

SOUTHWEST POWER POOL
REGIONAL STATE COMMITTEE ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

May 6, 2024
Hyatt Regency Aurora-Denver Conference Center – Aurora, CO

SUMMARY OF MOTIONS AND ACTION ITEMS

1. **MOTION:** Move to approve the February 5, 2024 minutes. (Chuck Hutchinson (NPRB) / Kristie Fiegen (SDPUC) seconded) *Passed unanimously.*
2. **MOTION:** Approve RR607 Safe Harbor Provisions as presented. (Todd Hiatt (OCC) / Justin Tate (APSC) seconded) *Passed unanimously.*
3. **MOTION:** Approved the seven policy recommendations from the CAWG, related to the Consolidated Planning Process adopted by the CAWG at the March and April 2024 meetings. (Andrew French (KCC) / Sarah Martz (IUB) seconded) *Passed unanimously.*
4. **MOTION:** Approve RR605 Resource Availability as presented with the SPP Staff addition of previously approved RR 549 (Winter Season Resource Adequacy Requirement) language. (Kristie Fiegen (SDPUC) / Chuck Hutchinson (NPRB) seconded) *Passed unanimously.*
5. **MOTION:** Approve RR616 Improved Outage Policy as presented. (Kristie Fiegen (SDPUC) / Chuck Hutchinson (NPRB) seconded) *Passed unanimously.*
6. **MOTION:** Move that the RSC endorses the Price Formation policy as endorsed by the REAL Team and Market Working Group. (Kristie Fiegen (SDPUC) / Andrew French (KCC) seconded) *Passed unanimously.*
7. **MOTION:** Approve RR600.10 Congestion Hedging Over West DC Ties as presented, as implementing the RSC/board-approved terms and conditions for RTO membership and expansion in the Western Interconnection. (Andrew French (KCC) / Todd Hiatt (OCC) seconded) *Passed unanimously.*
8. **MOTION:** Endorse RR600.15 Attachment AA changes as amended by the MOPC, as implementing the board-approved terms and condition for RTO membership and expansion in the Western Interconnection. (Andrew French (KCC) / Chuck Hutchinson (NPRB) seconded) *Passed unanimously.*
9. **ACTION ITEM:** Continue to look at deliverability across the DC Ties.



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MINUTES

AGENDA ITEM 1 – CALL TO ORDER

Vice President Todd Hiatt (OCC) called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. MT.

AGENDA ITEM 2 – PRELIMINARY MATTERS

- a. Roll Call and Declaration of a Quorum – Kim O’Guinn conducted the roll call, and a quorum was established.

The following members were in attendance or represented by proxy:

John Tuma, Minnesota Public Utility Commission (MN PUC), RSC President
Todd Hiatt, Oklahoma Corporation Commission (OCC), RSC Vice President
Chuck Hutchinson, Nebraska Power Review Board (NPRB), RSC Secretary
Victor Schock, proxy for Randel Christmann, North Dakota Public Service Commission (ND PSC)
Lori Cobos, Texas Public Utility Commission (PUCT)
Kristie Fiegen, South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (SD PUC)
Mike Francis, Louisiana Public Service Commission (LPSC)
Andrew French, Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC)
Kayla Hahn, Missouri Public Service Commission (MO PSC)
Sarah Martz, Iowa Utilities Board (IUB)
Patrick O’Connell, New Mexico Public Regulation Commission (NM PRC)
Justin Tate, Arkansas Public Service Commission (APSC)

- b. Adoption of Minutes from February 5, 2024

MOTION: Move to approve the February 5, 2024 minutes. (Chuck Hutchinson (NPRB) / Kristie Fiegen (SDPUC) seconded). *Passed unanimously.*

- c. Review of Action Items – Kim O’Guinn (SPP) reviewed three action items. Item 23-01 Safe Harbor Criteria, which the RSC voted on during this meeting. For Item 23-02, HITT M1, Ms. O’Guinn indicated that Staff is currently working on the study and expects to update the RSC and bring this item for a vote at the August 2024 meeting. Ms. O’Guinn further stated that Item 23-03, HITT C2, was filed at FERC on March 20, 2024, in Docket ER24-1583.
- d. Introduction of Special Guests – John Tuma welcomed FERC Commissioner Mark Christie and Wyoming PSC Chair Mary Throne to the RSC meeting. Mr. Tuma presented RSC resolutions to former Commissioner Will McAdams and Commissioner Scott Rupp thanking them for their service to the RSC. Mr. Tuma also welcomed new members, Commissioner Lori Cobos (PUCT) and Chair Kayla Hahn (MOPSC) to the RSC.

AGENDA ITEM 3 – UPDATE

- a. SPP Report – Barbara Sugg (SPP) welcomed Chair Mary Throne (WY PSC) and the states in the Western Interconnection who will become eligible for membership in 2026. Ms. Sugg also thanked the Resource Energy and Adequacy Leadership Team (REAL Team) for its efforts on resource adequacy.
- b. RSC First Quarter 2024 Financial Report – Paul Suskie presented the first quarter financial report and indicated that due to the first meeting being virtual the RSC is currently underbudget for the year.

AGENDA ITEM 4 – COST ALLOCATION WORKING GROUP (CAWG) & VOTING ITEMS

CAWG Report – Lise Trudeau (MN PUC) briefly highlighted the topics and twelve approved motions that CAWG had considered. She also reviewed upcoming issues which include RR620 Joint Targeted Interconnection Queue, HITT C1, RR621 Fuel Assurance, and RR622 Winter/Summer Planning Reserve Margin (PRM).

- a. RR607 – Safe Harbor Provision Changes – Shari Albrecht (KCC) briefly reviewed the amendments to the tariff language that implements the policy approved by the RSC in October 2023. Ms. Albrecht also noted this revision request was previously approved by the CAWG.

MOTION: Approve RR607 Safe Harbor Provisions as presented. (Todd Hiatt (OCC) / Justin Tate (APSC) seconded). *Passed unanimously.*

- b. Consolidated Planning Process – Policies – John Krajewski (NPRB) reviewed the proposed Consolidated Planning Process and goals as well as the seven policy motions previously approved by the CAWG. John Tuma (MN PUC) and Andrew French (KCC) clarified that the

intent is to approve continued development of this policy which lays the groundwork for the more detailed mechanisms. Revision requests are expected for the October RSC meeting.

MOTION: Approved the seven policy recommendations from the CAWG, related to the Consolidated Planning Process adopted by the CAWG at the March and April 2024 meetings. (Andrew French (KCC) / Sarah Martz (IUB) seconded). *Passed unanimously.*

AGENDA ITEM 5 – REAL TEAM UPDATE

REAL Team Update- Kristie Fiegen (SD PUC) provided a REAL Team update and indicated that the REAL team will make a final vote on the Planning Reserve Margin (PRM) package during the May 24, 2024 meeting. Ms. Fiegen stated that at the last REAL Team meeting a straw poll was conducted and the results for a Winter/Summer PRM of 36/16 were 9-4-1. Ms. Fiegen also stated that the REAL Team will evaluate the SAWG PRM proposal at the May meeting. There will be two RSC education sessions on June 10, 2024 at the MARC Conference in Minneapolis, MN which will focus on PRM.

- a. Resource Adequacy Update and Voting Items – Lanny Nickell (SPP) indicated that RR605 – Resource Availability and RR616 – Improve Outage Policy are a result of direction from the RSC to address concerns around the lack of clarity that resources need to be available if they're accounted for in the resource adequacy construct and in a load responsible entity's accreditation. The second concern was regarding maintenance outages. RR605 and RR616 address these concerns.

Keith Collins (MMU) noted a concern related to RR605 and the authorized outage definition and recommended it be removed. Mr. Collins also noted two concerns with RR 616 and indicated it is the MMU's recommendation that these changes should be made in the tariff and go before FERC and not made in an off-tariff document. The second point is related to who indicates the outage was authorized. The MMU's recommendation is that the RTO should have the responsibility.

- i. RR 605 – Resource Availability

MOTION: Approve RR605 Resource Availability as presented with the SPP Staff addition of previously approved RR549 (Winter Season Resource Adequacy Requirement) language. (Kristie Fiegen (SDPUC) / Chuck Hutchinson (NPRB) seconded) *Passed unanimously.*

- ii. RR616 - Improved Outage Policy

MOTION: Approve RR616 Improved Outage Policy as presented. (Kristie Fiegen (SDPUC) / Chuck Hutchinson (NPRB) seconded) *Passed unanimously.*

- iii. Price Formation during Load Shed and EEA Events - Lanny Nickell (SPP) provided information on why this was an endorsement request. Mr. Nickell indicated that this policy would address and improve energy adequacy through price formation since the market prices do not always reflect emergency conditions. Mr. Nickell stated that this policy received 99% approval from the MOPC.

MOTION: Move that the RSC endorses the Price Formation policy as endorsed by the REAL Team and Market Working Group. (Kristie Fiegen (SDPUC) / Andrew French (KCC) seconded) *Passed unanimously.*

AGENDA ITEM 6 – RTO WESTERN EXPANSION UPDATE

Bruce Rew (SPP) provided an update on the RTO Western Expansion and indicated that the goal is to place the western entities in the RTO and expand it with minimal changes to the organizational structure processes. Mr. Rew reviewed the history of approvals to date. He indicated that RR600.10 reflects tariff provisions from a July 2022 RSC-approved policy and stated that there has been high consensus from the working groups.

Mr. Rew reviewed RR600.15 and the changes to Attachment AA. He presented the language that was approved by the CAWG. The CAWG language failed at the MOPC. The MOPC modified the language and passed the motion with 81% approval. SPP Staff reached out to the CAWG to determine if the MOPC language would have changed any votes and received feedback that the three opposing votes would have voted in favor of the RR with the MOPC amended language.

a. RTO West Expansion Voting Items

i. RR600.10 Congestion Hedging Over West DC Ties

MOTION: Approve RR600.10 Congestion Hedging Over West DC Ties as presented, as implementing the RSC/board-approved terms and conditions for RTO membership and expansion in the Western Interconnection. (Andrew French (KCC) / Todd Hiatt (OCC) seconded) *Passed unanimously.*

ii. RR600.15 Attachment AA Changes

MOTION: Endorse RR600.15 Attachment AA changes as amended by the MOPC, as implementing the board-approved terms and condition for RTO membership and expansion in the Western Interconnection. (Andrew French (KCC) / Chuck Hutchinson (NPRB) seconded) *Passed unanimously.*

AGENDA ITEM 7 – OTHER RSC MATTERS

- a. June 10, 2024 – RSC in-person Education Session at MARC Conference – John Tuma stated there will be two breakout sessions on June 10, 2024 during the MARC Conference to

discuss the REAL Team initiatives. The sessions will be from 10:30-11:30 a.m. and from 3:30-4:45 p.m. There will also be an RTO reception at 5:00.

- b. RSC Bylaw revisions for RTO Western Expansion - Mr. Tuma stated that an RTO West working group will be established to determine any necessary changes to RSC governing documents due to the western expansion. The committee will be consensus based and will be chaired by Commissioner Pat O'Connell (NM PRC). Commissioner Justin Tate (APSC) has agreed to serve on the committee. The committee will be for CAWG and RSC members.
- c. Regional Allocation Review Task Force (RARTF) - Sara Martz will be the new chair of the RARTF. Chair Kayla Hahn has agreed to serve on the committee and one spot is still open.

AGENDA ITEM 8 – NEW ACTION ITEMS

Victor Schock (ND PSC) recommended an action item to continue looking at deliverability across the DC Ties.

AGENDA ITEM 9 – SCHEDULE OF NEXT RSC BUSINESS MEETINGS

August 5, 2024 – St. Louis, MO

October 28, 2024 – Little Rock, AR

AGENDA ITEM 10 – ADJOURNMENT

President Tuma adjourned the meeting at 2:17 p.m. MT

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