

Board of Directors & Members committee

December 9, 2024

Virtual

SUMMARY OF MOTIONS AND ACTION ITEMS

1. Consent agenda
 - a. Corporate Governance Committee
 - i. MOPC Chair and Vice Chair (2025-2026)
 - ii. Organizational Group Chair Expiring Terms
 - iii. Project Cost Working Group Scope Revisions
 - iv. Organizational Group Rosters and Assessments
 - b. Oct. 29 Board of Directors & Members Committee meeting minutes
2. Approved staging 10 of 12 Winter Weather Projects consistent with SPP staff's recommendation.
3. Approved the Elm Creek–Tobias project to be staged as 12/1/2028 based upon the version of the tariff and ITP Manual that was used to determine current need dates as recommended by SPP staff for the 2024 ITP.
4. Approved the Buffalo Flats–Delaware project to be staged as 12/1/2025 to resolve the remaining Winter Storm Elliott Target Area Reliability Needs.
5. Approved the following three SPP JTIQ transmission projects that were identified to be constructed in the SPP Region and were specifically included in SPP's FERC filings in dockets ER24-2798 and ER24-2825:
 - Raun-S3452 345kV
 - Auburn-Hoyt 345kV
 - Sibley 345kV Bus Reconfiguration

MINUTES

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Call to Order and Administrative Items

SPP Board of Directors Chair Mr. John Cupparo called the meeting to order at 1:03 pm CT. The following Board of Directors and Members Committee members were in attendance or represented by proxy:

Directors

Susan Certoma
John Cupparo
Irene Dimitry
Ray Hepper
Elizabeth Moore
Stuart Solomon

Barbara Sugg
Ben Trowbridge
Steve Wright

Members Committee

Denise Buffington, Evergy
Stacey Burbure, AEP Public Service Co. of Oklahoma
Dwayne Fulk, City Utilities of Springfield
Steve Gaw, Advanced Power Alliance
Buddy Hasten, Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corporation (*Andrew Lachowsky as proxy*)
Tom Kent, Nebraska Public Power District (*Robert Pick as proxy*)
Bleau LaFave, NorthWestern Energy
Joe Lang, Omaha Public Power District
Lloyd Linke, Western Area Power Administration
David Mindham EDP Renewables
Dave Osburn, Oklahoma Municipal Power Authority
Zac Perkins, Tri-County Electric Cooperative (*Dakota Lamb as proxy*)
Adrian Rodriguez, SPS/Xcel Energy (*Jarred Cooley as proxy for partial meeting*)
Jeremy Severson, Basin Electric Power Cooperative
Emily Shuart, Oklahoma Gas & Electric Company (*Brad Cochran as proxy*)
Kevin Smith, Tenaska Power Services
Al Tamimi, Sunflower Electric Power Corp
Christy Walsh, Natural Resources Defense Council
Brett White, Pine Gate Renewables (*Regan Fink as proxy*)
Tim Wilson, Liberty Utilities (Empire District)
Mike Wise, Golden Spread Electric Cooperative
C. Patrick Woods, ITC Great Plains

The Webex attendance lists is attached.

2. Consent Agenda

Chair John Cupparo asked if there were any items that needed to be removed from the consent agenda. There were none.

Barbara Sugg made and Stuart Solomon seconded a motion to approve the consent agenda. The Members Committee voted in favor with no abstentions. The Board of Directors voted by secret ballot and approved the motion.

3. Markets and Operations Policy Committee Report

Alan Myers reviewed the MOPC's recommendations regarding the Buffalo Flats–Delaware and Tobias–Elm Creek transmission projects. He described the work conducted by the working groups since the October board meeting and the history of the recommendations before the board for consideration during today's meeting.

MOPC brought two recommendations to the board:

1. MOPC recommends the board approve the Elm Creek–Tobias project be staged as 12/1/2028 based upon the version of the tariff and ITP Manual that was used to determine current need dates as recommended by SPP staff for the 2024 ITP.
2. MOPC recommends the board approve the Buffalo Flats–Delaware project be staged as 12/1/2025 to resolve the remaining Winter Storm Elliott Target Area Reliability Needs, consistent with SPP staff’s incremental staging approach.

In addition to MOPC’s recommendations, SPP staff proposed three recommendations:

1. Staff recommends the board stage 10 of 12 Winter Weather Projects consistent with SPP staff’s recommendation below:

Project	Driver	Need-by Date
Sidney – Holcomb 345 kV	Uri	Immediate
Delaware – Monett 345 kV	Elliott	12/1/2025
Monett – North Branson 345 kV	Elliott	12/1/2025
Aurora - Reeds Spring 161 kV Rebuild	Elliott	12/1/2025
Aurora H.T. - Monett 161 kV Ckt 1 Rebuild	Elliott	Immediate
Branson North - Branson Northwest -North Branson - Reed Springs 161 kV Rebuild	Elliott	12/1/2025
Branson North - Ozark Dam 161 kV Ckt 1 Rebuild	Elliott	12/1/2025
Compton Ridge - Roark Creek, Table Rock - Nixa, Reeds Spring - Branson Northwest 161 kV Line Taps	Elliott	12/1/2025
N Reeds Spring - S Reeds Spring 161 kV Rebuild	Elliott	12/1/2025
Ozark Dam - Forsyth North - Ozark South 161 kV Voltage Conversion	Elliott	12/1/2025

2. Staff recommends the board approve the Elm Creek–Tobias project be staged as 12/1/2028 based upon the version of the tariff and ITP Manual that was used to determine current need dates as recommended by SPP staff for the 2024 ITP. This recommendation is consistent with MOPC’s Dec. 2 vote.
3. Staff recommends the board approve the Buffalo Flats–Delaware project be staged as 12/1/2028 based upon the version of the tariff and ITP Manual that was used to determine current need dates as recommended by SPP staff for the 2024 ITP. This recommendation is different from MOPC’s Dec. 2 vote.

Steve Wright made and Irene Dimitry seconded a motion to stage 10 of 12 Winter Weather Projects consistent with SPP staff’s recommendation (staff recommendation #1). The Members Committee voted in favor with none opposed and no abstentions. The Board voted by secret ballot and approved the motion.

Susan Certoma made and Irene Dimitry seconded a motion to approve the Elm Creek–Tobias project be staged as 12/1/2028 based upon the version of the tariff and ITP Manual that was used to determine current need dates as recommended by SPP staff for the 2024 ITP (MOPC recommendation #1 and staff recommendation #2). The Members Committee voted in favor with seven opposed (Eversource, NorthWestern Energy, Oklahoma Gas & Electric, ITC Great Plains, City Utilities Springfield, Nebraska Public Power District, Omaha Public Power District) and four abstentions (Sunflower Electric Power Corp, Basin Electric Power, SPS/Xcel Energy, AEP). The Board voted by secret ballot and approved the motion.

Several board members shared comments related to the Buffalo Flats–Delaware transmission project. Stuard Solomon stated that the motion for an earlier need-by date is based on reliability first and

foremost, while also complying with our tariff and Integrated Transmission Plan (ITP) Manual. The ITP Manual does not address studying historic weather events that have led to load shed in the past. While the manual contemplates staging a project's need-by date by individual projects, it does not specify how to synchronize the staging of projects on an individual basis. We do not know the dates Buffalo Flats–Delaware and Elm Creek–Tobias will be energized. Because Buffalo Flats–Delaware could be energized earlier with an earlier need-by date, an earlier need-by date may help to address reliability in an area of our footprint that has been a problem if the other projects are in-service later than hoped.

Irene Dimitry explained that the MOPC-approved staging date closely aligns to the language in the current ITP Manual, which states that upgrades which solve year-two violations will be initially staged for an in-service date in the corresponding season in which the violation occurs for year two; this means 12/1/2025 for Buffalo Flats. She noted the 2025 date also aligns with SPP's focus on reliability.

John Cupparo noted that the 2025 staging date reflects SPP's primary focus on reliability and is limited to the unique circumstance of the Winter Weather Storm Elliott scenario projects, the solutions provided by the Buffalo Flats–Delaware line, and the region's desire to address reliability issues to prevent another load shed event during a winter weather emergency.

Stuart Solomon made and Barbara Sugg seconded a motion to approve the Buffalo Flats–Delaware project be staged as 12/1/2025 to resolve the remaining Winter Storm Elliott Target Area Reliability Needs (amended MOPC recommendation #2). The Members Committee voted in favor with 6 opposed (Advanced Power Alliance, Natural Resources Defense Council, Golden Spread Electric Co-op, Tenaska Power Service, Pine Gate Renewables, EDP Renewables) and 0 abstentions. The Board of Directors voted by secret ballot and approved the motion.

Steve Wright requested that SPP update the ITP Manual to reduce grey areas. Casey Cathey noted that a revision request is underway to address staging for resiliency projects. John Cupparo noted there will be another decision at the February board meeting related to the short-term reliability project lists.

4. Joint Targeted Interconnection Queue Notices to Construct

Casey Cathey reviewed the portfolio of joint transmission projects between SPP and MISO. SPP staff recommends that the SPP Board of Directors approve the following three SPP JTIQ transmission projects that were identified to be constructed in the SPP Region and were specifically included in SPP's FERC filings in dockets ER24-2798 and ER24-2825:

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The Members Committee voted in favor with none opposed and no abstentions. The Board voted by secret ballot and approved the motion.

5. Organizational Effectiveness Review

- a. SOC-1 Audit Report
Michael Desselle, VP Process Integrity, informed the board that SPP received an unqualified opinion on its SOC-1 audit. The board and stakeholders wished Michael well in retirement.
- b. Board of Directors evaluation
CEO Barbara Sugg reviewed results from a survey of the board's engagement and effectiveness. Scores remain positive with an overall rating of 4.23 on a scale of 1 to 5. Scores increased in 13 categories compared to last year, while there were a few areas where scores were lower. John Cupparo encouraged stakeholders to communicate directly with the board and noted the board will follow up on this survey feedback.
- c. Stakeholder group effectiveness surveys
COO Lanny Nickell reviewed results from SPP's annual stakeholder group effectiveness survey, which received 265 responses. The overall effectiveness across all groups was 4.4, compared to 4.3 in 2023. No group rated below 4.1. All groups should review their survey results and look for improvement areas.
- d. Stakeholder satisfaction surveys
Mike Ross, VP External Affairs, gave an overview of SPP's annual stakeholder satisfaction survey. The overall score for staff was 3.82, with 3.52 for services. Services ratings increased across most categories, with many at their highest level in recent years. Satisfaction with staff performance is high: closer to "exceeds" than "meets". SPP's support of stakeholder groups saw a slight decline in satisfaction, with several comments noting suggestions for improvement. Generator interconnection, a perennial challenge, is seeing improved ratings; comments affirm the process is improving, but staff and stakeholders need to continue work.

6. Corporate Goals

COO Lanny Nickell reviewed SPP's progress on its 2024 corporate goals of mitigating resource adequacy risks, enhancing extreme weather readiness, optimizing generator interconnection queue processing, advancing innovative transmission policies and continuing Western expansion progress. The majority of milestones have been completed or are on track for completion. Mr. Nickell noted the tremendous partnership between staff and stakeholders on accomplishing this work.

Adjournment

With no further business, Mr. Cupparo adjourned the meeting at 3:03 PM CT.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul Suskie,

Aaron	Doll
AARON	STEMPLEWICZ
Adam	Bell
Adam	Hickman
Adam	McKinnie
Adam	Schieffer
Adam	Snapp
Adrian	Rodriguez
Adriane	Barnes
Al	Tamimi
Alan	Myers
Amy	Newton
Andrea	Harrison
Andrew	Brown
Andrew	French
Andrew	Lachowsky
Angela	Sartori
Angie	Anderson
Annie	Minondo
Antoine	Lucas
Apryl	Eby
Ash	Mayfield
Ashley	Sanders
Barbara	Sugg
Ben	Bright
Ben	Stearney
Ben	Trowbridge
Bernie	Liu
Beverly	Laios
Blake	Fletcher
Bleau	LaFave
Brad	Cochran
Brad	Lafler
Brad	Underwood
Brian	Rounds
Brian	Pedersen
Britney	Lloyd
Bronwen	Bastone
Bruce	Doll
Bruce	Rew
C. Patrick	Woods
Calvin	Daniels
Carl	Huslig
carly	masenthin

Caroline	Gentry
Carrie	Bivens
Casey	Cathey
Chris	Cranford
Chris	Jamieson
Christine	Aarnes
Christopher	Lyons
Christy	Walsh
Cindy	Ireland
Colin	Hansen
Colton	Stanton
Conf	1B Room 130
Conor	McKenzie
Dakota	Lamb
Dan	Lenihan
Dana	Shelton
David	Osburn
David	Busse
David	Kelley
David	Mindham
Denise	Buffington
Dennis	Constien
Dennis	Florum
Dennis	Reed
Derek	Wingfield
Diana	Gastelum
Don	Frerking
Drake	Hill
Dustin	Smith
Dwayne	Fulk
Eddie	Watson
Elizabeth	Moore
Emeka	Anyanwu
Eric	Mooney
Eric	Henderson
Erica	O'Neal
Erin	Cathey
Esat	Guney
Ethan	Perley
Ethan	Tedder
Farrokh	Rahimi
Felek	Abbas
Gayle	Freier
Greg	Rislov

Heather	Starnes
Helen	Kemp
Irene	Dimitry
Jack	Madden
Jake	Weinberg
James	Peters
Jarred	Cooley
Jason	Chaplin
Jason	Davis
Jason	Fortik
Jason	Mazigian
Jason	Tanner
Jay	Caspary
Jeff	Wells
Jena	Arnold
Jennelle	Primm
Jennifer	Solomon
Jeremy	Severson
Jessica	Meyer (LES)
Jillian	Janik
Joe	Lang
John	Varnell
John	Cupparo
John	Knofczynski
John	Stephens
Jonathan	Goldsworthy
Jordan	Foster
Joseph	HAYDEN
Julie	Bissen
Justin	Grady
Kaye	McCarty
Kayla	Hahn
Kelly	Carney
Kelsey	Pearson
Ken	Wei
Kevin	Smith
Kim	O'Guinn
Kirk	Hall
Kylah	McNabb
Lee	Elliott (Invenergy)
Lloyd	linke
Loren	Ditsch
Louis	Baccari
Malcolm	Ainspan

Marisa	Choate
Mark	Hodges
Mark	Price
Mateusz	Neska
Matt	Binette
Matt	Jackson
Matt	Pawlowski
Matthew	Jackson
Maurisa	Hughes
Maya	Nevels
Meghan	Sever
Michael	Bowman
Michael	Daly
Michael	Desselle
Michael	Wegner (ITC0
MICHAEL	WISE
Michelle	Harris
Mike	Kraft
Mike	Riley
Mike	Ross
Mo	Awad
N/A	N/A
N/A	N/A
N/A	N/A
Natalie	McIntire
Natasha	Henderson
Nate	Morris
Neeya	Toleman
Nick	Abraham
Nick	Parker
Olivia	Hough
Patrick	Brown
PAUL	SUSKIE
Raleigh	Mohr
Raymond	Hepper
Rebecca	Atkins
Regan	Fink
Rich	Germinder
richard	ross
Robert	Pick
Ronnie	Turner
Russell	Carey
Russell	Quattlebaum
Ryan	Benton

Sam	Ellis
Shawn	Geil
Sherri	Maxey
Skylar	Kincaid
SPP	Communications
Stacey	Burbure
Steve	Gaw
Steve	Wright
Stuart	Solomon
Susan	Certoma
Susanna	Padilla
Tammy	Bright
Temujin	Roach
Tessie	Kentner
Tim	Mastrogiacomo
Tim	Wilson
Tom	Kleckner
Tom	Michelotti
Trent	Campbell
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Walt	Cecil
Walt	Shumate
Warren	Brooks
Zac	Perkins