

Special Board of Directors & Members Committee Meeting

Sept. 4, 2025

Virtual

SUMMARY OF APPROVALS & ACTION ITEMS

Action item: staff should work with Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) and Southwestern Public Service to understand how an independent monitor works and evaluate whether such a construct would add value to SPP.

Approved:

- RR696 (Integrate & Operate High Impact Large Loads) as presented in the recommendation report.
- Refined cost estimate for PID 94805 Potter County-Crossroads-Phantom 765 kV. Staff's recommendation for this project is contingent upon cost and schedule control measures that meet the Board of Director's expectations.

MINUTES

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Call to Order and Administrative Items

SPP Board of Directors Chair Ray Hepper called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. CT. The following Board of Directors and Members Committee members were in attendance or represented by proxy:

Directors

Bronwen Bastone
Susan Certoma
John Cupparo
Irene Dimitry
Ray Hepper
Elizabeth Moore
Lanny Nickell
Stuart Solomon
Ben Trowbridge
Steve Wright

Members Committee

Denise Buffington, Evergy (*Derek Brown as proxy*)
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*)
Bleau LaFave, NorthWestern Energy

Joe Lang, Omaha Public Power District
Lloyd Linke, Western Area Power Administration
Chris Matos, Google
Ken Miller, Oklahoma Gas & Electric
David Mindham EDP Renewables
Dave Osburn, Oklahoma Municipal Power Authority
Zac Perkins, Tri-County Electric Cooperative (*Dakota Lamb as proxy*)
Robert Pick, Nebraska Public Power District
Adrian Rodriguez, SPS/Xcel Energy
Jeremy Severson, Basin Electric Power Cooperative
Kevin Smith, Tenaska Power Services
Al Tamimi, Sunflower Electric Power Corp
Christy Walsh, Natural Resources Defense Council (*Annie Minondo as proxy*)
Brett White, Pine Gate Renewables
Tim Wilson, Liberty Utilities (Empire District)
Mike Wise, Golden Spread Electric Cooperative
C. Patrick Woods, ITC Great Plains

2 — High Impact Large Load integration policy (RR696/SIR764)

Joe Lang (Omaha Public Power District), chair of the Markets and Operations Policy Committee, introduced the topic and turned the discussion over to Casey Cathey, SPP VP Engineering. Mr. Cathey presented RR696, High Impact Large Load (HILL) integration policy. Since the July MOPC meeting, the policy was modified to: remove Conditional High-Impact Large Load (CHILL), CHILL service, and High-Impact Large Load Generation Assessment (HILLGA) Deliverability Area (path 3) for generation; adjust the Planning Reserve Margin (PRM) calculation to the highest approved PRM in Attachment BB; update Attachment AE to align resource day-ahead must offer with existing requirements for resources; revise the HILL definition; and clarify the HILL transmission service study process in Attachment AQ and AX. The CHILLS policy will be addressed in a separate revision request targeted for the October 2025 MOPC meeting.

Staff recommended the board approve RR696 (Integrate & Operate High Impact Large Loads) as presented in the recommendation report. Several people thanked staff for being responsive to stakeholders and raising the approval rating at the MOPC.

Stuart Solomon made and Lanny Nickell seconded a motion to approve RR696 (Integrate & Operate High Impact Large Loads) as presented in the recommendation report. The Members Committee voted in favor with 1 opposed (Oklahoma Gas & Electric) and three abstentions (Natural Resources Defense Council, Southwestern Public Service/Xcel Energy, Nebraska Public Power District). The Board voted by secret ballot and approved the motion.

3 — NTC-C 220889 (PID 94805) - Southwestern Public Service out-of-bandwidth Potter County-Crossroads-Phantom 765 kV

Casey Cathey, SPP VP Engineering, stated that load in SPP is expected to increase from 56 GW to 105 GW according to the latest 10-year forecast, and that we still need the Potter-Crossroads-Phantom project to solve reliability needs noted in the 2024 Integrated Transmission Plan (ITP). Staff re-evaluated the cost-benefit ratios for the 2024 ITP. The benefits did drop with the Potter-Crossroads-Phantom project's cost increase, but the benefits still outweigh the costs. If we did not move forward with the 2024 ITP portfolio, including updated costs for Potter-Crossroads-Phantom, residential rates would rise up to \$17.59.

Staff recommended the SPP board approve the refined cost estimate for PID 94805 Potter County-Crossroads-Phantom 765 kV. Staff's recommendation for this project is contingent upon cost and schedule control measures that meet the Board of Director's expectations.

Adrian Rodriguez, Xcel Energy New Mexico & Texas President, discussed the reasons for the cost increase on the Potter-Crossroads-Phantom project along with their cost control measures, regulatory oversight process, proposed quarterly project tracking, and the work SPS has done so far on this project. He stated that Xcel Energy/SPS will forego the return on equity applicable to the cost overruns above the project estimate (inclusive of AFUDC) of \$3,624M with a 20% variance cap, consistent with the 20% variance cap utilized by SPP. SPS will forego the equity portion of return for costs that exceed \$3,624M plus 20%. He said he is willing to incorporate cost control commitments into the Notification to Construct.

Paul Suskie, Executive VP Regulatory and Legal, stated SPP has not had such a cost cap proposal before on non-competitive projects assigned to an incumbent transmission owner, and SPP does not have an enforcement method. However, Business Practice 7700 provides a way for SPP staff to review the submission of a competitive project to ensure rates filed with FERC are consistent with the bid. SPP could use this business practice as an approach for projects assigned to incumbents.

Director Ray Hepper asked if we should create an independent monitor construct like ERCOT's. Mr. Rodriguez is not familiar with ERCOT's construct but is not opposed to the idea. Paul Suskie took an action item that staff should work with ERCOT and SPS to understand how an independent monitor works and evaluate whether such a construct would add value to SPP.

Director John Cupparo stated we should allow the newly formed Order 1000 Strategic Review Task Force and staff time to refine the Order 10000 competitive process. He also stated that SPP should consider a staged or conditional implementation of the 2025 ITP with a focus on how we shape the financial and timing impacts to the region. Director Steve Wright stated that the 2024 ITP's reliability concerns are significant and need to be addressed, and that we need to better formulate the competitive process. Director Ray Hepper said he supports the Potter project and noted the board decided in Feb. not to make the project competitive. Director Irene Dimitry noted that SPS's efforts to address concerns are good and are a step in the right direction. Director Stuart Solomon stated it's not the board's role to be an independent monitor and it is important to provide equity to consumers. Director Ben Trowbridge noted concerns about ratepayer impacts and agreed staff should review the cost estimating process.

Several stakeholders stated the project should have been competitively bid and that we need cost controls at every stage of the process. Others noted we shouldn't overreact to the cost increase, that loads need this service, that higher voltage lines bring greater economies of scale, and that this project is needed. It was noted that the cost project assumptions SPP uses may be incorrect for such long transmission lines, and staff should take a hard look at how we develop cost estimates.

Before the board took up a motion on the project, Mr. Rodriguez confirmed that SPS supported including terms laid out in SPS's letter to the SPP Board in any Notice to Construct issued to SPS.

John Cupparo made and Steve Wright seconded a motion to approve the refined cost estimate for PID 94805 Potter County-Crossroads-Phantom 765 kV. Staff's recommendation for this project is contingent upon cost and schedule control measures that meet the Board of Director's expectations. The Members Committee voted in favor with 1 opposed (EDP Renewables) and 10 abstentions (Omaha Public Power District, Oklahoma Municipal Power Authority, Tenaska Power Service, Pine Gate Renewables, Evergy, Western Area Power Administration, Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corp.,

Tri-County Electric Cooperative, Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, Advanced Power Alliance). **The Board voted by secret ballot and approved the motion.**

Adjournment

With no further business, Mr. Hepper adjourned the meeting at 3:58 PM CT.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul Suskie, Secretary to the SPP Board of Directors

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Alex	Crawford
Allison	Duensing
Andrew	Brown
Andrew	French
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Becky	Walding
Ben	Bright
Ben	Trowbridge
Bernie	Liu
Beverly	Laios
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Brad	Lafler
Brent	Hanson
Brett	White
Brian	Daschbach
Brian	Rounds
Brittany	Gray
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Brooke	Keene
Bruce	Rew
Bryan	Rushing
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Carrie	Dixon
Casey	Cadle
Casey	Cathey
Chris	Cranford
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Chris	Nolen SPP
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Christophe	Hanson
Chuck	Hutchison
Cindy	Ireland
Cody	Schoonover
Colby	Cecil
Colin	Hansen
Conor	McKenzie
Craig	Lockwood
Dakota	Lamb
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Dana	Shelton
Daniel	Sullivan
DANNY	JOHNSON
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David	Allen
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David	Cohen
David	Kelley
David	Mindham
Dawn	Cash
Dennis	Florum
Derek	Brown
Derek	Sunderman
Derek	Wingfield
Diana	Gastelum
Don	Frerking
Doug	Kouskouris
Dwayne	Fulk
Elizabeth	Moore
Emily	Pennel
Eric	Mooney

Erin	Cathey
Evan	Hays
Gayle	Freier
Gerald	Deaver (CO PUC)
Hannah	Rogers
Heather	Starnes
Irene	Dimitry
J.P.	Maddock
Jack	Madden
Jack	Painter
Jake	Weinberg
JAMES	GING
James	Peters
Jarod	Nekl
Jarred	Cooley
Jason	Chaplin
Jason	Cox
Jason	Davis
Jason	Fortik
Jason	Lytal
Jason	Mazigian
Jason	Tanner
Jay	Caspary
Jean	Schafer
Jeff	Wells
Jennelle	Primm
Jennifer	Hammitt
Jennifer	Solomon
Jeremy	Severson
Jessica	Greenberg
Jessica	Meyer - LES
Jim	Flucke - Every
Jim	Jacoby
Joann	Worthington
Joe	Richardson
Joe	Lang
John	Borgmeyer
John	Cupparo
John	Krajewski
John	O'Dell
John	Stephens
John	Vara
Jon	Thurber
Julie	Bissen

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Kaley	Green
Karla	Coellner
Kathleen	Jackson
Kayla	Hahn
Kelsey	Allen
Ken	Miller
Ken	Wei
Kevin	Bryant
Kevin	Smith
Kim	David
Kim	O'Guinn
Kirk	Hall
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Michael	Wegner (ITC)
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Michelle	Harris
Mike	Gahimer
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Nisha	Fleischman
Olivia	Hough
Orrie	Walsvik
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Paul	Mahlberg
Ramsey	Ayass
Randy	Christmann
Ray	Bergmeier
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Robert	Safuto
Rodney	Massman
Russell	Carey
Ryan	Hubbard
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Sarah	Bockelmann
Sean	Frederiksen
Serhat	Guney
Seth	Trout
Shane	McMinn
Shawn	Geil
Stacey	Burbure
Steve	Gaw
Steve	Hohman
Steve	Purdy
Steve	Sanders
Steve	Wright
Stuart	Solomon
Sunny	Raheem
Susan	Certoma
Tammy	Bright
Terra	Higgins
Terri	Eaton

Tessie	Kentner
Tiffany	Hennig
Tiffany	Wu
Tim	Texel
Tim	Mastrogiacomo
Tim	Sell
Tim	Wilson
Tom	Bozeman
Tom	Kleckner
Trey	Davis
Tyson	Archie
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Will	McAdams
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