

**Southwest Power Pool**  
**GENERATOR OUTAGE TASK FORCE**  
**January 26, 2020 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm**  
**Web Conference**

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**Agenda Item 1: Administrative Items**

Call to Order

Ron called the meeting to order at 1:03 pm. Attendance was taken via WebEx.

Proxies

Ryan Kirk was to serve as proxy for Mike Chokel in the event that he needed to leave the meeting.

Approve Minutes of December 4, 2020 Meeting

Rich made a motion to approve the minutes and the motion was seconded by Mike. The December 4, 2020 meeting minutes were approved.

Agenda Updates

Internal survey item was added and title was changed on other survey item to SPP Customer Satisfaction Survey Results of GOTF.

**Agenda Item 2: Antitrust Statement**

Kathryn read the following SPP Antitrust Statement with the Group:

“SPP strictly prohibits use of participation in SPP activities as a forum for engaging in practices or communications that violate the antitrust laws. Please avoid discussion of topics or behavior that would result in anti-competitive behavior, including but not limited to, agreements between or among competitors regarding prices, bid and offer practices, availability of service, product design, terms of sale, division of markets, allocation of customers or any other activity that might unreasonably restrain competition”

**Agenda Item 3: Outage Coordination Methodology Changes**

Cristie informed the group that the current plan is to take the new version to the ORWG at their next meeting (2/24). The group reviewed the new version and made several changes, these changes were shared with the group via email. Group discussion included concerns around the outage extension language not allowing flexibility with the type of outage that is submitted when additional work is outside of the Original Scope of Work. There were additional concerns over the constraint of a seven day lead time associated with the new parameters for Forced outages and whether leaving gaps that require a work-around is appropriate. Cristie is to continue efforts to revise language and bring back to GOTF. It was determined that an additional meeting may be necessary for the GOTF to review any new changes.

#### **Agenda Item 4: GAP Hourly Comparison**

Garrett presented a comparison between how GAP is currently calculated and a proposed hourly calculation. Most discussion was positive and indicated that group members would like to move to hourly for the short term. It was also noted that the calculation could be done in hour blocks such as four six hour blocks each day. Garrett is going to work with SPP staff on a potential implementation plan and present more information at the next meeting.

#### **Agenda Item 5: SPP Stakeholder Satisfaction Survey Results GOTF**

Ron presented the survey results. It was requested that Kathryn ask about sharing meeting recordings with group members and be sure to remind everyone when survey comes out to ensure that the GOTF has a higher response rate for 2021. There was group discussion around changing the meeting length, going forward the group may schedule shorter meetings to focus on specific agenda items.

#### **Agenda Item 6: Internal Survey Results of GOTF**

This will be moved to a future meeting.

#### **Agenda Item 7: Whitepaper Review**

Ron gave an update on discussions that have been happening around the impacts of adding renewables and the resulting change in the resource mix that is used by the SPP Market and some of the challenges being seen. This will be a separate section of the whitepaper and will include system reliability concerns associated with the changing resource mix.

#### **Agenda Item 8: Closing Administrative Duties**

##### Summarize Action Items

Action items #29 and #30 were closed. Action item #33 was added.

##### Discuss Upcoming Meeting Topics

Upcoming meeting dates:

- February 22, 2021 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm CPT
- March 29, 2021 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm CPT
- April 26, 2021 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm CPT

##### Adjourn Meeting

Ty made a motion to adjourn the meeting and James seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

**Respectfully Submitted,  
Kathryn Dial  
GOTF Staff Secretary**

# ATTENDANCE

| <b>Attendee</b>  | <b>Organization</b>                     |
|------------------|---|
| Ronald Thompson  | Nebraska Public Power Distribution      |
| Justin Soderberg | Western Farmers Electric Cooperative    |
| Arash Ghodsian   | EDF Renewables                          |
| Keaton Riddle    | Evergy                                  |
| Ty Boatright     | Golden Spread Electric Cooperative      |
| James Hicks      | Western Area Power Administration - UGP |
| Jon Davidson     | City Utilities of Springfield           |
| Michael Chokel   | American Electric Power                 |
| Rich Owen        | Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company       |
| Kathryn Dial     | Southwest Power Pool                    |
| Garrett Crowson  | Southwest Power Pool                    |
| Will Tootle      | Southwest Power Pool                    |
| Tom Saitta       | Kansas Municipal Energy Agency          |
| Daria Diaz       | Stone Pigman                            |
| Frank Flores     | Southwest Power Pool                    |
| John Varnell     | Tenaska                                 |
| Vince Vandaveer  | City Utilities of Springfield           |
| Trey Rosel       | Southwest Power Pool                    |
| Allan George     | Sunflower Electric Power Corporation    |
| Tanner New       | Sunflower Electric Power Corporation    |
| Steve Ricard     | Sunflower Electric Power Corporation    |
| Ryan Kirk        | American Electric Power                 |
| Carrie Dixon     | Xcel Energy                             |
| Cristie Arnold   | Southwest Power Pool - MMU              |

# AGENDA



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**• A G E N D A •**

1. Administrative Items.....Ron Thompson
  - a. Call to Order
  - b. Proxies
  - c. Review minutes of December 4, 2020 meeting (Approval)
  - d. Agenda review
2. Antitrust Statement.....Kathryn Dial
3. Outage Coordination Methodology Changes.....MMU/Cristie Arnold
4. GAP Hourly Comparison.....Garrett Crowson
5. SPP Customer Satisfaction Survey Results of GOTF.....Ron Thompson
6. Internal Survey Results of GOTF.....Ron Thompson
7. Whitepaper Review.....Kathryn Dial
  - a. Impacts of adding Renewables.....Ron Thompson/Mike Chokel
8. Closing Administrative Duties..... Ron Thompson
  - a. Summarize Action Items
  - b. Discuss upcoming meeting topics
    - i. February 22, 2021 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
    - ii. March 29, 2021 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
    - iii. April 26, 2021 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
  - c. Adjourn meeting

# ACTION ITEMS

| Task Force Action Items |                 |   |          |                          |
|-------------------------|-----------------|---|----------|--------------------------|
| Action Item             | Date Originated | Action Item   | Comments | Status<br>(Open, Closed) |
| 6                       | 05/15/20        | Work with SPP staff to determine if adding CROW fields for outage flexibility and risk of potential delay could help with coordinating outages.<br>*Postponing outages*   |          | Open                     |
| 10                      | 05/15/20        | Group to work with SPP staff on guideline for best practices for communicating outage updates through CROW during the outage window. Future meeting topic for best practices discussion.  |          | Open                     |
| 17                      | 07/10/20        | Work with SPP staff and potentially the SAWG to analyze short-term resource adequacy trends   |          | Open                     |
| 18                      | 07/10/20        | Looking at potential improvements for short-term GAP margin & using forecast information.   |          | Open                     |
| 21                      | 07/10/20        | Group to work on developing white paper regarding trends in outages and provide recommendations to address concerns in real-time and in planning. Ron and Kathryn to start formally drafting whitepaper and share with group at upcoming meeting. |          | Open                     |
| 27                      | 11/16/20        | Group to evaluate whether a recommendation should be made to increase transparency regarding changes to outage coordination processes.  |          | Open                     |
| 28                      | 11/16/20        | Kathryn to work with Jason Tanner (ORWG) to ensure that the GOTF is tracking any progress or changes made regarding the MMU recommendation to address the outage extension loophole.  |          | Open                     |
| 31                      | 12/04/20        | Ron, Mike, and Garrett to start drafting a section of the whitepaper on the impacts of the changing resource mix and specifically the high penetration of variable energy resources on the ability to schedule and take outages in the future.    |          | Open                     |
| 32                      | 12/04/20        | Group to make a recommendation in the whitepaper to have SPP post hourly maintenance margin values for the short term GAP calculation (It was noted that this change should be advertised at ORWG).   |          | Open                     |
| 33                      | 01/26/21        | Group to evaluate most recent draft version of Outage Coordination Methodology. Cristie (MMU) will present updates at the next meeting or an independent meeting may be scheduled to review.  |          | Open                     |