

Board of Directors & Members committee

May 6, 2025

Omaha, Nebraska and virtual

SUMMARY OF MOTIONS AND ACTION ITEMS

1. Consent agenda

Corporate Governance Committee

- Chair Elections: MDWG & FGSAG
- Policy for Working Group Chair Term Limits

Finance Committee

- 2024 Financial Audit Report
- 2025 Benefit Plan Funding
- Line of Credit Renewal

Interim Markets+ Independent Panel

- Policy for MIP Appeals to the SPP Board of Directors

Markets & Operations Policy Committee

- Q2 2025 In-Service Date Delay (PCWG)

Staff

- Feb. 2025 meeting minutes
- NTC Out-of-Cycle Reevaluation Requests
- NTC 210545 Western Farmers Electric Cooperative
- NTC 210714 Southwestern Public Service Company Modification
- NTC 220742 NorthWestern Energy Withdrawal
- NTC 220749 Evergy Kansas Central Withdrawal
- NTC-C 220816 Evergy Metro Out-of-Bandwidth

2. Regional State Committee

- Approved the GRID-Contribution formulas and associated cost control approach as the basis for determining load-based cost allocation impacts for ERIS and NRIS contributions and approved the approach to proportionally allocate incremental Long-Term Congestion Rights (iLTCRs) based on the GI GRID-Contribution to the overall CPP transmission portfolio cost.
- Approved RR672 – Provisional Load Process as presented.
- Approved RR664 – Planning Reserve Margin, as presented.
- Approved RR665 – HITT C1 Implementation, as presented.
- Approved RR668 – SPP ERAS as approved by the RSC to implement the ERAS process.

3. Oversight Committee

- Accepted the IEP's recommendation designating the DTO and alternative DTO as recommended in the IEP Report and directed SPP Staff to issue a NTC to the DTO, per SPP's Tariff.

MINUTES

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Call to Order and Administrative Items

SPP Board of Directors Chair Mr. John Cupparo called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.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
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
David Mindham EDP Renewables
Dave Osburn, Oklahoma Municipal Power Authority
Zac Perkins, Tri-County Electric Cooperative
Robert Pick, Nebraska Public Power District
Adrian Rodriguez, SPS/Xcel Energy (*Jarred Cooley as proxy for partial meeting*)
Jeremy Severson, Basin Electric Power Cooperative
Emily Shuart, Oklahoma Gas & Electric Company
Kevin Smith, Tenaska Power Services
Al Tamimi, Sunflower Electric Power Corp
Christy Walsh, Natural Resources Defense Council (*Annie Minondo as proxy for partial meeting*)
Brett White, Pine Gate Renewables
Tim Wilson, Liberty Utilities (Empire District) (*Aaron Doll as proxy for partial meeting*)
Mike Wise, Golden Spread Electric Cooperative
C. Patrick Woods, ITC Great Plains

The Webex attendance list is attached.

2. — Consent Agenda

Chair John Cupparo asked if there were any items that needed to be removed from the consent agenda. There were none.

Stuart Solomon made and Irene Dimitry seconded a motion to approve the consent agenda. The Members Committee voted in favor with no abstentions. The Board of Directors voted by secret ballot and approved the motion.

3.1 — President's Report

President and CEO Lanny Nickell expressed his excitement for the opportunity to lead SPP as the new President and CEO. He introduced Antoine Lucas as SPP's new Chief Operating Officer, Carrie Simpson as the new VP Markets, Felek Abbas as the new Chief Technology and Security Officer, and Kevin Bryant as the first Chief Strategy Officer and EVP of Stakeholder Relations. He described his vision of SPP being the best for those we serve and continually striving for operational excellence, along with being highly visible and having an ambitious strategy.

Lanny described several recent local load reduction events and gave an update on SPP's corporate goals, which are all on track for 2025. He encouraged stakeholders to review SPP's 2024 Annual Report and Member Value Statement, which found that last year SPP provided \$3.9 billion in savings and benefits to its members.

3.2 — Regional State Committee Report

RSC Vice President Chuck Hutchison provided the RSC's report to the board. The RSC voted on five items that were carried forward for a board vote.

3.2.1 — Consolidated Planning Process (CPP) GRID Contribution

This policy provides a structured cost allocation method for assigning a portion of CPP upgrade costs based on benefits received to Generator Interconnection Customers, supporting CPP Phase 1 implementation, and strategic goals under Strategic and Creative Re-engineering of Integrated Planning Team (SCRIPT). Incremental Long Term Congestion Rights (iLTCRs) are being explored to offer financial value to generators contributing to GRID-C portfolios, addressing attribution challenges in a pooled cost environment.

The RSC recommended the Board of Directors approve the GRID-Contribution formulas and associated cost control approach as the basis for determining load-based cost allocation impacts for ERIS and NRIS contributions. The RSC recommended the Board of Directors approve the approach to proportionally allocate incremental Long-Term Congestion Rights (iLTCRs) based on the GI GRID-Contribution to the overall CPP transmission portfolio cost.

Susan Certoma made and Stuart Solomon seconded a motion to approve the GRID-Contribution formulas and associated cost control approach as the basis for determining load-based cost allocation impacts for ERIS and NRIS contributions and to approve the approach to proportionally allocate incremental Long-Term Congestion Rights (iLTCRs) based on the GI GRID-Contribution to the overall CPP transmission portfolio cost.

The Members Committee voted in favor unanimously. The Board voted by secret ballot and approved the motion.

3.2.2 — RR672 - Provisional Load Process

The Provisional Load Process will allow Transmission Customers to add load to the SPP region using their planned generation. Cost Allocation for Network Upgrades is directly assigned to Transmission Customer until firm service is granted for planned generation.

The RSC recommended the board approve RR672 - Provisional Load Process as presented.

Lanny Nickell made and Steve Wright seconded a motion to approve RR672 - Provisional Load Process as presented. The Members Committee voted in favor with 0 opposed and 2 abstentions (Natural Resources Defense Council and SPS/Xcel Energy). The Board voted by secret ballot and approved the motion.

3.2.2 RR664 – 2029 Planning Reserve Margin

RR664 implements a 2029 Summer Season Planning Reserve Margin of 17% and a 2029/2030 Winter Season Planning Reserve Margin of 38%. It adds 2029 Planning Reserve Margins for both the Summer and Winter Seasons to Section 4 of the SPP Planning Criteria.

The RSC recommended the board approve RR664 – Planning Reserve Margin, as presented.

Stuart Solomon made and Steve Wright seconded a motion to approve RR664 – Planning Reserve Margin, as presented. The Members Committee voted in favor with 2 opposed (Natural Resources Defense Council, Evergy) and 1 abstention (Google Energy). The Board voted by secret ballot and approved the motion.

3.2.4 — RR665 - HITT C1 Implementation

This revision request implements the HITT C1 recommendation and establishes “subregions” for the cost allocation of future byway (100 kV-300 kV) upgrades. Delivery Point Rule modifications were included in this RR.

The RSC recommended the board approve RR665 – HITT C1 Implementation, as presented.

Irene Dimitry made and Lanny Nickell seconded a motion to approve RR665 – HITT C1 Implementation, as presented. The Members Committee voted in favor with 5 opposed (Oklahoma Gas & Electric, American Electric Power, City Utilities of Springfield, Oklahoma Municipal Power Authority, and Omaha Public Power District) and 1 abstention (Google Energy). The Board voted by secret ballot and approved the motion.

Several members expressed concern about cost shifts to consumers, risks of litigation over particular projects, and how the policy will be implemented. It was noted that while the vote was unanimous at the Holistic Integrated Tariff Team, this policy is short of where we wanted to be.

3.2.5 – SPP Expedited Resource Adequacy Study Policy

The SPP Expedited Resource Adequacy Study (ERAS) process is a one-time study process to expedite generator interconnection to meet resource adequacy needs. This study will be conducted outside of the regular generator interconnection study queue on a shortened timeframe.

The Regional State Committee recommended the SPP Board of Directors approve RR668 – SPP ERAS as approved by the RSC to implement the ERAS process.

Ray Hepper made and Steve Wright seconded a motion to approve RR668 – SPP ERAS as approved by the RSC to implement the ERAS process. The Members Committee voted in favor with 5 opposed (Advanced Power Alliance, Natural Resources Defense Council, Pine Gate Renewables, Google Energy, EDP Renewables) **and 1 abstentions** (Tenaska). **The Board voted by secret ballot and approved the motion.**

Ray Hepper thanked the team who worked on this policy and said it will be a tool to build the generation we need to serve load. There is a gap between generation in the queue and generation needed by load responsible entities (LREs) to meet demand. Load is growing more quickly than expected, and ERAS is a critical tool for accelerating generation via this one-time process. Steve Wright expressed agreement with Ray's comments and considers ERAS as part of the array of resource adequacy policies the RSC has approved, noting that the region is "too close to the edge" of ensuring enough transmission and generation to ensure reliability. Steve expressed the need for bringing generation and transmission online quickly.

Some stakeholders expressed concern about potential harm from the ERAS process, noting it conflicts with FERC's open access principles and is unduly discriminatory. Stakeholders pointed to SPP's Consolidated Planning Process as the answer to getting resources online faster. Some stakeholders explained that they believe the proposal lacks proper consideration from stakeholder groups, shifts costs to consumers, and will not bring generation online on time.

There were concerns related to the lack of coordination between DISIS and ERAS and that ERAS does not address the problems that led to the creation of ERAS. Some stakeholders also cautioned SPP about choosing winning and losers under the guise of reliability.

Other stakeholders expressed support for ERAS. Those stakeholders explained that SPP needs tools like ERAS to quickly move SPP and the region in the right direction and away from "the edge". The policy's forward-looking nature will help LREs serve their customers reliably. While acknowledging that ERAS is not perfect, stakeholders expressed how critical it is that LREs are able to comply with the planning reserve margin and meet their tariff obligations. Stakeholders thanked the staff, board, RSC and REAL for embracing the strategic plan to balance reliability with affordability. Appreciation was expressed for the RSC voting unanimously to approve the ERAS policy.

3.4 — Oversight Committee Report

Chair Ray Hepper provided an update on the SPP Market Monitoring Unit (MMU) and the Regional Transmission Organization's internal audit, compliance, enterprise risk management, cyber security, physical security, and emergency management groups. The committee heard highlights from the 2024 Annual State of the Market Report and comments the MMU has filed on RTO initiatives.

Irene Dimitry gave an update on Independent Expert Panels (IEP) for several upcoming competitive transmission projects. She introduced SPP's General Counsel Paul Suskie to review the Order 1000 and IEP process. Paul presented an overview of the three-phase IEP process to be used during the board meeting. Irene explained the project is a new 38.4 mile 345 kV line from Mathewson-Redbud that will provide significant congestion relief. The project was approved as part of the 2023 ITP.

Irene also presented information about how the IEP was selected and the criteria used to develop the recommendation. The panel was approved in April 2024. Between April 25, 2024, and October 22, 2024, SPP staff received two proposals from two entities. On April 15, 2025, SPP staff published the IEP report with redactions for public viewing. After posting the IEP report, entities were invited to ask questions about the report.

Steve Strickland, IEP member, presented the IEP evaluation process and the results of the panel. The IEP unanimously recommended Proposal B as the Recommended RFP proposal. Steve explained that Proposal B received the highest total point allocation, met all evaluation criteria set by the IEP, exhibited strong performance in multiple evaluation categories, and scored highest in project management, rate analysis and finance. The lifetime cost of the project, as measured by the present value revenue requirement, projects more than \$14 million savings to SPP customers, and the engineering design is above the RFP prescribed specifications at a reasonable cost.

The IEP unanimously approved Proposal B as the recommended Designated Transmission Owner (DTO). The evaluation results were close, but the determining factor was the estimated cost of each project. The cost estimate for proposal A is roughly 12M more than proposal B.

The IEP recommended the board accept the IEP's recommendation designating the DTO and alternative DTO as recommended in the IEP Report and to direct SPP staff to issue a NTC to the DTO, per SPP's Tariff.

The board asked questions of the IEP and discussed potential process improvements that could be implemented in the future, including consistency in IEPs across project evaluations over the years and an evaluation matrix that considers the uniqueness of each project. A task force is working on improving the process.

Irene Dimitry moved and Ray Hepper seconded the motion to accept the IEP's recommendation designating the DTO and alternative DTO as recommended in the IEP Report and to direct SPP Staff to issue a NTC to the DTO, per SPP's Tariff. The Members Committee voted in favor with 2 opposed (Oklahoma Gas & Electric, ITC Great Plains) **and six abstentions** (Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, Advanced Power Alliance, SPS/Xcel Energy, Tenaska, Oklahoma Municipal Power Authority, Omaha Public Power District). **The Board voted by secret ballot and approved the motion.**

After the vote, the IEP revealed that the selected DTO is Transource Oklahoma, LLC and Transource Energy, LLC. The alternate DTO is OG&E Transmission, LLC and ITC Great Plains, LLC.

3.3 — Corporate Governance Committee Report

Chair Lanny Nickell provided the Corporate Governance Committee (CGC) report. Lanny reported that at its February meeting, the CGC renominated Bronwen Bastone, Ray Hepper and Steve Wright for additional three-year terms on the SPP Board of Directors. Elections will be conducted in November at the Annual Meeting of Members. The CGC approved a term limit policy for working group chairs and nominated working group chairs. The CGC also discussed the Members Committee role in the Order No. 1000 process, the process for filling working group vacancies, and sector placement for consumer advocate members.

At its upcoming meeting, the CGC will consider scope document revisions, sector nominations for the Strategic Planning Committee, and will discuss and prioritize governance action items.

3.5 — Finance Committee Report

Chair Stuart Solomon shared that the Finance Committee approved 2025 funding of SPP's retirement plans, the 2024 audit report, and line of credit extension. These items were on the board's consent agenda for this meeting. Forvis issued a clean unmodified opinion on the audit. The committee also reviewed SPP's corporate insurance, heard an update on the FERC Show Cause 206 Order, and held a joint session with the HRC to discuss compensation.

3.6 — Human Resources Committee Report

Chair Bronwen Bastone reported that at its last meeting, the committee reviewed SPP's total compensation and compensation philosophy, SPP's benefit plans, and quarterly HR metrics.

3.7 — Strategic Planning Committee Report

Chair John Cupparo reported the Strategic Planning Committee (SPC) is working on SPP's new strategic plan, which is expected to be completed in May 2026. The SPC also discussed short-term reliability project considerations, transmission project delivery, and connecting large loads.

3.8 — Markets and Operations Policy Committee Report

Chair Joe Lang gave an update on the Markets and Operations Policy Committee's (MOPC) recent work. At its April meeting, the committee approved 21 items with an average consensus of 94%. Notable approvals included GRID Contribution calculation, RR668-Expedited Resource Adequacy Study, RR664-2029 Planning Reserve Margin, RR665-HITT C1 Implementation, RR672-Provisional Load Process; these items were all approved by the board during this meeting. The MOPC also approved 2025 ITP Scope language for Resiliency project staging and heard updates on Z2 refunds, the Consolidated Planning Process, and SPP's winter operations.

Adjournment

In closing, Chair Cupparo recognized the speed of recent decisions has made some people uncomfortable, but explained that SPP needs to move even faster to meet our generational challenge. He also explained that the board is willing to push the boundaries on speed to build more generation and transmission, sustain the RTO model, and provide value to consumers. He asked staff to outline a draft proposal for accelerating large load additions and bring it to the board no later than the August 2025 meeting.

With no further business, Mr. Cupparo adjourned the meeting at 11:17 AM CT.

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

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