORKING GROUP (BPWG): AUG. 15

The BPWG reviewed and approved various revision requests (RRs) in the queue, including RR 369 (PCWG Modification of BP 7060), RR 370 (Dispatch Assumptions for Generator Interconnection), RR 371 (Change Assignment Threshold for ERIS in the GI Study Process) and RR 372 (Evaluation of Energy Storage Resources for Interconnection Service). The Market and Operations Policy Committee (MOPC) will review these RRs at the October meeting. The group removed RR 363 (Definition of Material Modification for Existing Transmission) from its review, because it is now a tariff modification instead of a business practice. The group approved a modification to the BPWG’s charter.

CHANGE WORKING GROUP (CWG): AUG. 21

The CWG discussed upcoming markets, settlements and transmission congestion rights releases. The group received updates on the Western Energy Imbalance Services (WEIS) market, remote access upgrade, the dispatch-training simulator, replicated data server, the Macomber Map, real-time contingency analysis exports, identical transmission service request updates and changes to the engineering data submission tool.

OPERATING RELIABILITY WORKING GROUP: JULY 30

The ORWG approved the June meeting minutes, RR 364 (Revise Section 7.2 of the SPP Planning Criteria), RR 361 (Ramp Capability Product) and the ORWG scope. The group discussed the evaluation of planned outages, flowgate management, conservative operations, auto-activated flowgates, generation outage assessments and the Holistic Integrated Tariff Team recommendations.
OPERATIONS TRAINING WORKING GROUP (OTWG): JULY 31-AUG. 1

The OTWG recommended a candidate for the group’s vacant position and received reports on eLearning development, reliability training and marketplace training. The group presented the 2020 training calendar and members suggested content for different training courses. Members discussed the group’s strategic plan and will continue the discussion in future meetings.

RELIABILITY COMPLIANCE WORKING GROUP (RCWG): AUG. 26

The RCWG addressed the group’s scope changes, as it will now absorb some of the newly retired Event Analysis Working Group’s responsibilities. The group discussed the Value and Affordability Task Force recommendations and reviewed RR 361 (Ramp Capability), RR 370, 371 and 372 for generation interconnection changes.

SYSTEM PROTECTION AND CONTROL WORKING GROUP (SPCWG): JULY 24-25

The SPCWG elected John Anderson (Evergy) to the position of vice chair and approved the SPCWG scope document. The group reviewed the remedial action scheme (RAS) specification document and agreed to vote on approval of the document via email.

The group discussed the Okalunion RAS retirement, which is targeted for spring 2020. The SPCWG reviewed the retirement study and once approved, it will go to the ORWG and Transmission Working Group before final approval by MOPC. The group will forward the retirement study to members this quarter with final approval given at the October board meeting.

The group discussed the 2019 under frequency load-shed (UFLS) study, conducted by S&C Electric. SPCWG members scheduled a follow-up conference call to discuss the status of the UFLS design assessment.

TRANSMISSION WORKING GROUP (TWG): AUG. 6-7

The TWG approved RR 368 (Integrated Transmission Plan Manual 4.2.6 Draft Review) with no abstentions or oppositions. The group reviewed draft RR language for changes to the ITP Manual for the market powerflow model, which uses the highest output from wind resources from the top 1% of load hours. The TWG approved the recommendation of a process for coordination of planned transmission system changes. In this new process, transmission owners (TOs) shall properly notify SPP of new or materially modified planned transmission system changes through the request management system for SPP TO planned projects coordination. Other topics discussed are detailed in the TWG minutes posted on spp.org.
WESTERN RELIABILITY WORKING GROUP (WRWG): JULY 16-17, AUG. 20

In July, the WRWG approved the SPP communications protocol for the West, the SPP reliability coordination (RC) restoration plan, SPP congestion management methodology, the revised SPP SOL methodology, the modification oversight process and the SPP PRC-002-2 Process Document.

In August, the WRWG held a conference call with SPP project management staff to discuss accomplishments and any items that remain open. The group discussed winter preparedness, RC-to-RC coordination subgroup activities and an update on SPP’s RC certification.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

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