Special Board of Directors and Members Committee Meeting

September 3, 2026
Virtual

SUMMARY OF MOTIONS AND ACTION ITEMS

- Approved RR801 Western BAA Market Adequacy Evaluation

MINUTES

Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order and Administrative Items

SPP Board of Directors Chair Ray Hepper called the meeting to order at 2:02p.m. CT. The following Board of Directors (Board) 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 (Jim Flucke as proxy)
Stacey Burbure, AEP Public Service Co. of Oklahoma (Tim Mastrogiacomo as proxy)
Jarred Cooley, SPS/Xcel Energy
Steve Gaw, Advanced Power Alliance
Brad Hans, Oklahoma Municipal Power Authority
Bleau LaFave, NorthWestern Energy (Thomas Michelotti as proxy)
Joe Lang, Omaha Public Power District (Robert Pick as proxy)
Paul Mahlberg, Kansas Municipal Energy Agency (Brad Hans as proxy)
Ken Miller, Oklahoma Gas & Electric
David Mindham, EDP Renewables
Gayle Nansel, Western Area Power Administration

Zac Perkins, Tri-County Electric Cooperative
Robert Pick, Nebraska Public Power District
Jeremy Severson, Basin Electric Power Cooperative
Kevin Smith, Tenaska Power Services Co
Al Tamimi, Sunflower Electric Power Corp.
Christy Walsh, Natural Resources Defense Council
Jeff Wells, NextEra Energy
Tim Wilson, Liberty Utilities (Empire District)
Mike Wise, Golden Spread Electric Cooperative
C. Patrick Woods, ITC Great Plains

Agenda Item 2 – Reports to the Board

2.1 – Staff Reports

2.1.1 Summer 2026 Operating Conditions in the SPP West BAA Overview and Report Summary

CJ Brown (SPP) provided an overview of the Summer 2026 Operating Conditions in the SPP West Balance Authority Area Report. He presented a summary of the report including an overview of operational challenges experienced to date in the west Balancing Authority Area (BAA), noting tight margins, capacity unavailability, rising forced outages, and multiple Energy Emergency Alerts (EEA) and advisories over the summer. He noted, SPP and its members were able to maintain reliable service in its West BAA, but doing so depended on non-firm imports. Such reliance is not a sustainable long-term solution. Brown also provided an overview of the recommendations included in the report, and timing for implementing some of those recommendations.

2.2 – RR801 Western BAA Market Adequacy Evaluation

Carrie Simpson (SPP) presented RR801. She reviewed the steps taken to move this urgent RR through the stakeholder process, key considerations, and changes that were made to the RR during the stakeholder process. This proposal aims to create a mechanism that evaluates whether Market Participants have adequate available energy. With this RR, Market Participants are incentivized to provide adequate generation for their load obligations and a charge will be imposed for those who are deficient. This proposal includes a sunset provision to specify that this is an interim measure until the RTO expansion (RTOE) members are subject to the Resource Adequacy Requirements of Attachment AA. The structure will reduce reliability risk by incentivizing energy supply before real-time need.

2.2.1 – MMU Report

Carrie Bivens (MMU) provided the MMU report on RR801. Bivens noted price formation challenges, volatility in the market, and the lack of ramp capacity available in the west BAA. Bivens cautioned that without appropriate ramp capacity, there will continue to be emergency energy alerts. The MMU noted its concerns with the RR including its position that the RR includes a weak penalty structure that mixes capacity and energy concepts, lacks guardrails around RTO decisions on managing operating status, is based on an unreasonable evaluation of available capacity and load obligation, and harms the price formation further by strongly incentivizing non-economic imports. Due to the expedited development of the solution, the MMU is also concerned there is a high risk of unintended consequences. Bivens provided an overview of the MMU recommendations and noted that it is continuing to flesh out these recommendations and will provide more information in a future report.

2.2.1 – MOPC Report

Vice Chair Olivia Hough provided an update regarding the work of the MOPC at its recent special meeting, where it passed RR801 with 78.24% approval. Hough provided an overview of stakeholder discussion, which included general support from many for RR801, while also highlighting the need for broader long-term solutions. SPP staff addressed concerns about penalties and price volatility, committing to a full price formation review. Some stakeholders raised concerns about the lack of a technical solution to manage price-sensitive information related to firm service. Discussion at MOPC included expressed urgency from many for timely implementation of resource adequacy requirements amid reliability challenges.

The MOPC recommends the SPP Board of Directors approve RR801 Western BAA Market Adequacy Evaluation.

2.2.1 – RSC Report

Chair Chuck Hutchinson shared an update regarding the work of the RSC at its recent special meeting. Hutchinson reported that the RSC vote was a west-only vote and was approved with 83% of the vote. The RSC noted a few concerns including whether the solution will have unintended consequences, rational of the MMU's opposition, and impacts to specific utilities.

The RSC recommends the SPP Board of Directors approve RR801 Western BAA Market Adequacy Evaluation

Steve Wright moved and Ben Trowbridge seconded a motion to approve RR801 Western BAA Market Adequacy Evaluation. The Members Committee voted in favor with three opposed (Basin Electric Power Cooperative, Tri-County Electric Cooperative, and Western Area Power Administration) and four abstentions (Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, AEP, Liberty Utilities, OG&E). The Board voted by secret ballot and approved the motion.

Adjournment

With no further business, Mr. Hepper adjourned the meeting at 3:04 PM CT.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul Suskie, Secretary to the SPP Board of Directors