

# SOUTHWEST POWER POOL RESOURCE AND ENERGY ADEQUACY LEADERSHIP (REAL) TEAM MEETING

Monday, April 2, 2025 | 8:00 am – 3:00 pm (CST)

Hyatt Regency DFW

Dallas, TX

## SUMMARY OF MOTIONS AND ACTION ITEMS

**MOTION:** To approve minutes from March 5, 2025. Shawnee Claiborn-Pinto (PUCT) motioned / David Osburn (OMPA) seconded. *The motion passed unanimously*.

**MOTION**: The REAL Team approved RR664 - 2029 Planning Reserve Margin, as presented. Richard Ross (AEP) motioned / Shawnee Claiborn-Pinto (PUCT) seconded. *The motion passed by a voice vote with 1 opposed (Evergy)*.

**MOTION:** The REAL Team directs Staff to enhance the application of the ceiling capacity limit consistent with Empire's proposal. Denise Buffington (Evergy) motioned / Richard Ross (AEP) seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 12 in favor, 1 opposed (APA), and 1 abstention (OPPD).

**MOTION**: The REAL Team directs Staff to modify the attestation consistent with Evergy's and Xcel's comments. Denise Buffington (Evergy) motioned / Richard Ross (AEP) seconded. *The motion passed by a vote of 13 in favor and 1 opposed (APA)*.

**MOTION**: Modify the COD date in Section 8.2 from a 5-year limit to a 6-year limit. Richard Ross (AEP) motioned/ David Osburn (OMPA) seconded. *The motion failed by a vote of 3 in favor, 7 opposed (SDPUC, KCC, NPRB, SPP BOD, SPP BOD, APA, APSC) and 4 abstentions (Evergy, PUCT, OCC, OPPD).* 

**MOTION**: REAL approves expedited treatment of RR668 and recommends that MOPC and RSC approve RR668 as approved by RTWG and consistent with the policy recommendations of EDE, Evergy, and Xcel/SPS. Chuck Hutchison (NPRB) motioned / Denise Buffington (Evergy) seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 13 in favor, and 1 opposed (APA).

**MOTION:** The REAL Team endorses the value of resiliency in transmission planning workplan item as complete. Chuck Hutchison (NPRB) / Richard Ross (AEP) seconded. *The motion passed with 13 in favor and 1 abstention (APA)*.



### **ACTION ITEMS:**

- 1. SPP Operations Staff to bring back data on:
  - Wildfire summer forecast data
  - Precipitation data during winter weather events
  - Data on how many outages were recalled /canceled as part of recent winter weather events
- 2. Send the MOPC Markets, Operations, and ERAS presentations to the REAL Team once available.
- 3. Staff to develop an enhanced process for GIA tracking and potential extensions or terminations considering supply chain challenges.



# **SOUTHWEST POWER POOL**RESOURCE AND ENERGY ADEQUACY LEADERSHIP (REAL) TEAM MEETING

Wednesday, April 2, 2025 | 8:00 am - 4:00 pm (CT) Hyatt Regency, DFW Dallas, TX

# **MINUTES**

#### AGENDA ITEM 1 – ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Chair Kristie Fiegen (SD PUC) called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. CST, roll was conducted, and a quorum was established. Andrew Lachowsky (AECC) held proxy for Buddy Hasten (AECC).

**MOTION:** To approve minutes from March 5, 2025. Shawnee Claiborn-Pinto (PUCT) motioned / David Osburn (OMPA) seconded. *The motion passed unanimously*.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 2 – STANDING UPDATES**

- a. FERC Resource Adequacy Justin Hinton (SPP Staff) provided an update on dockets currently pending before. Mr. Hinton also reviewed the conditions and compliance filing deadline as a result of the recently issued FERC Order on the RTO Western Expansion.
- b. Ops Update CJ Brown (SPP Staff) provided an Operations review of winter weather events and reviewed outage and interchange data for the February 2025 event compared to previous winter weather event outage data. Mr. Brown also reviewed the summer outlook with regard to temperature and precipitation and discussed the March and April wildfire risk. An action item was established to provide additional data on precipitation, recalled outages, and the summer wildfire forecast. The MOPC Operations Update presentation will be shared with the REAL Team once it's available.
- c. REAL Work Plan Natasha Henderson (SPP Staff) reviewed the work plan and noted that no substantial changes had been made since the last meeting.
- d. SAWG Update Due to the cancelation of the March SAWG meeting no update was provided. Colton Kennedy (OPPD) indicated that the next SAWG meeting is April 23-24, 2025.
- e. Markets Update Steve Johnson (SPP Staff) provided a Markets update and discussed the Markets side of the February 2025 winter weather event. Mr. Johnson stated that



overall, the market performed well, the team observed good real-time price symmetry, and that price spikes were due to sharp wind drops. The MOPC Markets presentation will be shared with the REAL Team once available.

#### AGENDA ITEM 3 – RR664 – 2029 PLANNING RESERVE MARGIN

Bradley Payne (SPP Staff) reviewed RR664 and presented it for approval.

**MOTION**: The REAL Team approved RR664 - 2029 Planning Reserve Margin, as presented. Richard Ross (AEP) motioned / Shawnee Claiborn-Pinto (PUCT) seconded. *The motion passed by a voice vote with 1 opposed (Evergy)*.

#### AGENDA ITEM 4 – RR668 – SPP ERAS

Steve Purdy (SPP Staff) reviewed the voting history and noted that the formal comments have been summarized in the current Recommendation Report. Mr. Purdy also reviewed the Staff comments approved by the Regional Tariff Working Group (RTWG).

The REAL Team discussed the filed comments from Empire and considered the following motion:

**MOTION:** The REAL Team directs Staff to enhance the application of the ceiling capacity limit consistent with Empire's proposal. Denise Buffington (Evergy) motioned / Richard Ross (AEP) seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 12 in favor, 1 opposed (APA), and 1 abstention (OPPD).

Denise Buffington (Evergy) reviewed Evergy's suggested revisions to the LRE Selection Form, and after a robust discussion, the group considered the following motion:

<u>MOTION</u>: The REAL Team directs Staff to modify the attestation consistent with Evergy's and Xcel's comments. Denise Buffington (Evergy) motioned / Richard Ross (AEP) seconded. *The motion passed by a vote of 13 in favor and 1 opposed (APA)*.

Richard Ross (AEP) proposed the following motion in relation to supply chain challenges.

**MOTION**: Modify the COD date in Section 8.2 from a 5-year limit to a 6-year limit. Richard Ross (AEP) motioned/ David Osburn (OMPA) seconded. *The motion failed by a vote of 3 in favor, 7 opposed (SDPUC, KCC, NPRB, SPP BOD, SPP BOD, APA, APSC) and 4 abstentions (Evergy, PUCT, OCC, OPPD).* 

The group continued to discuss the provisions of the revision request and ultimately approved the RR, as modified during the meeting, along with an action item via a straw poll.

**MOTION**: REAL approves expedited treatment of RR668 and recommends that MOPC and RSC approve RR668 as approved by RTWG and consistent with the policy



recommendations of EDE, Evergy, and Xcel/SPS. Chuck Hutchison (NPRB) motioned / Denise Buffington (Evergy) seconded. *The motion passed by a vote of 13 in favor, and 1 opposed (APA)*.

**Straw Poll/Action Item:** Staff to develop an enhanced process for GIA tracking and potential extensions considering supply chain challenges. *The group unanimously approved the action item*.

Mr. Purdy also presented the ERAS-E(xpansion) proposal for the SPP expansion entities to address resource adequacy needs and state-level mandates in the near term after SPP integration. This proposal is expected to be presented to the working groups in April – June and be considered by MOPC at the July meeting.

#### AGENDA ITEM 5 – MARKETS/OPS ALIGNMENT

Charles Hendrix (SPP Staff) discussed the simulated 2029 expected conditions and determination of real-time operational issues using the approved 2029 planning reserve margin. This analysis considered balancing authority requirements and demand response performance. Colton Kennedy (OPPD) requested this information be presented to the Supply Adequacy Working Group.

#### AGENDA ITEM 6 – VALUE OF RESILIENCY IN TRANSMISSION POLICY

As previously requested by the REAL Team and noted on the workplan, Natasha Henderson (SPP Staff) discussed how resiliency is valued in transmission planning. Ms. Henderson noted that a resiliency analysis was done in the 2025 ITP on the reliability side. The analysis consists of the 2025 ITP Base Portfolio and a 2025 ITP Base Portfolio plus a Resiliency Portfolio. The assessment considers LMP reduction, transfer analysis, and load shed reduction. The 2025 ITP Scope contains resiliency language in Section 3, which will be submitted to MOPC for approval.

**MOTION:** The REAL Team endorses the value of resiliency in transmission planning workplan item as complete. Chuck Hutchison (NPRB) / Richard Ross (AEP) seconded. *The motion passed with 13 in favor and 1 abstention (APA)*.

### AGENDA ITEM 7 – SPP CURRENT DEMAND RESPONSE OFFERING

Brooke Keene (SPP Staff) reviewed the current SPP Demand Response construct, which consists of the following participation models: For the markets side, dispatchable demand response and block demand response. Non-market demand response consists of non-market registered demand response and non-market registered behind the meter generation. Ms. Keene also reviewed the current accreditation policy and discussed the limitations with the current construct.



#### AGENDA ITEM 8 – DEMAND RESPONSE COHORT UPDATE

a. Demand Response Accreditation

Bradley Payne (SPP Staff) reviewed the provisions of the draft proposal from the Demand Response Cohort. This proposal assumes an LRE Peak Demand Assessment policy will be simultaneously implemented. The REAL Team is expected to vote on endorsement of the proposal at its June meeting. The proposal will then go to the other necessary working groups for feedback.

b. LRE Peak Demand Assessment

Charles Hendrix (SPP Staff) highlighted the LRE Peak Demand Assessment proposal, which addresses ways to increase predictability and performance of load. Mr. Hendrix reviewed the additions to the post-summer season analysis included in the proposal.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 9 – OTHER ITEMS**

- a. Review of Action Items The following action items were established:
  - 1. SPP Operations Staff to bring back data on:
    - Wildfire summer forecast data
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  - 2. Send the MOPC Markets, Operations, and ERAS presentations to the REAL Team once available.
  - 3. Staff to develop an enhanced process for GIA tracking and potential extensions or terminations considering supply chain challenges.
- b. Future Meetings the next REAL Team meeting will be held virtually on May 1, 2025 beginning at 1:00 p.m. CST.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 10 - NEW BUSINESS**

N/A

#### **AGENDA ITEM 11 – ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Fiegen adjourned the meeting at 2:58 pm CST.

## **REAL TEAM MEMBERS**

Andrew French (KCC) Chuck Hutchison (NPRB) Buddy Hasten/Andrew Lachowsky (AECC) Colton Kennedy (OPPD)



Cindy Ireland (APSC) David Osburn (OMPA) Denise Buffington (Evergy) Jason Chaplin (OCC) Kristie Fiegen (SDPUC)

Ray Hepper (SPP Board) Richard Ross (AEP) Shawnee Claiborn-Pinto (PUCT) Steve Gaw (Advanced Power Alliance)

#### **MEETING PARTICIPANTS**

Aaron Doll Calvin Daniels **Greg Rislov** Aaron Ramsdell Carly Masenthin **Heather Starnes** Adam McKinnie Caroline Chapman Ian Harkins Adam Schieffer Carrie Bivens Jake Chapman Adam Snapp Casey Cathey Jake Weinberg Afshin Salehian Charles Hendrix James Mindrup Alex Baird Chris Bultsma Jarred Cooley Alex Crawford Chris Haley Jason Chaplin Andrea Doucette Chris Lyons Jason Mazigian Andrea Harrison Chris Matos Jason Rosenkranz Andrew French Christopher Hanson Jeff Baldridge Jeff Wells Andrew Lachowsky Chuck Hutchison Jennifer Solomon

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Sarah Garcia

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