

**Southwest Power Pool  
WESTERN RELIABILITY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
Wednesday, October 27, 2021  
8am to 10am MDT (9am to 11am CDT)  
Net Conference**

**• M I N U T E S •**

**1. Call to Order**

Chair Wade Kiess called the meeting to order at 8:15 am MDT (9:15 am CDT) on Wednesday, October 27, 2021.

**2. Attendance and Quorum Determination**

CJ Brown took attendance and confirmed the meeting was initially 3 short of quorum. Quorum was met at 8:35 am MDT (9:35 MDT)

**3. Review and approval of WREC meeting agenda**

Wade Kiess reviewed the meeting agenda with the committee. Keith Carman motioned to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Shane Sanders; with no further discussion or opposition, the agenda was approved.

**4. Approval of WREC Minutes from July 21, 2021 open meeting**

Wade Kiess reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting with the committee and requested a motion for approval. Denton McGregor motioned to approve, seconded by Jonathan Aust; with no further discussion or opposition, the motion was approved.

**5. Review of Past Action Items**

a. N/A

## 6. WREC Charter Review and Approval

After review of the Western Reliability Executive Committee Charter by the group, Keith Carman motioned to reapprove the charter, seconded by Denton McGregor; with no further discussion or opposition, the motion was approved.

## 7. WRWG Updates and Approval Items

Marc Desmarais updated the group on the latest WRWG activity; including streamlining of communications with BAs/TOPs.

Yasser Bahbaz discussed the reasoning of the SOL and IROL cascading study being done. Beginning at 115% loading allows running room for analysis before we get to 125% and potentially get out of control. Internal procedures are already in place for severe loading action to be begin at 115%. 115% is allowed by PRC-023. PJM is checking with other RTOs as to what is considered localized vs wide-area. SPP has multiple TOPs in a small area. The amount of load in jeopardy is a consideration in addition to geographic area.

Outage coordination methodology is going from 7 to 3 priorities and from 14 days to 30 days advance notice on scheduled outages. Some concern was expressed on extending to 30 days except on 345kv and above. PJM has a 6 month advance requirement. CAISO's is 14 days.

Triggers, such as extreme weather or loading, for Blast Calls were discussed. Considering segregating the Southwest area from Rocky Mountain for notification purposes.

### a. Review and Approve WRWG Charter

WRWG Charter v2.4 draft reviewed by WREC. The only change from the previous charter is an addition that "ad hoc task forces be disbanded upon completion of activities as determined by the WRWG Chair."

Keith Carman motioned to approve the updated WRWG Charter, seconded by Denton McGregor; with no further discussion or opposition, the motion was approved.

**8. Discuss UFC/ECCWG Joint Discussion on West-Wide Congestion Management Process ...Yasser Bahbaz**

WREC update PPT reviewed with the group.

**ACTION ITEM:** West-Wide Congestion Management Process to be further reviewed at the next meeting.

**9. WEIS Progress Report**

CJ Brown reported the WEIS Market is going well. Colorado Springs (CSU) is in process of joining the WEIS with a go-live target of April 1, 2022. Further expansion of the market should help with dispatchability. Coordination with the SPP West RC has been good.

**10. EIM Project Update**

Platte River has slowed down and is looking at all options. Jonathan Aust noted that WALC and its members are committed to the ISO and have a kickoff with CAISO later today.

Sam Rugel shared that Tuscon (TEP) has moved into their new ops center and went live with their new EMS. TEP is on-track for an EIM Day-in-the-Life, November 1, to be followed with market simulation and go-live April 2022. There has been a lot of activity in the west looking at market alternatives.

PSCO is scheduled to join EIM April 2022; El Paso in 2023.

**ACTION ITEM:** SPP planning reserve activities with NWPP to be discussed at the next meeting.

**11. COVID-19**

CJ Brown shared that SPP is moving towards being back in the office. Starting, December 1, up to 50% of Operations and Datacenter staff will be allowed back in the ODC. January 1, all staff will be back in the office in SPP's "new normal" hybrid environment. Staff will be allowed to work remote up to 50% of the time; management up to 25% remote.

## 12. Other Items

Budget will be discussed in today's executive session.

## 13. Summary of Action Items

- a. West-Wide Congestion Management Process to be further reviewed at the next meeting.
- b. SPP planning reserve activities with NWPP to be discussed at the next meeting.

## 14. Future Meetings

The following tentative 2022 meeting dates were presented to the WREC. Hopefully, some will be in-person.

<u>Tentative Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Host</u>
January 13, 2022	8am-10am MT	WebEx
April 14, 2022	8am-10am MT	TBD
July 14, 2022	8am-10am MT	TBD
October 13, 2022	8am-10am MT	TBD

## 15. Executive Session Discussion

At 9:35 am MDT (10:35 CDT) voting members moved to executive session to discuss the 2022 budget. Executive session was adjourned at 9:58 am MDT (10:58 CDT).

## 16. Adjournment

Wade Kiess called for a motion to adjourn the open meeting at 9:31 am MDT (10:31 CDT) and move to executive session. Keith Carman motioned to approve, seconded by Jonathan Aust; with no further discussion or opposition, the open meeting was adjourned and executive session begun.

Respectfully submitted,

CJ Brown

WREC Staff Secretary

**Attendance:**

Wade Kiess (PRPA, WREC Chair)

Denton McGregor (BHE, WREC Vice Chair)

Chris Bultsma

Daniel Krick

Dennis Reed

Eric Baran

Farrokh Rahimi

Gayle Nansel (WAPA)

George Schwager

Hank Adair (Farmington)

Jonathan Aust (WAPA)

Keith Carman (Tri-State)

Kylah McNabb

John Roemen

Marc Desmarais (WAPA)

Pamela Feuerstein (IREA)

Sam Rugel (TEP)

Shane Sanders (AEPC)

Steve Ashbaker

Steve Owen

Warren Rust (CSU)

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CJ Brown (SPP, WREC Staff Secretary)

Hamilton Bitely (SPP)

Cody Parker (SPP)

Ashley Stringer (SPP)

Brian Strickland (SPP)

Yasser Bahbaz (SPP)

Debbie Brooks (SPP)

Russell Quattlebaum (SPP)