



SPSG Member Update
August 6, 2010

SPSG Members and Stakeholders:

Here is the eighth installment of our biweekly newsletter. As always, we encourage you to share as much of the newsletter as you think would be helpful with your constituents.

Thanks,

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SPSG ACTIVITY UPDATES

During the past two weeks, the SPSG has:

- Confirmed (by action of the WECC Board of Directors) two new SPSG members: Tom Kaiserski from the Montana Governor's Office (filling one of the eight SPSC Representative spots) and Tracey LeBeau from Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal (representing Native American Tribes). Tom replaces Steve Ellenbecker who resigned from the SPSG in June 2010.
- Conducted an RFP Task Force webinar to review the revised Scenario Planner RFP and subsequently distributed the revised Scenario Planner RFP to the SPSG for review.
- Scheduled calls with SPSG Environmental Data Task Force members to discuss EDTF membership and the [proposed scope of work](#).
- Conducted a [webinar for transmission owners, operators, and developers](#) to provide an update on recent SPSG activities and decisions and to receive their feedback (July 27).
- Filed a [Regional Transmission Expansion Planning \(RTEP\) Progress Report](#) with U.S. Department of Energy.
- Hosted a [Technical Support RFP Bidders' Conference](#) (August 6).
- Reserved potential dates for SPSG scenario planning: December 7, 15, 16, and 17, 2010.

Over the next two weeks, the SPSG will focus on the following activities:

- Conducting calls with SPSG Environmental Data Task Force members to discuss EDTF membership and [proposed scope of work](#), and setting a date for an initial EDTF meeting in early-mid September.
- Hosting a webinar on the [energy-water relationship in RTEP](#) on August 11th at 10am MDT. Please register [here](#).

- Conducting a webinar with the SPSG to review the revised SPSG Scenario Planner RFP and obtain the SPSG’s approval to release the RFP. WECC aims to release the final SPSG Scenario Planner RFP around August 20th.
- Receiving bids from interested SPSG technical support contractors.

TASK FORCE UPDATES

The **Long-Term Planning Tools (LTPT) Task Force** has completed its review of the LTPT RFP. WECC staff is completing final review with a goal of releasing the RFP early in the week of August 9th.

The **RFP Task Force** reviewed a revised SPSG Scenario Planner RFP on August 3rd. That RFP has now been distributed to the SPSG for review and final edits.

WECC is working with **Environmental Data Task Force** members to:

- Confirm membership;
- Revise the proposed scope of work;
- Clarify proposed tasks, timelines, and associated budget; and
- Provide this information to the SPSG for approval before initiating Task Force activities.

The **SPSG Technical Support Contractor Review Task Force** will be comprised of SPSG members Grace Anderson, Gary Graham, Susan Henderson, Howard Schwartz, and Steve Weiss.

SPSG STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH

The next SPSG meeting will be held on [September 15-16 in Salt Lake City](#). Please ensure that your constituents are up to date on SPSG activities.

STATE-PROVINCIAL STEERING COMMITTEE (SPSC) UPDATES

On July 29, the WECC Board held a workshop on a proposed [Efficient Dispatch Toolkit \(EDT\)](#) comprised of an Enhanced Curtailment Calculator and Energy Imbalance Market (EIM). The WECC Board also established an EDT Steering Committee (EDTSC) (which includes a State representative through the Western Interconnection Regional Advisory Board (WIRAB) and an EDT Technical Review Subcommittee (EDTTRS) to guide the process of evaluating the EDT and its components). Evaluating the costs and benefits of an EIM is an SPSC priority. WECC will hold a stakeholder meeting on the EIM on October 5 in Salt Lake City and begin outreach to

Balancing Authorities to determine who may be interested in participating in an Energy Imbalance Market.

The SPSC Demand Side Management (DSM) working group has posted a [Table](#) showing the status of final SPSC member approvals of “SPSC-Adjusted Load Forecasts” for use in the development of the 10-year load forecast in the TEPPC Reference Case. The goal is to forward approved load forecast data to TEPPC by August 6. The SPSC DSM Work Group members have completed their review and approval of the adjustments to the respective Balancing Authority load forecasts made by LBNL under contract with SPSC.

The [State-Provincial Steering Committee](#) will hold its next meeting on Sept. 14-15 in Salt Lake City. The meeting will be preceded by a meeting of the Committee on Regional Electric Power Cooperation (CREPC) on Sept. 13-14.

NEW DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE

New documents available on the SPSG website include:

- [RTEP Progress Report](#)
- [Questions and Answers on the RFP for SPSG Technical Support](#)

FUTURE MEETING DATES

SPSG Meetings:

- September 15 (1pm) – September 16 (12pm), Salt Lake City
- November 8 (1pm) – November 9 (12pm), Phoenix
- Tentative: December 7, 15, 16, 17 – Scenario Planning

TEPPC Meetings:

- September 16 (1:00 p.m.) – September 17 (12:00 p.m.), Salt Lake City
- November 9 (1:00 p.m.) – November 10 (12:00 p.m.), Phoenix

GLOSSARY

CREPC: Committee on Regional Electric Power Cooperation

EDT: Efficient Dispatch Toolkit

EDTF: Environmental Data Task Force

EDTSC: Efficient Dispatch Toolkit Steering Committee

EDTTRS: Efficient Dispatch Toolkit Technical Review Subcommittee

EIM: Energy Imbalance Market

LBNL: Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory

LTPT: Long-Term Planning Tool

RFP: Request for Proposals

SPSC: State-Provincial Steering Committee

SPSG: Scenario Planning Steering Group

TEPPC: Transmission Expansion Planning Policy Committee

WECC: Western Electricity Coordinating Council

WIRAB: Western Interconnection Regional Advisory Board