

SPP REGIONAL STATE COMMITTEE

May 4, 2026

1:00 a.m. – 3:00 pm MT

The Clyde Hotel | Albuquerque, NM

SUMMARY OF MOTIONS

Motions

1. The Regional State Committee approves the February 2, 2026 meeting minutes. Randel Christmann (NDPSC) motioned/Andrew French (KCC) seconded. *The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.*
2. The Regional State Committee approves the initial setting of the Eastern Interconnection Planning Reserve Margin of 17% Summer, 38% Winter for 2030 and 2032. Andrew French (KCC) motioned/Kristie Fiegen (SDPUC) seconded. *The motion passed unanimously with 13 votes in favor.*
3. The Regional State Committee approves RR745 – RTO Expansion Resource Adequacy Language, including the Western Interconnect PRM for Summer 2027 (19%) and Winter 2027–2028 (40%), as presented. Eric Blank (COPUC) motioned/Greg Nibert seconded (NMPRC). *The motion passed unanimously with six votes in favor.*
4. The Regional State Committee approves the revisions to Business Practice 8500, which incorporate consideration of non-firm imports as a sensitivity in the RTO East Loss of Load Expectation Study. Justin Tate (APSC)/Andrew French (KCC) seconded. *The motion passed unanimously with 13 votes in favor.*
5. The Regional State Committee approves the modified language to RR703 Demand Response/LRE Peak Demand Assessment to clarify applicability to the Eastern and Western Interconnection. John Tuma (MNPUC) motioned/Nick Myers (AZCC) seconded. *The motion passed with 13 votes in favor (NPRB, APSC, MOPSC, AZCC, CPUC, IUC, KCC, MNPUC, NDPSC, NMPRC, SDPUC, PUCT, WPSC), two opposed (LPSC, UPSC), and one abstention (OCC).*
6. The Regional State Committee approves RR744 - FERC Order 1920 Compliance, as presented. Kayla Hahn (MOPSC) motioned/Randel Christmann (NDPSC) seconded. *The motion passed with 14 votes in favor (NPRB, OCC, APSC, MOPSC, AZCC, CPUC, IUC, KCC, MNPUC, NDPSC, NMPRC, SDPUC, UPSC, WPSC), and one opposed (PUCT).*

7. The Regional State Committee approves RR757 – FERC Order 1920 Public Policy Cost Allocation, as presented. Randel Christmann (NDPSC) motioned/Kayla Hahn (MOPSC) seconded. *The motion passed with 12 votes in favor (NPRB, OCC, APSC, MOPSC, CPUC, IUC, KCC, LPSC, NDPSC, SDPUC, UPSC, WPSC), three opposed (MNPUC, NMPRC, PUCT), and one abstention (AZCC).*



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MINUTES

Agenda Item 1 – CALL TO ORDER

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

Agenda Item 2 – ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

A. Roll Call and Declaration of a Quorum

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

Chuck Hutchison, President – Nebraska Power Review Board (NPRB)
Kim David, Vice President – Oklahoma Corporation Commission (OCC)
Justin Tate, Secretary – Arkansas Public Service Commission (APSC)
Kayla Hahn, Treasurer – Missouri Public Service Commission (MOPSC)
Nick Myers – Arizona Corporation Commission (AZCC)
Eric Blank – Colorado Public Utilities Commission (COPUC)
Josh Byrnes – Iowa Utilities Commission (IUC)
Andrew French – Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC)
Eric Skrmetta – Louisiana Public Service Commission (LPSC)
John Tuma – Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (MNPUC)
Greg Nibert – New Mexico Public Regulation Commission
Randel Christmann - North Dakota Public Service Commission (NDPSC)
Kristie Fiegen – South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (SDPUC)
Kathleen Jackson – Public Utilities Commission of Texas (PUCT)
Jerry Fenn – Utah Public Service Commission (UPSC)

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

B. Acknowledgement of New Members

President Hutchison acknowledged the new Western Commissioners and welcomed Chair Nick Myers (AZCC), Chair Eric Blank (COPUC), Chair Jerry Fenn (UTPSC) and Chair Mike Robinson (WYPSC) to the RSC.

C. Recognition for Commissioner Pat O’Connell

President Hutchison recognized former RSC President, Commissioner Pat O’Connell (NMPRC) for his service to the RSC.

D. Adoption of February 2, 2026 Meeting Minutes

MOTION: The Regional State Committee approves the February 2, 2026 meeting minutes. Randel Christmann (NDPSC) motioned/Andrew French (KCC) seconded. *The motion passed unanimously.*

E. Review of Action Items

Kim O’Guinn (SPP Staff) reported that work is ongoing on Action Item 25-05, which involves staff coordination with the MMU to address identified concerns, as well as Action Item 25-04 related to the proposed NERC energy assurance standard.

John Tuma (MNPUC) provided an update on Action Item 25-03, noting that meetings were held regarding a specific issue involving power transfers from the Laramie River Station area. He reported discussions with staff and participants and expressed appreciation for the work done to clarify the issue. He stated that the associated action item has now been resolved and can be removed from the action item list, with no further updates needed.

Agenda Item 3 – UPDATES

A. SPP Report

Lanny Nickell (SPP) welcomed attendees to New Mexico and thanked them for their hospitality, noting strong participation in the RSC following RTO expansion, which has strengthened regional relationships and collaboration. He emphasized continued engagement with new commissioners and efforts to improve alignment and communication with the RSC. He highlighted positive feedback on recent work related to Demand Response and Peak Demand Assessment, reinforcing the RSC’s credibility on complex policy issues, and noted progress on FERC Order 1920 implementation, the Consolidated Planning Process, and a new strategic plan. He also praised stakeholder collaboration on cost allocation and transmission planning, commending staff and leadership, and stressed the importance of ongoing RSC engagement to regional success.

B. RSC First Quarter 2026 Financial Report

Paul Suskie (SPP) provided an update on the RSC budget, noting that travel and meeting expenses exceeded budget projections due to the February meeting being held in person, which had not been accounted for during the budget development and approval process. Despite this variance, he confirmed that the RSC remains under budget overall for the year.

Agenda Item 4 – CAWG REPORT AND PRESENTATION OF VOTING ITEMS

John Krajewski (NPRB), Cost Allocation Working Group Chair, presented the following items for consideration by the RSC.

a) Resource Adequacy

i) 2025 Loss of Load Expectation Study/Planning Reserve Margin

This recommendation finalizes the Planning Reserve Margin (PRM) for 2030 and established the initial PRM for the 2032 planning year. Commissioners discussed the challenges of balancing affordability, reliability, and uncertainty in long-term planning assumptions, including generation development lead times, anticipated load growth, and evolving market conditions. Several commissioners acknowledged the importance of maintaining reliability protections while recognizing the potential cost implications for consumers. It was also noted that the PRM values are intended to provide planning signals to utilities and that the final 2032 PRM setting will occur in four years following additional study and evaluation.

MOTION: The Regional State Committee approves the initial setting of the Eastern Interconnection Planning Reserve Margin of 17% Summer, 38% Winter for 2030 and 2032. Andrew French (KCC) motioned/Kristie Fiegen (SDPUC) seconded. *The motion passed unanimously.*

ii) RTO Expansion Resource Adequacy Language (RR745)

RR745 establishes separate study processes, calculations, and methodologies for the SPP East and SPP West Balancing Authority Areas (BAAs) and expands Resource Adequacy Business Practices and Planning Criteria to incorporate language applicable to the Western Interconnection. It also adds the base Planning Reserve Margin (PRM) for the Western Interconnection of 19% for Summer 2027 and 40% for Winter 2027-2028.

MOTION: The Regional State Committee approves RR745 – RTO Expansion Resource Adequacy Language, including the Western Interconnect PRM for Summer 2027 (19%) and Winter 2027–2028 (40%), as presented. Eric Blank

(COPUC) motioned/Greg Nibert seconded (NMPRC). *The motion passed unanimously.*

iii) Non-Firm Import Language for Eastern Interconnection

This recommendation adds language to Business Practice 8500 to ensure the East BAA LOLE study can consider non-firm imports as a sensitivity in future studies. During discussion, commissioners noted that the revision represented an initial step toward recognizing the value of interregional transmission in resource adequacy planning. Commissioners expressed support for including interregional transmission as a sensitivity analysis to better understand its potential planning value and inform future discussions.

MOTION: The Regional State Committee approves the revisions to Business Practice 8500, which incorporate consideration of non-firm imports as a sensitivity in the RTO East Loss of Load Expectation Study. Justin Tate (APSC)/Andrew French (KCC) seconded. *The motion passed unanimously.*

iv) Demand Response/Peak Demand Assessment (RR703)

This revision request was approved by the RSC in February 2026 but has been updated to reflect separate East and West BAAs. It was clarified that the underlying demand response policy itself was unchanged and that the revision primarily addressed administrative and ministerial updates associated with the transition to separate Eastern and Western BAAs. Commissioners noted that the topic had been extensively discussed during the education session and generally agreed that the revisions were primarily administrative in nature and necessary to support implementation going forward.

MOTION: The Regional State Committee approves the modified language to RR703 Demand Response/LRE Peak Demand Assessment to clarify applicability to the Eastern and Western Interconnection. John Tuma (MNPUC) motioned/Nick Myers (AZCC) seconded. *The motion passed with 13 votes in favor (NPRB, APSC, MOPSC, AZCC, CPUC, IUC, KCC, MNPUC, NDPSC, NMPRC, SDPUC, PUCT, WPSC), two opposed (LPSC, UPSC), and one abstention (OCC).*

(1) MMU Comments

Carrie Bivens (SPP MMU) highlighted concerns related to capability testing, baseline operating levels, and firm service levels for demand response resources (DRRs) and reliability registered demand response programs (RRDRPs), noting that the existing revision language was insufficient to ensure consistent and effective measurement of demand response performance. To address these concerns, the MMU recommended updates to the tariff and governing documents to establish clear guidelines for determining seasonal baseline operating levels, define

acceptable conditions for seasonal capability testing of DRRs and RRDRPs, and require firm service levels to be established as part of the capability testing process.

b) Cost Allocation

(1) FERC Order 1920 Compliance

(a) FERC Order 1920 Compliance (RR744)

In November 2025, the RSC had approved the use of Highway/Byway cost allocation for projects identified through the CPP 20-year long-term transmission planning process. The revision request modifies the tariff language to explicitly state that such facilities will utilize the approved Highway/Byway cost allocation methodology.

MOTION: The Regional State Committee approves RR744 - FERC Order 1920 Compliance, as presented. Kayla Hahn (MOPSC) motioned/Randel Christmann (NDPSC) seconded. *The motion passed with 14 votes in favor (NPRB, OCC, APSC, MOPSC, AZCC, CPUC, IUC, KCC, MNPUC, NDPSC, NMPRC, SDPUC, UPSC, WPSC), and one opposed (PUCT).*

(b) Public Policy Cost Allocation (RR757)

This revision request adds language to Attachment J specifying that incremental transmission costs associated with facilities needed to meet state public policy requirements will be allocated to load within the state or states driving those public policy needs.

Stakeholder comments raised concerns regarding whether the proposed cost allocation approach would satisfy FERC Order 1920 requirements that cost allocation methods remain roughly commensurate with benefits received. Additional concerns were expressed regarding the lack of specificity around how public policy requirements would be defined, how associated benefits would be measured, and how costs would be allocated when projects provide broader regional benefits beyond the originating state or states.

Commissioners discussed the complexity of determining what constitutes a public policy requirement and how such requirements could affect future transmission planning and cost allocation decisions. Several commissioners expressed concern that additional analysis and clarification may be needed before implementation, particularly regarding the interaction between public policy-driven projects and broader regional benefits. Other commissioners emphasized that the revision establishes only the general ex ante framework and that substantial additional stakeholder work would occur before any specific project cost allocations are finalized or filed with FERC.

MOTION: The Regional State Committee approves RR757 – FERC Order 1920 Public Policy Cost Allocation, as presented. Randel Christmann (NDPSC) motioned/Kayla Hahn (MOPSC) seconded. *The motion passed with 12 votes in favor (NPRB, OCC, APSC, MOPSC, CPUC, IUC, KCC, LPSC, NDPSC, SDPUC, UPSC, WPSC), three opposed (MNPUC, NMPRC, PUCT), and one abstention (AZCC).*

Agenda Item 5 – REAL TEAM REPORT

Kristie Fiegen (SDPUC) provided a brief update on the REAL Team, noting that the next meeting would be in June.

Agenda Item 6 – SUMMARY OF NEW ACTION ITEMS

No new action items were established.

Agenda Item 7 – FUTURE MEETINGS

DATE	LOCATION
Monday, August 3, 2026	Saint Paul, MN
Monday, November 16, 2026	Little Rock, AR

Agenda Item 8 – ADJOURNMENT

President Hutchison adjourned the meeting at 2:32 p.m. MT.