

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

Thursday, May 1, 2025 | 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm (CST)  
Virtual

## SUMMARY OF MOTIONS AND ACTION ITEMS

**MOTION:** To approve minutes from April 2, 2025. Ray Hepper (SPP BOD) motioned / Cindy Ireland (APSC) seconded. *The motion passed unanimously.*

**MOTION:** The REAL Team recommends the RSC and Board approve the language in Section 7.1.2, "LRE Ceiling Capacity Calculation" in RR668 - Expedited Resource Adequacy Study (ERAS) as recommended by the Markets and Operations Policy Committee (MOPC). Richard Ross (AEP) motioned / Cindy Ireland (APSC) seconded. *The motion passed with 13 votes in favor and one opposed (APA).*

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**ACTION ITEM:**

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## **MINUTES**

### **AGENDA ITEM 1 – ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

Chair Kristie Fiegen (SD PUC) called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. CST, roll was conducted, and a quorum was established. Bruce Walkup (AECC) held proxy for Buddy Hasten (AECC), Natasha Brown (OMPA) held proxy for David Osburn (OMPA), and Justin Grady (KCC) held proxy for Andrew French (KCC).

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### **AGENDA ITEM 3 – ERAS UPDATE**

Steve Purdy (SPP Staff) reviewed the revisions made to the ERAS RR since the last REAL Team meeting. Specifically, Mr. Purdy reviewed the language changes made to Section 7.1.2 LRE Ceiling Capacity Calculation made at the recent Cost Allocation Working Group (CAWG) and Markets and Operations Policy Committee (MOPC) meetings. Mr. Purdy also presented the Staff recommendation to change the notification window in Section 4.2.1, ERAS System Impact Study Procedures, from 45 days to 15 days. He stated that the rationale for the proposal was to reduce the notification lead time from 45 days to 15 days, therefore speeding up the start and finish of the study and accelerating the issuance of Generator Interconnection Agreements (GIAs). After a robust discussion on the timing of deficiency calculations and updates to load forecasts, the group decided to consider a change to the notification window from 45 days to 30 days.

The group elected to vote on the LRE Ceiling Capacity Calculation language and the change to the notification window proposals separately.

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The group briefly discussed and acknowledged the MOPC approved change to the Commercial Operation Date from five-years to seven-years but noted the failed motion at the April REAL Team meeting and elected not to take the issue up for another vote.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 4 – MAREKTS/OPS ALIGNMENT**

Yasser Bahbaz (SPP Staff) provided a status update on the workplan initiative to conduct comprehensive assessment of alignment opportunities between Markets, Operations, and Planning primarily around input assumptions and studies and how the inputs materialize in real time. Mr. Bahbaz presented the seven key areas identified to evaluate for enhanced alignment and described the path forward for each of the seven areas. After discussion, the "Transmission Constraints" item was moved from "Recommended Closure" to "In Progress" and would be addressed via the Consolidated Planning Process.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 5 – DEMAND RESPONSE COHORT UDATE**

Bradley Payne (SPP Staff) provided an update on the Demand Response framework and reviewed the ongoing collaboration among stakeholders. Erin Cathey (SPP Staff) stated that any stakeholder feedback may be emailed to her. Colton Kennedy (OPPD) stated that the SAWG is very interested in the Demand Response policy and that initial feedback from SAWG indicated that this framework is workable. Mr. Kennedy noted that Staff is taking the specific concerns into consideration. Staff will continue to update the proposal based on feedback and plans to bring the policy back to the REAL Team for the June 9<sup>th</sup> meeting for directional endorsement.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 6 – GI QUEUE DISCUSSION**

Natasha Henderson (SPP Staff) highlighted the current challenges in the generation interconnection (GI) process and discussed possible options to enable generation to achieve Generation Interconnection Agreements. The group discussed a possible official endorsement to direct Staff and the Transmission Working Group to pursue changes to the GI process but due to disagreement on whether the REAL Team was the appropriate group to take that action, the group agreed that it was the general consensus of the REAL Team that the work on the GI process should continue to move forward.

## **AGENDA ITEM 7 – STANDING UPDATES**

- a. FERC – Resource Adequacy – Tessie Kentner (SPP Staff) provided an update on dockets currently pending before.
- b. Ops Update – CJ Brown (SPP Staff) provided the information requested at the last REAL Team meeting with regard to precipitation data, summer wildfire data, and outages. It was requested that Mr. Brown bring back information at the next meeting on recent, localized load shed events.
- c. REAL Work Plan – Natasha Henderson (SPP Staff) reviewed the work plan and noted that there have been no updates to the work plan since the last meeting. Ms. Henderson stated that after the discussion on Markets/Ops Alignment the “Quantify differences in risks between planning models and real-time operations” item would be marked as complete.
- d. SAWG Update – Colton Kennedy (OPPD) reviewed the discussions that took place at the recent SAWG meeting related to Peak Demand Assessment and Gap/SERVM alignment.
- e. Markets Update – Yasser Bahbaz (SPP Staff) provided a Markets update and reviewed two high level areas of Market initiatives related to price formation and transparency and Order 831 enhancements.

## **AGENDA ITEM 8 – OTHER ITEMS**

- a. Review of action items:
  - 1. Operations to bring back information on recent, localized load shed event.

## **AGENDA ITEM 9 – NEW BUSINESS**

N/A

## **AGENDA ITEM 10 - ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Fiegen adjourned the meeting at 4:11 pm CST.

### **REAL TEAM MEMBERS**

Andrew French/Justin Grady (KCC)	Buddy Hasten/Bruce Walkup (AECC)
Chuck Hutchison (NPRB)	Colton Kennedy (OPPD)
Cindy Ireland (APSC)	Ray Hepper (SPP Board)
David Osburn/Natasha Henderson (OMPA)	Richard Ross (AEP)
Denise Buffington (Evergy)	Shawnee Claiborn-Pinto (PUCT)
Jason Chaplin (OCC)	Steve Gaw (Advanced Power Alliance)
Kristie Fiegen (SDPUC)	

### **MEETING PARTICIPANTS**

Aaron Doll	Cindy Ireland	John Roemen
Adam Schieffer	CJ Brown	Jon Thurber
Albert Mendoza	Clifford Franklin	Jonathan Hathhorn
Alex Rozen	Colton Kennedy	Joshua Norton
Andrew Daro	Conor McKenzie	Julie Tackett
Angela Sartori	Dana Shelton	Justin Grady
Annie Minondo	David Longrie	Kate Peters
Apryl Eby	Denise Buffington	Kathleen Loa
Ashlyn Collie	Don Frerking	Keaton Riddle
Bakhtawar Khan	Emily Stuart	Kelli Schermerhorn
Bernie Liu	Eric Stoutenburg	Kelsey Allen
Brad Lafler	Erin Cathey	Kerri Dalaviras
Bradley Payne	Garrett Crowson	Kim O'Guinn
Brett Springfield	George Fee	Kristie Fiegen
Brian Rounds	Gerald Deaver	Kylah McNabb
Britney Lloyd	Greg Rislov	Kyle Martinez
Bruce Walkup	Gregory Reed	LaKeitha Rinks
Bryce Keaton	Heather Starnes	Lane Sisung
Bryn Wilson	Ian Harkins	Larry Brusseau
Calvin Daniels	Jake Weinberg	Lee Elliott
Carly Masenthin	James Mindrup	Leif Clark
Carrie Bivens	James Peters	Lise Trudeau
Casey Cathey	Jarred Cooley	Loren Ditsch
Charles Hendrix	Jason Chaplin	Lori Cobos
Charles Richard Ross	Jason Mazigian	Lori Frisk
Chris Bultsma	Jeff Wells	Malcolm Ainspan
Chris Haley	Jim Fehr	Maria Gingras
Chris Jamieson	Jim Jacoby	Marisa Choate
Chris Lyons	Jim Krajecki	Matt Alvarado
Christine Aarnes	Jodi Woods	Matt Reed
Christopher Hanson	Joe Dan Wilson	Maya Nevels
Chuck Hutchison	John Krajewski	Michael Wise

Natasha Brown  
Natasha Henderson  
Nick Abraham  
Nilesh Gowaalani  
Olivia Hough  
Rachel Passman  
Raleigh Mohr  
Rao Konidena  
Ray Hepper  
Rebecca Atkins  
Richard Owen  
Robert Pick  
Ron Chartier

Russell Carey  
Ryan Benton  
Ryan Johnson  
Ryan Tuter  
Sai Nizampatnam  
Serhat Guney  
Seth Mayfield  
Shane Stone  
Shawnee Claiborn-Pinto  
Stacey Svendsen  
Steve Gaw  
Steve Purdy  
Steve Wright

Stuart Solomon  
Temujin Roach  
Terra Higgins  
Tessie Kentner  
Tiffany Wu  
Tim Hooker  
Tom Michelotti  
Travis Hicks  
Trent Campbell  
Walt Cecil  
Will Tootle  
Yasser Bahbaz