

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

February 2, 2026
1:00 pm CT
Southwest Power Pool | Little Rock, AR

SUMMARY OF MOTIONS AND ACTION ITEMS

MOTION: To approve the minutes from November 3, 2025. Eric Skrmetta (LPSC) motioned/Justin Tate (APSC) seconded. *The motion passed unanimously.*

MOTION: The Regional State Committee approves the engagement of Landmark Certified Public Accountants to perform the 2025 RSC audit and services as described in the January 8, 2026 Engagement Letter. Randal Christmann (NDPSC) motioned/Greg Nibert (NMPRC) seconded. *The motion passed unanimously.*

MOTION: The Regional State Committee approves sunsetting the Improved Resource Availability Task Force. Kristie Fiegen (SDPUC) motioned/Kim David (OCC) seconded. *The motion passed unanimously.*

MOTION: The Regional State Committee approves the engagement of Bates White Economic Consulting as the RSC Cost Allocation Consultant. Kayla Hahn (MOPSC) motioned/Joshua Byrnes (IUC) seconded. *The motion passed unanimously.*

MOTION: The Regional State Committee approves RR704 – Loss of Load Expectation (LOLE) Study Business Practice, as presented. Kathleen Jackson (PUCT) motioned/Kristie Fiegen (SDPUC) seconded. *The motion passed unanimously.*

MOTION: The Regional State Committee approves RR720 – Conditional High Impact Large Load as it relates to Business Practice 8100, as presented. Andrew French (KCC) motioned/Kristie Fiegen (SDPUC) seconded. *The motion passed with 11 votes in favor and one opposed (NDPSC).*

MOTION: The Regional State Committee approves RR729 – Cost of New Entry and the CONE update of \$139.85/kw-yr starting with the 2026 Summer Season. Kristie Fiegen (SDPUC) motioned/Randal Christmann (NDPSC) seconded. *The motion passed unanimously.*

MOTION: The Regional State Committee approves RR703 (SIR776) Demand Response (DR) & Load Responsible Entity (LRE) Peak Demand Assessment (PDA) to include 2027 implementation of LRE load modifier cap and a full implementation of 2028 subject to the following provisions:

- Controllable Non-Registered DR Programs will be capped at 2,152 MW, based on 2025 Workbook forecasted Non-Registered DR for 2027 Summer Season
- LRE load-modifying demand response is limited to 2027 forecasted amount, unless LRE opts into PDA for the summer 2027 season. PDA will be implemented only for those LREs that have opted-in
- Market-Registered and Reliability-Registered Demand Response will be available to all LREs in 2027 to serve resource adequacy needs and will not count against the 2,152 MW cap.

Andrew French (KCC) motioned/Kristie Fiegen (SDPUC) seconded. *The motion passed with ten votes in favor and two opposed (OCC, LPSC).*

ACTION ITEMS:

1. The RSC directs Staff to continue to work with the SPP MMU to address its concerns related to RR703 – Demand Response/Peak Demand Assessment and introduce the Sunshine process into the workplan for winter 2026-2027.

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MINUTES

AGENDA ITEM 1 – CALL TO ORDER

President Chuck Hutchison (NPRB) called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. CT.

AGENDA ITEM 2 – PRELIMINARY MATTERS

a. Roll Call and Declaration of a Quorum

The following members were in attendance and a quorum was established:

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

Randall Pinocci, Montana Public Service Commission (MTPSC) was not in attendance.

b. Adoption of Minutes

MOTION: To approve the minutes from November 3, 2025. Eric Skrmetta (LPSC) motioned/Justin Tate (APSC) seconded. *The motion passed unanimously.*

c. Review of Action Items

Kim O'Guinn (SPP) provided an update on two action items:

- 25-03: Ms. O'Guinn noted that Staff had met with Commissioner Tuma in December to discuss Market and MRES tutorials and that additional education is expected.
- 25-04: Ms. O'Guinn stated that two updates had been provided on NERC's proposed energy assurance standard and that an additional updated was expected to be provided in March.

d. Acknowledgement of new RSC Members

President Hutchison welcomed the newest members of the RSC, Commissioner Greg Nibert from the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission and Chair Eric Skrmetta from the Louisiana Public Service Commission.

e. Introduction of Special Guests

President Hutchison welcomed Commissioner Mike Robinson from the Wyoming Public Service Commission, Commissioner Nick Myers from the Arizona Corporation Commission, and Chair Eric Blank from the Colorado Public Utilities Commission.

AGENDA ITEM 3 – UPDATE

a. SPP Report

Lanny Nickell (SPP) provided the President's Report acknowledged the new RSC members, special guests, and new RSC leadership and wished them success. Mr. Nickell reviewed recent approvals from FERC and noted that positive comments had been received. He also expressed appreciation for the CARE Team, REAL Team, Commissioners, and Staff for their work on initiatives. An upcoming Strategic Plan education session scheduled for February 18, 2026 was noted. This represents an opportunity for RSC input before Board approval in May. Members were encouraged to contact Emily Pennell or Angela Sartori for assistance.

b. RSC Fourth Quarter 2025 Financial Report

Paul Suskie (SPP) reviewed the year-end 2025 financial statement, noting that expenses were approximately \$200,000 under budget.

AGENDA ITEM 4 – ADMINISTRATIVE

The administrative voting items for consideration included the following:

a. 2025 RSC Audit Engagement

Mr. Suski noted that pursuant to the RSC Bylaws an annual audit is required of the RSC's expenses and presented the following motion for approval to engage Landmark Certified Public Accountants for the 2025 audit.

MOTION: The Regional State Committee approves the engagement of Landmark Certified Public Accountants to perform the 2025 RSC audit and services as

described in the January 8, 2026 Engagement Letter. Randal Christmann (NDPSC) motioned/Greg Nibert (NMPRC) seconded. *The motion passed unanimously.*

b. Improved Resource Availability Task Force

Kristie Fiegen (NDPUC) reviewed the purpose and work of the Improved Reliability Availability Task Force (IRATF). Ms. Fiegen also noted the items that were transferred to the Resource and Energy Adequacy Leadership Team which have been completed.

MOTION: The Regional State Committee approves sunsetting the Improved Resource Availability Task Force. Kristie Fiegen (SDPUC) motioned/Kim David (OCC) seconded. *The motion passed unanimously*

c. RSC Consultant

President Hutchison reviewed the Request for Proposal for a consultant to assist the RSC with a review of cost allocation noting that five proposals had been received from various consulting organizations. The RSC Executive Leadership team reviewed the proposals and developed a recommendation to recommend Bates White Economic Consulting.

MOTION: The Regional State Committee approves the engagement of Bates White Economic Consulting as the RSC Cost Allocation Consultant. Kayla Hahn (MOPSC) motioned/Joshua Byrnes (IUC) seconded. *The motion passed unanimously.*

AGENDA ITEM 5 – COST ALLOCATION WORKING GROUP REPORT

John Krajewski (NPRB) provided a recap of activities from the Cost Allocation Working Group (CAWG), highlighted items considered as part of the CAWG consent agenda and presented two revision requests for consideration.

a. RR704 – LOLE Study Business Practice

Mr. Krajewski introduced RR704, which establishes a new Business Practice to formalize the baseline modeling assumptions, data inputs, and study parameters used in SPP's Loss of Load Expectation (LOLE) Study.

MOTION: The Regional State Committee approves RR704 – Loss of Load Expectation (LOLE) Study Business Practice, as presented. Kathleen Jackson (PUCT) motioned/Kristie Fiegen (SDPUC) seconded. *The motion passed unanimously.*

b. RR720 – Conditional High Impact Large Loads

Mr. Krajewski reviewed the policy and highlighted changes made in response to concerns identified by the SPP Market Monitoring Unit (MMU) following CAWG approval of RR720. The proposal establishes a framework for conditional transmission service and interconnection by creating a temporary form of long-term, conditional transmission

service and defining a pricing methodology that accounts for potential curtailments. Several stakeholders noted their support of the policy.

MOTION: The Regional State Committee approves RR720 – Conditional High Impact Large Load as it relates to Business Practice 8100, as presented. Andrew French (KCC) motioned/Kristie Fiegen (SDPUC) seconded. *The motion passed with 11 votes in favor and one opposed (NDPSC).*

AGENDA ITEM 6 – RESOURCE & ENERGY ADEQUACY LEADERSHIP TEAM REPORT

Kristie Fiegen presented two items for RSC consideration.

a. RR729 – 2025 Cost of New Entry (CONE)

RR729 updates CONE value to \$139.85/kW-year beginning with the 2026 Summer Season. This recommendation results from Staff's annual review, as required under Section 13.0 of Attachment AA of the SPP Tariff.

MOTION: The Regional State Committee approves RR729 – Cost of New Entry and the CONE update of \$139.85/kw-yr starting with the 2026 Summer Season. Kristie Fiegen (SDPUC) motioned/Randal Christmann (NDPSC) seconded. *The motion passed unanimously.*

b. RR703 – Demand Response/LRE Peak Demand Assessment

Ms. Fiegen introduced RR703 and reviewed the work of Staff and stakeholders. Casey Cathey (SPP) reviewed the relative risk comparison of the various proposals from the Supply Adequacy Working Group, REAL Team, and the Markets and Operations Policy Committee. The SPP MMU stated that its position was to postpone approval and explore alternatives due to the failure to meet policy objectives. Stakeholders discussed gaming risk, concerns related to the peak demand assessment policy, and benefits of a post-season forecast review. An alternative motion was suggested to allow a load responsible entity to "opt-in" to peak demand assessment for the 2027 summer season.

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Andrew French (KCC) motioned/Kristie Fiegen (SDPUC) seconded. *The motion passed with ten votes in favor and two opposed (OCC, LPSC).*

AGENDA ITEM 7 – OTHER BUSINESS

a. **Working Group Appointments**

At the May RSC meeting, President Hutchison will provide appointments to the Regional Allocation Review Task Force.

AGENDA ITEM 8 – NEW ACTION ITEMS

One new action item was established as follows:

1. The RSC directs Staff to continue to work with the SPP MMU to address its concerns related to RR703 – Demand Response/Peak Demand Assessment and introduce the Sunshine process into the workplan for winter 2026-2027.

AGENDA ITEM 9 – SCHEDULE OF NEXT RSC BUSINESS MEETINGS

DATE	LOCATION
Monday, May 4, 2026	Albuquerque, NM
Monday, August 3, 2026	Saint Paul, MN
Monday, October 26, 2026	Little Rock, AR

AGENDA ITEM 10 – ADJOURNMENT

President Hutchison adjourned the meeting at 2:50 pm CT.