

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

February 3, 2025  
1:00 pm  
Virtual

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

**MOTION:** To approve the minutes from October 28, 2024. John Tuma (MNPUC) motioned / Randel Christmann (NDPSC) seconded. *The motion passed unanimously.*

**MOTION:** Move to approve the engagement of Landmark Certified Public Accountants to perform the 2024 RSC audit and services as described in the January 15, 2025 Engagement Letter. Andrew French (KCC) motioned/ Mike Francis (LPSC) seconded. *The motion passed unanimously.*

**MOTION:** For Transmission Customers who utilize the Provisional Load Process, CAWG recommends the RSC approve the cost allocation of the Network Upgrades to be allocated as Directly Assigned Upgrade Costs until the Transmission Customer acquires firm transmission service for the planned generation from the study, then the cost allocation will change to Base Plan Funded. John Tuma (MNPUC) motioned / Andrew French (KCC) motioned. *The motion passed unanimously.*

**MOTION:** The CAWG and the REAL Team recommend the RSC approve the Long-term PRM Policy Paper, as presented. Kristie Feigen (SDPUC) motioned / Andrew French (KCC) seconded. *The motion passed unanimously.*

**MOTION:** The CAWG and the REAL Team recommend that the RSC endorse the 2029 PRM values of 38% for the winter and 17% for the summer. Kristie Fiegen (SDPUC) motioned / Randel Christmann (NDPSC) seconded. *The motion passed unanimously.*

**MOTION:** Move the RSC endorse the Expedited Resource Adequacy Study (ERAS) policy proposal, as presented, subject to further discussion of 1) cost allocation for identified upgrades and 2) conditions supporting an RSC finding of a need for the study. Further discussion of these items shall not delay preparation of an RR and presentation of such RR for approval at the RSC's next quarterly meeting." Andrew French (KCC) motioned / John Tuma (MNPUC) seconded. *The motion failed by a vote of 4 in favor, 7 opposed (NMPPRC, NPRB, SDPUC, APSC, LPSC, MOPSC, NDPSC), and 1 abstention (PUCT).*

**MOTION:** The CAWG and the REAL Team recommend the RSC endorse the Expedited Resource Adequacy Study (ERAS) policy proposal, as presented. Kristie Feigen (SCPUC) motioned / Chuck Hutchison (NPRB). *The motion passed unanimously.*

**MOTION:** The CAWG recommends to the RSC to approve closing HITT M1 Item #8, Coordinate with Planning to review Firm Transmission assumptions used in transmission planning processes, as presented. John Tuma (MNPUC) motioned / Patrick O'Connell (NMPRC) seconded. *The motion passed unanimously.*

**MOTION:** SPP Staff recommends to the RSC to approve HITT M1 Item #1, Give more opportunities to all participants to receive LTCR awards, as presented. John Tuma (MNPUC) motioned / Mike Francis (LPSC) seconded. *The motion passed by a vote of 6 in favor, 5 opposed (NPRB, OCC, KCC, NDPSC, PUCT) and 1 abstention (MOPSC).*

**MOTION** For SPP to make the necessary filings at FERC on behalf of the RSC to request an extension of the Six-Month Engagement Period under FERC Order 1920 until November 3, 2025. Kayla Hahn (MOPSC) motioned / Sarah Martz (IUC) seconded. *The motion passed unanimously.*

**ACTION ITEM:** Staff to provide a list of projects that have been approved but have not moved forward and the reasoning for the delay.

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**MINUTES**

**AGENDA ITEM 1 – CALL TO ORDER**

President Patrick O’Connell (NMPRC) called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m. CST.

**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 (NM PRC), RSC President  
Chuck Hutchison, Nebraska Power Review Board (NPRB), RSC Vice President  
Kim David, Oklahoma Corporation Commission (OCC), RSC Secretary  
Randel Christmann, North Dakota Public Service Commission (ND PSC)  
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)  
Shawnee Claiborn-Pinto, proxy for Kathleen Jackson, Texas Public Utility Commission (PUCT)  
Sarah Martz, Iowa Utilities Commission (IUC)  
Justin Tate, Arkansas Public Service Commission (APSC)  
John Tuma, Minnesota Public Utility Commission (MN PUC)

b. Adoption of Minutes

**MOTION:** To approve the minutes from October 28, 2024. John Tuma (MNPUC) motioned / Randel Christmann (NDPSC) seconded. *The motion passed unanimously.*

- c. Review of Action Items – Kim O’Guinn (SPP) reviewed and noted that the HITT M1 action item was on the current agenda.
- d. Introduction of Special Guests – no special guests were identified.
- e. Commissioner Lori Cobos Recognition – President O’Connell read a resolution recognizing Commissioner Lori Cobos (PUCT) for her service to the RSC.

### AGENDA ITEM 3 – UPDATE

- a. SPP Report – Barbara Sugg (SPP) provided the President’s report and reflected on her time at SPP.
- b. RSC Fourth Quarter 2024 Financial Report – Paul Suskie (SPP) reviewed the 2024 financials and noted that the RSC was \$158,000 under budget for calendar year 2024.

### AGENDA ITEM 4 – ADMINISTRATIVE

- a. 2025 RSC Audit Engagement – Paul Suskie (SPP) provided a motion to engage Landmark Certified Public Accountants to perform the 2024 RSC audit as required by the RSC Bylaws.

**MOTION:** Move to approve the engagement of Landmark Certified Public Accountants to perform the 2024 RSC audit and services as described in the January 15, 2025 Engagement Letter. Andrew French (KCC) motioned/ Mike Francis (LPSC) seconded. *The motion passed unanimously.*

### AGENDA ITEM 5 – COST ALLOCATION WORKING GROUP REPORT

Marc Tupler (NMPRC) provided an update on the Cost Allocation Working Group (CAWG). Mr. Tupler presented the Provisional Load Process Policy for RSC consideration.

**MOTION:** For Transmission Customers who utilize the Provisional Load Process, CAWG recommends the RSC approve the cost allocation of the Network Upgrades to be allocated as Directly Assigned Upgrade Costs until the Transmission Customer acquires firm transmission service for the planned generation from the study, then the cost allocation will change to Base Plan Funded. John Tuma (MNPUC) motioned / Andrew French (KCC) motioned. *The motion passed unanimously.*

Mr. Tupler reviewed other CAWG business including RR661 – TCR Language Clean-up, which did not change an approved RSC policy and was approved by CAWG via consent agenda. This RR does not require a vote by the RSC. Mr. Tupler also reviewed CAWG approvals related to resource adequacy and discussed CAWG's vote and concerns and related to the HITT M1 - Congestion Hedging proposal. He also made note of current and upcoming issues that will be addressed by the CAWG.

## **AGENDA ITEM 6 – REAL TEAM REPORT**

Kristie Fiegen (SDPUC) provided the REAL Team report. Casey Cathey (SPP) provided technical input on the Long-term Planning Reserve Margin (PRM) Policy Paper, the 2029 PRM, and the SPP Expedited Resource Adequacy Study (ERAS) Policy.

**MOTION:** The CAWG and the REAL Team recommend the RSC approve the Long-term PRM Policy Paper, as presented. Kristie Feigen (SDPUC) motioned / Andrew French (KCC) seconded. *The motion passed unanimously.*

**MOTION:** The CAWG and the REAL Team recommend that the RSC endorse the 2029 PRM values of 38% for the winter and 17% for the summer. Kristie Fiegen (SDPUC) motioned / Randel Christmann (NDPSC) seconded. *The motion passed unanimously.*

Andrew French (KCC) presented an amended ERAS motion, emphasizing concerns about the need and cost allocation for identified upgrades and calling for further stakeholder debate on the details and standards.

**MOTION:** Move the RSC endorse the Expedited Resource Adequacy Study (ERAS) policy proposal, as presented, subject to further discussion of 1) cost allocation for identified upgrades and 2) conditions supporting an RSC finding of a need for the study. Further discussion of these items shall not delay preparation of an RR and presentation of such RR for approval at the RSC's next quarterly meeting." Andrew French (KCC) motioned / John Tuma (MNPUC) seconded. *The motion failed by a vote of 4 in favor, 7 opposed (NMPRC, NPRB, SDPUC, APSC, LPSC, MOPSC, NDPSC), and 1 abstention (PUCT).*

The RSC then considered the original motion:

**MOTION:** The CAWG and the REAL Team recommend the RSC endorse the Expedited Resource Adequacy Study (ERAS) policy proposal, as presented. Kristie Feigen (SDPUC) motioned / Chuck Hutchison (NPRB) seconded. *The motion passed unanimously.*

## **AGENDA ITEM 7 – CONGESTION HEDGING**

Antoine Lucas (SPP) presented the HITT M1 - Congestion Hedging Improvement proposal. The CAWG recommended a motion regarding closing out Item 8. Staff's proposal regarding Item 1 was presented.

**MOTION:** The CAWG recommends to the RSC to approve closing HITT M1 Item #8, Coordinate with Planning to review Firm Transmission assumptions used in transmission planning processes, as presented. John Tuma (MNPUC) motioned / Patrick O'Connell (NMPRC) seconded. *The motion passed unanimously.*

**MOTION:** SPP Staff recommends to the RSC to approve HITT M1 Item #1, Give more opportunities to all participants to receive LTCR awards, as presented. John Tuma (MNPUC) motioned / Mike Francis (LPSC) seconded. *The motion passed by a vote of 6 in favor, 5 opposed (NPRB, OCC, KCC, NDPSC, PUCT) and 1 abstention (MOPSC).*

Randel Christmann (NDPSC) requested a Point of Order and inquired whether a vote required a majority by the states or a majority of the vote. Paul Suskie (SPP) referred to the RSC Bylaws which state that "...other business matters, including administrative and procedural matters, shall be determined by a majority of the Directors present and voting..." so the HITT M1 motion on Item 1 carried.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 8 – FERC ORDER 1920 & 1920-A**

Paul Suskie (SPP) reviewed the requirements of FERC Order 1920/1920-A engagement period. Mr. Suskie noted that FERC Order 1920-A allowed for an engagement period extension and that some RSC members have expressed an interest in extending the engagement period. He also mentioned that extending the engagement period automatically extends SPP's compliance filing.

**MOTION** For SPP to make the necessary filings at FERC on behalf of the RSC to request an extension of the Six-Month Engagement Period under FERC Order 1920 until November 3, 2025. Kayla Hahn (MOPSC) motioned / Sarah Martz (IUC) seconded. *The motion passed unanimously.*

#### **AGENDA ITEM 9 – OTHER BUSINESS**

Action Item: Staff to provide a list of projects that have been approved but have not moved forward and the reasoning for the delay.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

President O'Connell adjourned the meeting at 4:05 pm CST.

## UPCOMING RSC MEETINGS

| MEETING DATE     | PLATFORM        |
|------------------|-----------------|
| May 5, 2025      | Omaha, NE       |
| August 4, 2025   | Kansas City, KS |
| November 3, 2025 | Little Rock, AR |

## MEETING PARTICIPANTS

|                     |                    |                   |
|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Adam Bell           | Chris Haley        | Jack Madden       |
| Adam Schieffer      | Chris Hanson       | Jacob Justice     |
| Adrian J. Rodriguez | Chris Lyons        | Jake Weinberg     |
| Adriane Barnes      | Christine Aarnes   | James Peters      |
| Agata Malek         | Christy Walsh      | Jan Davidson      |
| Al Tamimi           | Cindy Ireland      | Jarred Cooley     |
| Alan Myers          | Conor McKenzie     | Jason Chaplin     |
| Alex Crawford       | Dakota G. Lamb     | Jason Davis       |
| Amy Newton          | Dana Shelton       | Jason Mazigian    |
| Andrea Doucette     | Dave Osburn        | Javier C. Camacho |
| Andrew French       | David Cohen        | Jay Caspary       |
| Andrew Lachowsky    | David Kelley       | Jeff Kline        |
| Angela Sartori      | David Mindham      | Jeff Wells        |
| Annie Minondo       | Denise Buffington  | Jennifer Solomon  |
| Antoine Lucas       | Denise Martin      | Jessica Kasperek  |
| April Wingfield     | Dennis Constien    | Jessica Meyer     |
| Apryl Eby           | Dennis Florom      | Jill Jones        |
| Arash Ghodsian      | Dennis Reed        | Jim Flucke        |
| Barbara Sugg        | Derek Brown        | Jim Jacoby        |
| Becky Bradley       | Derek Sunderman    | Jim Krajecki      |
| Ben Bright          | Derek Wingfield    | Jodi Walters      |
| Ben Stearney        | Diana Gastelum     | Jodi Woods        |
| Ben Trowbridge      | Don Frerking-SPP   | John Cupparo      |
| Bernie Liu          | Doug Kouskouris    | John Krajewski    |
| Beverly Laios       | Dugan Marieb       | John Luallen      |
| Bleau LaFave        | Dustin Smith       | John Stephens     |
| Brad Cochran        | Elizabeth Moore    | John Tuma         |
| Bradley Payne       | Emily Pennel       | John Weber        |
| Brian Rounds        | Emily Shuart       | Jon Thurber       |
| Britney Lloyd       | Eric Henderson     | Jordan Foster     |
| Bronwen Bastone     | Eugene Mauk        | Joseph Lang       |
| Brooke Keene        | Felek Abbas        | Josh Hipwell      |
| Bruce Rew           | Gayle Freier       | Justin Grady      |
| C. Patrick Woods    | Gina Gargano-Amari | Justin Hinton     |
| Carl Huslig         | Greg Matejcic      | Justin Tate       |
| Carly Masenthin     | Greg Nibert        | Kara Kolkman      |
| Carrie Bivens       | Greg Rislov        | Kayla Hahn        |
| Casey Cathey        | Heather Starnes    | Kelly Carney      |
| Charles Hendrix     | Hutchison, Chuck   | Kelsey Allen      |
| Charles Locke       | Irene Dimitry      | Kevin Gunn        |
| Chris Cranford      | J.P. Maddock       | Kim David         |



Kim O'Guinn  
Kirk Hall  
Kristie Fiegen  
Kylah McNabb  
LaKeitha Rinks  
Lane Sisung  
Lanny Nickell  
Larry Holloway  
Lee Elliott  
Leif Clark  
Lise Trudeau  
Lloyd Linke  
Loren Ditsch  
Lori Cobos  
Malcolm Ainspan  
Marc A. Tupler  
Marc Printy  
Marisa Choate  
Mark Walker  
Matt Alvarado  
Matt Caves  
Matthew Jackson  
Maurice Moss  
Maya Nevels  
Meredith Powell  
Micha Bailey  
Michael Daly  
Michael Ratliff

Michael Wise  
Mike Francis  
Mike Kraft  
Mike Riley  
Mike Ross  
Natasha Henderson  
Nick Abraham  
Nicole Wagner  
Olivia Hough  
Pat O'Connell  
Patrick Clarey  
Paul Antony  
Paul Suskie  
Phil Choi  
Raleigh Mohr  
Randy Christmann  
Ray Bergmeier  
Ray Hepper  
Regan Fink  
Rich Germinder  
Richard Ross  
Rob Janssen  
Robert Pick  
Rodney Massman  
Russell Carey  
Russell Quattlebaum  
Ryan Benton  
Ryan Johnson

Ryan Tuter  
Sam Ellis  
Sarah Martz  
Sarah Ruen  
Shawn Geil  
Shawnee Claiborn-Pinto  
Sherri Maxey  
Spencer Justus  
Steve Davis  
Steve Gaw  
Steve Johnson  
Steve Wright  
Stuart Solomon  
Sunny Raheem  
Susan Certoma  
Tammy Bright  
Tara Smith  
Temujin Roach  
Terri Pemberton  
Tessie Kentner  
Tiffany Wu  
Tom Kleckner  
Trent A Campbell  
Victor Schock  
Walt Shumate  
Walter Cecil  
Warren Brooks