



SOUTHWEST POWER POOL

RESOURCE AND ENERGY ADEQUACY LEADERSHIP (REAL) TEAM MEETING

Thursday, March 12, 2026 | 8:00 am – 12:00 pm (CT)

Virtual

SUMMARY OF MOTIONS AND ACTION ITEMS

MOTION: To approve minutes from December 3, 2025. Shawnee Claiborn-Pinto (PUCT) motioned/Cindy Ireland (APSC) seconded. *The motion passed unanimously.*

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AGENDA ITEM 1 – ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Chair Kristie Fiegen (SDPSC) called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m. CT, roll was conducted, and a quorum was established. Bruce Walkup (AECC) held proxy for Buddy Hasten (AECC).

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AGENDA ITEM 2 – PEAK DEMAND ASSESSMENT ENHANCEMENT

Natasha Henderson (SPP) provided an update on the Demand Response and Peak Demand Assessment policy, approved by the Regional State Committee and SPP Board of Directors. The policy includes an opt-in approach for controllable non-registered demand response programs starting in 2027, with full implementation of peak demand assessment in 2028. Staff plans to file RR703, as approved. Staff will continue working on related action items and potential enhancements to the policy with the applicable working groups.

Carrie Bivens (SPP MMU) presented an alternative proposal to the current peak demand assessment policy, proposing the removal of forecast accuracy measurement and a shift toward evaluating whether Load Responsible Entities (LREs) have sufficient accredited capacity to meet weather-normalized peak load. The proposal includes a post-season cure period, allowing LREs to contract bilaterally to address capacity deficiencies, with the goal of reducing operational risk and preventing baseline manipulation. Ms. Bivens highlighted that the current firm service level definition allows overstating demand response capacity. During stakeholder discussion, concerns were raised about removing the 3% forecast tolerance and the timing of incorporating the alternative proposal. Stakeholders debated the timing and feasibility of incorporating these alternatives, with concerns about operational visibility and accountability.

AGENDA ITEM 3 – NON-FIRM IMPORT ANALYSIS

Alex Crawford (SPP) and Charles Hendrix (SPP) led discussions on the non-firm import study, highlighting its initial focus on existing infrastructure and near-term horizons and reviewed the potential applications of non-firm imports. REAL Team members stressed the importance of consistency between Eastern and Western interconnections and the complexities introduced by expanding the study scope. The group acknowledged the need for balanced study scope and actionable insights. Policy discussions will continue regarding whether and how to incorporate non-firm imports, considering reliability risks and transmission constraints. Ongoing discussions are planned for the Supply Adequacy Working Group (SAWG) and the REAL Team.

AGENDA ITEM 4 – RA SEASONAL CONSTRUCT

Alex Crawford (SPP) led a discussion on the potential need to address resource adequacy risks during shoulder seasons, spring and fall, which are currently not explicitly considered in SPP's resource adequacy framework. He noted that the integration of variable energy resources, changing load patterns, and abnormal weather events have created emerging risks during these periods, while current accreditation focuses only on summer and winter. Options discussed to manage these risks included adopting a four-season construct, extending the existing summer and winter seasons, or maintaining the current two-season approach with enhanced operational measures. Mr. Crawford also highlighted that other RTOs use varying seasonal constructs, often with monthly clearings to address flexibility needs. Stakeholders weighed the trade-offs between adopting a four-season construct and optimizing current processes, raising concerns about administrative burden, costs, operational feasibility, and the need to balance reliability, efficiency, and affordability. Chair Fiegen encouraged member participation in upcoming SAWG meetings to follow technical discussions and provide input. Overall, stakeholders agreed that more data and operational input are necessary to inform decisions on seasonal constructs and resource availability frameworks.

AGENDA ITEM 5 – 2025 LOLE/PRM RECOMMENDATION

Chris Haley (SPP) reviewed the long-term Planning Reserve Margin (PRM) policy framework, which sets PRM values for seven and four years ahead to provide signals for resource planning. The 2030 and 2032 study results were presented, showing a slight decrease in PRM for 2032 due to changes in resource mix and load forecasts. Staff recommended maintaining, as an initial setting, the PRM at 17% for summer and 38% for winter for 2030 and 2032 to avoid volatility and address uncertainties in resource plans, load uncertainty, and transmission buildout timing. Final adjustments to the PRM will be made in the first quarter of 2027 for 2030 and in the first quarter of 2029 for 2032.

Staff discussed the approval of the Supply Adequacy Working Group which reflected a move to reduce the 2032 PRM to 16% for summer and 36% for winter to more closely align with the results from the Loss of Load Expectation (LOLE) Study. John Krajewski, Chair of the Cost Allocation Working Group (CAWG), discussed the CAWG recommendation to approve Staff's recommended PRM to provide regulatory certainty through stable PRMs.

Stakeholders discussed challenges in procuring resources through RFPs and obtaining regulatory approvals, noting that approved portfolios may not always align with PRM values, which complicates planning. The group emphasized the value of long-term PRM studies for regulatory support, highlighting that reductions in PRM do not necessarily reflect decreases in load and that data-driven values are critical. Participants debated the implications of setting long-term PRM values, balancing the need for early signals with uncertainties and regulatory challenges. Regulators stressed the importance of stable, forward-looking PRM values to support utility planning and approvals, while concerns were raised about the risks of setting PRM too high or too low.

AGENDA ITEM 6 – REAL WORKPLAN

Natasha Henderson (SPP) presented the updated REAL Team work plan and outlined the key activities scheduled for 2026. The plan covers the 2025 Loss of Load Expectation study and review of the PRM for 2030 and 2032, seasonal construct discussions, non-firm imports and non-weather load uncertainty, coincident peak discussions, and magnitude and duration standards.

AGENDA ITEM 7 – FERC RESOURCE ADEQUACY UPDATE

Justin Hinton (SPP) provided updates on recent REAL-related filings and regulatory proceedings.

AGENDA ITEM 8 – OTHER ITEMS

1. Review of Action Items

No new action items were established.

2. Future Meetings

The next REAL Team meeting is scheduled for June 16, 2026.

AGENDA ITEM 7 – NEW BUSINESS

No new business was identified.

AGENDA ITEM 8 - ADJOURNMENT

Chair Fiegen adjourned the meeting at 10:59 am CT.

REAL TEAM MEMBERS

Andrew French (KCC)
Chuck Hutchison (NPRB)
Cindy Ireland (APSC)
Denise Buffington (Evergy)
Jason Chaplin (OCC)
Kristie Fiegen (SDPUC)

Buddy Hasten, proxy Bruce Walkup (AECC)
Ray Hepper (SPP Board)
Richard Ross (AEP)
Shawnee Claiborn-Pinto (PUCT)
Steve Gaw (Advanced Power Alliance)
John Cupparo (SPP Board)

MEETING PARTICIPANTS

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