

**SOUTHWEST POWER POOL  
REGIONAL STATE COMMITTEE  
ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING**

**November 3, 2025  
1:00 pm CT  
Southwest Power Pool | Little Rock, AR**

## **SUMMARY OF MOTIONS AND ACTION ITEMS**

**MOTION:** To approve the minutes from August 4, 2025. Randel Christmann (NDPSC) motioned / Mike Francis (LPSC) seconded. *The motion passed unanimously.*

**MOTION:** The Regional State Committee approves the 2026 Slate of Officers, as follows:

- President – Chuck Hutchison
- Vice President – Kim David
- Secretary – Justin Tate
- Treasurer – Kayla Hahn

Andrew French (KCC) motioned / John Tuma (MNPUC) seconded. *The motion passed unanimously.*

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**MOTION:** The Regional State Committee approves RR655 – Outage Criteria, as presented. Kristie Fiegen (SDPUC) motioned / Kim David (OCC) seconded. *The motion passed unanimously.*

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**MOTION:** The RSC approves the CAWG recommendation on the State Agreement Process as amended:

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### **ACTION ITEMS:**

1. Now that HITT M1 has closed, SPP Staff shall provide an education session on Long Term Firm Congestion Rights (LTCR) from Laramie River Station in WY, providing explanations why MRES was not allocated any LTCRs despite long-term firm transmission rights dating back to the 1980s. The discussion shall explain the reasons for this happening, there are any other load serving entities in a similar situation within SPP now or at risk of this happening with Western expansion, what has been the cost to the MRES ratepayers, and

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## **MINUTES**

### **AGENDA ITEM 1 – CALL TO ORDER**

President Patrick O'Connell (NMPRC) called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m. CT.

### **AGENDA ITEM 2 – PRELIMINARY MATTERS**

- a. Roll Call and Declaration of a Quorum** – all members were accounted for, and a quorum was established.

The following members were in attendance or represented by proxy:

Patrick O'Connell, New Mexico Public Regulation Commission (NMPRC), RSC President  
Chuck Hutchison, Nebraska Power Review Board (NPRB), RSC Vice President  
Kim David, Oklahoma Corporation Commission (OCC), RSC Secretary  
Kristie Fiegen, South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (SDPUC)  
Andrew French, Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC)  
Kathleen Jackson, Texas Public Utility Commission (PUCT)  
Justin Tate, Arkansas Public Service Commission (APSC)  
Joshua Byrnes, Iowa Utilities Commission (IUC)  
Mike Francis, Louisiana Public Service Commission (LPSC)  
Kayla Hahn, Missouri Public Service Commission (MOPSC)  
Randel Christmann, North Dakota Public Service Commission (NDPSC)  
John Tuma, Minnesota Public Utility Commission (MNPUC)  
Randall Pinocci, Montana Public Service Commission (MTPSC)

**b. Adoption of Minutes**

**MOTION:** To approve the minutes from August 4, 2025. Randel Christmann (NDPSC) motioned / Mike Francis (LPSC) seconded. *The motion passed unanimously.*

- c. Review of Action Items** – Kim O’Guinn (SPP) provided an update on several action items, noting that three items were on the current agenda for consideration:
- 23-02: The Netting of Flows revision request was presented to the RSC for consideration at this meeting.
  - 25-01: An update was provided at this meeting, and this item is now deemed closed.
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- d. Introduction of Special Guests** – President O’Connell welcomed the newest member of the RSC, Commissioner Randall Pinocci from the Montana Public Service Commission. Chair O’Connell also welcomed Commissioner Mike Robinson from the Wyoming Public Service Commission and Commissioner Greg Nibert from the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission.

### AGENDA ITEM 3 – UPDATE

- a. SPP Report** – Lanny Nickell (SPP) highlighted significant initiatives in resource advocacy and cost allocation, marking 2025 as a transformational year. Mr. Nickell thanked President O’Connell for his leadership of the RSC and presented him with a token of thanks.
- b. RSC First Quarter 2025 Financial Report** – Paul Suskie (SPP) reviewed the 2025 third-quarter financial statements, noting that all expense categories were under budget except for Audit Expenses. Mr. Suskie further stated that the 2026 budget includes an increase in the Audit Expense allocation to account for anticipated costs.

### AGENDA ITEM 4 – ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Patrick O’Connell (NMPRC) presented the administrative voting items for consideration.

- a. 2026 Slate of Officers** – Pursuant to the RSC Bylaws, a slate of officers for 2026 was presented.

**MOTION:** The Regional State Committee approves the 2026 Slate of Officers, as follows:

- President – Chuck Hutchison (NE)
- Vice President – Kim David (OK)
- Secretary – Justin Tate (AR)
- Treasurer – Kayla Hahn (MO)

Andrew French (KCC) motioned / John Tuma (MNPUC) seconded. *The motion passed unanimously.*

## AGENDA ITEM 5 – RESOURCE & ENERGY ADEQUACY LEADERSHIP TEAM REPORT

Kristie Fiegen (SDPUC) provided a recap of REAL Team activities and noted upcoming topics.

## AGENDA ITEM 6 – COST ALLOCATION WORKING GROUP REPORT

Agata Malek (NMPRC) provided the Cost Allocation Working Group (CAWG) report and presented four revision requests for RSC consideration.

- a. **RR697 – LTCR Netting of Flows:** In February 2025, as part of the HITT M1 initiative, the RSC approved a policy to give more opportunities to all participants to receive Long-Term Congestion Rights. This RR modifies governing language to meet recommendations of HITT M1 Item 1 to allow netting of flows in the LTCR Allocation.

**MOTION:** The Regional State Committee approves RR697 – Long-Term Congestion Rights Netting of Flows, as presented. John Tuma (MNPUC) motioned / Joshua Byrnes (IUC) seconded. *The motion passed with nine votes in favor, three opposed (NPRB, OCC, NDPSC), and one abstention (MTPSC)*

- b. **RR719 – GI NRIS Base Plan Funding Opportunities:** RR719 adds language to the SPP Tariff to align cost allocation for Network Resource Interconnection Service (NRIS) in certain Generator Interconnection study processes, including eligibility for Base Plan funding applied to NRIS Network Upgrades when designated for load, with that of the Aggregate Study process.

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- c. **RR655 – Outage Criteria:** This RR establishes clear outage submission requirements in SPP governing documents, including definitions, data standards, timelines, and rules for submission, extension, and updates. It requires Market Participants to provide accurate, timely outage and capability information, with the Transmission Provider reviewing and potentially denying non-compliant submissions.

**MOTION:** The Regional State Committee approves RR655 – Outage Criteria, as presented. Kristie Fiegen (SDPUC) motioned / Kim David (OCC) seconded. *The motion passed unanimously.*

- d. **RR707 – Conventional Resource PBA Revisions:** RR707 implements revisions and clarifications raised by members to the Conventional Resource Performance-Based Accreditation (PBA) Business Practice without changing the foundational policy recently approved by FERC. Modifications are limited to the PBA Business Practice.

**MOTION:** The Regional State Committee approves RR707 – Conventional Resource Performance Based Accreditation Revisions, as presented. Kristie Fiegen (SDPUC) motioned / Chuck Hutchison (NPRB) seconded. *The motion passed unanimously.*

## **AGENDA ITEM 7 – CAWG ORDER 1920 SUBGROUP REPORT**

John Krajewski (NPRB) reviewed the scope and work of the Order 1920 subgroup and presented the recommendations, which consisted of three separate proposals supporting a deliverability subregional cost allocation, public policy cost allocation, and a recommendation for a state agreement process. Chuck Hutchison (NPRB) proposed a consolidated motion to approve the use of Highway/Byway cost allocation, public policy cost allocation, and to amend the recommended State Agreement Process to apply to a facility with a cost greater than \$150M and required an alternative ex post cost allocation methodology to be approved by a simple majority (in lieu of a 2/3 majority) of affected RSC members. This motion was seconded by Randel Christmann (NDPSC).

John Tuma (MNPUC) requested to divide the motion into three separate motions which was seconded by Justin Tate (APSC).

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Andrew French (KCC) proposed an amendment to the third motion to specify that approval of an alternative ex post cost allocation methodology would require a two-thirds majority, consistent with the CAWG subgroup recommendation.

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## AGENDA ITEM 8 – ACTION ITEM UPDATE

- a. **RR681 – Seams Projects Cost Allocation:** Clint Savoy (SPP Staff) provided an update on the RSC action item directing Staff to collaborate with stakeholders to develop a path forward on Seams Projects cost allocation. Mr. Savoy reported that Staff has been engaging in discussions with individual members of the Markets and Operations Policy Committee (MOPC) and expressed optimism that a new proposal will be presented in the first quarter of 2026.
- b. **RR689 – TCR EESL Enhancements:** Steve Johnson (SPP Staff) and Raleigh Mohr (SPP MMU) provided a report in response to an RSC action item addressing the Transmission Congestion Rights (TCR) Electronically Equivalent Settlement Location (EESL) market inefficiency. It was noted that 36 participants were involved, resulting in approximately \$4.36 million in market impacts and \$3.07 million in uplift. Staff reported that SPP is developing a system enhancement to address the issue, which is expected to be implemented in the first quarter of 2026. In the interim, SPP will perform a one-time review of Market Participants' (MPs) portfolios by noon on day two of an open market. Any concerning bids identified will be removed after markets close, and SPP will provide a list of MPs that submitted such bids to the SPP MMU for further investigation.

## AGENDA ITEM 9 – OTHER BUSINESS

- a. **Working Group Appointments:** President O'Connell announced the appointments to the Cost Control and Allocation Review and Evaluation (CARE) Team representing the RSC and CAWG. The following individuals were appointed:
  - Kayla Hahn, MOPSC, Co-Chair
  - Chuck Hutchison, NPRB
  - Justin Tate, APSC



- Kathleen Jackson, PUCT
- Jon Thurber, SDPUC
- Jason Chaplin, OCC
- Justin Grady, KCC

#### **AGENDA ITEM 10 – NEW ACTION ITEMS**

Two new action items were established:

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#### **AGENDA ITEM 11 – SCHEDULE OF NEXT RSC BUSINESS MEETINGS**

DATE	FORMAT
Monday, February 2, 2026	Little Rock, AR
Monday, May 4, 2026	Albuquerque, NM
Monday, August 3, 2026	Minneapolis, MN
Monday, November 2, 2026	Little Rock, AR

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

President O'Connell adjourned the meeting at 3:10 pm CT.