

## SOUTHWEST POWER POOL COST ALLOCATION WORKING GROUP MEETING

April 2, 2026  
9:00 am – 4:00 pm CT

Virtual

### SUMMARY OF MOTIONS AND ACTION ITEMS

**MOTION:** To approve the Consent Agenda. Shawnee Claiborn-Pinto (PUCT) motioned/Justin Grady (KCC) seconded. *The motion passed unanimously.*

**MOTION:** The Cost Allocation Working Group recommends that the Regional State Committee approve the proposed 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 Grady (KCC) motioned/Adam McKinnie (MOPSC) seconded. *The motion passed unanimously.*

**MOTION:** The Cost Allocation Working Group (CAWG) approves the motion to expedite RR757. Adam McKinnie (MOPSC)/Justin Grady (KCC) seconded. *The motion passed with 11 votes in favor and three opposed (MNPUC, IUC, PUCT).*

**MOTION TO AMEND:** Move to change the word “emanated” to “enacted”. Adam McKinnie (MOPSC) motioned/ Justin Grady (KCC) seconded. *The motion failed with two votes in favor (KCC, LPSC), two opposed (NDPSC, NPRB), and 11 abstentions (MOPSC, NMPRC, APSC, COPUC, SDPUC, OCC, WYPSC, MNPUC, IUC, PUCT, AZCC)*

**MOTION:** The Cost Allocation Working Group recommends the Regional State Committee approve the revisions set forth in Attachment J related to public policy cost allocation, as presented. Adam McKinnie (motioned)/Greg Rislov (SDPUC) seconded. *The motion passed with 11 votes in favor, three opposed (MNPUC, IUC, PUCT), and one abstention (NMPRC).*

#### **ACTION ITEMS:**

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### MINUTES

#### AGENDA ITEM 1 – CALL TO ORDER AND ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Chair John Krajewski (NPRB) called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM Central Time, a quorum was established, and Chair Krajewski welcome the new CAWG members in the Western Interconnection. Chris Hanson (NDPSC) held proxy for Victor Schock (NDPSC), Ben Kodres O'Brien (MNPUC) held proxy for Lise Trudeau (MNPUC) and LaKeitha Rinks (APSC) held proxy for Cindy Ireland (APSC).

#### AGENDA ITEM 2 – CONSENT AGENDA

The consent agenda included the agenda for the current meeting, and the March 11, 2026 meeting minutes.

**MOTION:** To approve the Consent Agenda. Shawnee Claiborn-Pinto (PUCT) motioned/Justin Grady (KCC) seconded. *The motion passed unanimously.*

#### AGENDA ITEM 3 – ACTION ITEMS

Angela Sartori (SPP) reviewed the action list and asked whether the group was interested in reaching out to the Economic Studies Working Group and the Transmission Working Group to request educational information on the NTC-C process. The group expressed support for this action.

#### AGENDA ITEM 4 – CAWG WORKPLAN

Chair Krajewski reviewed the workplan and noted that the agenda would address several of the topics in detail.

#### AGENDA ITEM 5 – FERC UPDATE

Justin Hinton (SPP Staff) reviewed the dockets currently pending before FERC.

#### AGENDA ITEM 6 – ORDER 1920 COMPLIANCE: PUBLIC POLICY COST ALLOCATION

Tessie Kentner (SPP) reviewed the motions approved by the Regional State Committee (RSC) which resulted in this revision request (RR) related to public policy cost allocation. Ms. Kentner

also reviewed the language which reflected revisions that were submitted on March 31, 2026 and developed collaboratively with Staff and the Regional Tariff Working Group (RTWG). Chair of the RTWG, Heather Starnes (MJMEUC), explained the clarifications were made to better reflect cost allocation to states with public policy requirements. Questions arose regarding the definition of 'public policy' and whether the cost allocation for incremental upgrades is mandatory or voluntary. Ms. Kentner clarified that 'public policy requirement' is a defined term in the tariff and that the RR does not specify whether cost allocation is mandatory or voluntary, leaving that to be decided by the RSC at the time of allocation.

A motion was made and seconded to expedite RR757 to meet the June 12 compliance filing deadline.

**MOTION:** Move to expedite RR757. Adam McKinnie (MOPSC)/Justin Grady (KCC) seconded. *The motion passed with 11 votes in favor and three opposed (MNPUC, IUC, PUCT).*

Adam McKinnie (MOPSC) moved to approve RR757 as presented, including a corrected section reference in response to comments filed by Colorado Springs Utilities on April 1, 2026, and incorporating RTWG's clarifying revisions as submitted on March 31, 2026. The motion was seconded by Greg Rislov. Discussion focused on the meaning of 'incremental costs' and how benefits and costs would be allocated among states

Adam McKinnie (MOPSC) then proposed a minor amendment to the RR757 language to replace the word "emanated" with "enacted" to clarify the source of public policy requirements. The amendment was debated, some noting that the proposed wording might narrow the scope to state-level policies, excluding local or federal policies. The group also discussed the implications and debated alternative phrasings to better capture the intended scope.

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The group then returned to the original motion reflecting the language as proposed by Staff and RTWG members.

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## AGENDA ITEM 7 – RESOURCE ADEQUACY UPDATE

- a. **SAWG Report** – Justin Grady (KCC) provided highlights from the recent the Supply Adequacy Working Group.

- b. REAL Team Report** – Shawnee Claiborn Pinto (PUCT) reported on the REAL Team's discussions, including the non-firm import capacity issue and the seasonal resource adequacy construct.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 8 – CARE TEAM UPDATE**

Justin Grady (KCC) provided a brief CARE Team update. In response to a CARE Team directive, Maurisa Hughes (SPP) presented on the current 1.0 benefit cost threshold for economic project issuance and the potential increase to 1.25 as requested by CARE. The presentation covered SPP's planning approach, benefit calculations, comparisons with other RTOs, and the implications of changing the benefit cost ratio. The group engaged in a detailed discussion about the current methodology and the potential impacts of raising the benefit cost ratio. The group supported coordinating with the Economic Studies Working Group for further discussion.

John Krajewski (NPRB) discussed the other item directed from the CARE Team to the CAWG related to the impact of generator retirements on transmission planning. Mr. Krajewski requested the CAWG members review the presentation provided in the background materials and be prepared to discuss next steps at the May CAWG meeting.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 9 – RR745 – RTO EXPANSION RESOURCE ADEQUACY LANGUAGE**

Ashlyn Collie (SPP) reviewed RR745 which updates business practices and planning criteria to include the RTO Expansion. The RR clarifies separate studies and calculations for the East and West Balancing Authority Areas (BAAs), introduces non-firm import assistance as a sensitivity in the East Loss of Load Expectation (LOLE) study, and sets planning reserve margins for the Expansion area. CAWG members in the Eastern Interconnection were asked to vote on the RR language specific to the East, and the members in the Western Interconnection will vote in a special meeting on April 23, 2026

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#### **AGENDA ITEM 10 – RR703 DEMAND RESPONSE/PEAK DEMAND ASSESSMENT UPDATE FOR RTO EXPANION**

Chris Haley (SPP) provided an overview and update on RR703. The updated aligns the RR with the RTO Expansion. The group discussed the policy's objectives, and the timeline for approval and filing. The RR will return to the CAWG for approval at the April 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting and then proceed to RSC, and the Board of Directors in May.

**AGENDA ITEM 11 – SUBREGION CONFIGURATION FOR RTO EXPANSION**

Charles Locke (SPP) presented on the topic of cost allocation and subregion configuration for the RTO Expansion, providing definitions of rate zones, deliverability areas, and subregions as defined in the tariff. He explained the rationale for establishing cost allocation subregions and outlined next steps for their implementation in the expansion areas.

**AGENDA ITEM 12 – SEAMS QUARTERLY UPDATE**

Clint Savoy (SPP) provided updates on Seams projects, focusing on RR681 which addresses Seams Project cost allocation. Mr. Savoy noted that discussions with opposing parties led to a biweekly meeting cadence to advance the revision request. Mr. Savoy also provided an update on the 2024 Coordinated System Plan (CSP) wrap-up and initiation of the 2026 CSP, highlighting draft reports, stakeholder feedback, and upcoming meetings.

**AGENDA ITEM 13 – AECI/AMEREN COST AND USAGE AGREEMENT**

Clint Savoy (SPP) provided an update on the MoMENT project, a joint effort between SPP, ACI, and Ameren to construct a 345 kV transmission segment increasing interconnection capability. The SPP portion, Stillwell to Golden Valley, has a revised cost estimate of approximately \$415 million, improving the benefit-cost ratio to 1.35. Staff is exploring approval mechanisms to fund this segment through SPP processes and is targeting stakeholder approval by July or August. Discussion focused on the project's path to approval and modeling assumptions. Mr. Savoy explained that the project is not currently part of the 2025 ITP due to timing and prior cost-benefit results. The group discussed the absence of a current tariff mechanism for out-of-cycle base plan funding. Members encouraged exploring existing tariff options to avoid one-off approval processes and raised concerns related to consistency with other regional projects and the risk of partial project completion.

**AGENDA ITEM 14 – WORKING GROUP UPDATE**

No updates were provided

**AGENDA ITEM 15 – UPCOMING ITEMS FOR RSC**

Item	CAWG Approval	May-26	Aug-26	Oct-26
RR744 - Order 1920 Compliance	3/11/2026	V		
RR757 – Order 1920 Compliance (Public Policy Cost Allocation)	4/2/2026	V		
RR745 – RTO Expansion Resource Adequacy Language		V		

Non-Firm Import Language for East (included in RR745)	4/2/2026	V		
2025 LOLE Study/PRM Recommendation	3/11/2026	V		
Cost Allocation Subregions for RTO Expansion		V		
RR703 – DR/PDA for RTO Expansion		V		
MoMENT Project Cost Allocation			V	
RTO Expansion CPP Governing Language Clarification			V	
RR688 – ERAS Expansion			V	
RR743 – CONE Process			V	
RRXXX – Price Adaptive Load Service				V

### AGENDA ITEM 16 – ACTION ITEMS

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### AGENDA ITEM 17 – UPCOMING MEETINGS

MONTH	DATE	START TIME	FORMAT
April	Thursday, April 23, 2026	9:30 am CT	virtual
May	Friday, May 15, 2026	9:00 am CT	virtual
June	Thursday, June 11, 2026	8:30 am local	<b>in-person (Madison, WI)</b>
July	Wednesday, July 8, 2026	9:00 am CT	virtual
August	Monday, August 10, 2026	9:00 am CT	virtual
September	Thursday, September 3, 2026	8:30 am MT	<b>in-person (Denver, CO)</b>
October	Thursday, October 1, 2026	9:00 am CT	virtual
November	Thursday, November 12, 2026	9:00 am CT	virtual
December	Thursday, December 10, 2026	TBD	<b>in-person (Denver, CO)</b>

## AGENDA ITEM 21 – ADJOURNMENT

Chair Krajewski adjourned the meeting at 2:32 pm CT.

### **CAWG MEMBERS**

John Krajewski (NPRB), Chair	Kara Kolkman (WYPSC)
Adam McKinnie (MOPSC)	Lane Sisung (LPSC)
Agata Malek (NMPRC)	Lise Trudeau (MNPUC), proxy Ben Kodres O'Brien
Cindy Ireland (APSC), proxy LaKeitha Rinks	Matt Alvarado (IUC)
Gerald Deaver (COPUC)	Shawnee Claiborn-Pinto (PUCT)
Greg Rislov (SDPUC)	Steve Olea (AZCC)
Jason Chaplin (OCC)	Victor Schock (NDPSC), proxy Chris Hanson
Justin Grady (KCC)	

### **MEETING PARTICIPANTS**

Adam McKinnie	Cassie Thompson	Eugene Mauk
Adam Schieffer	Charles Hendrix	Evan Hays
Agata Malek	Charles Locke	Fiza Shaikh
Alex Baird	Charlie McCoy	Gerald Deaver
Alex Crawford	Chris Gayhart	Greg Reed
Amber Joyce	Chris Haley	Greg Rislov
Andrea Harrison	Chris Hanson	Heather Starnes
Andrew Coffelt	Chris Lyons	Jake Weinberg
Andrew Rogers	Christiana Ivanova	Jared Yust
Andrew Soong	Christine Aarnes	Jason Chaplin
Angela Sartori	Chuck Hutchison	Jason Davis
Angelah Magofna	Cicily McGee	Jason Mazigian
Annie Minondo	Clint Savoy	Jena Arnold
Ashlyn Collie	Collin Cain	Jennifer Hammitt
Becky Bradley	Curtis Miller	Jessica Meyer
Ben Bright	Dana Shelton	Jim Flucke
Ben Kodres-O'Brien	Darren Prince	Jim Jacoby
Bernie Liu	Denise Martin	John Krajewski
Beverly Laios	Dennis Constien	John Stephens
Bradley Payne	Dennis Reed	Jon Thurber
Bria Guthridge	Don Frerking	Jonathan Hathhorn
Brooke Keene	Elliott Hankison	Joshua Byrnes
Bryan Campbell	Eric Giddens	Joshua Pilgrim
Carly Masenthin	Eric Johnson	Julie Bissen
Carrie Bivens	Erik Martin	Julie Tackett

Justin Berg  
Justin Grady  
Justin Hinton  
Kara Kolkman  
Kathryn Dial  
Keith Epperson  
Kim O'Guinn  
Kirk Hall  
Kristine Raper  
LaKeitha Rinks  
Lane Sisung  
Lauren Evans  
Lee Elliott  
Leif Clark  
Lise Trudeau  
Loren Ditsch  
Marisa Choate  
Mark Weeder  
Matheus Souza  
Matt Alvarado

Matt Nokes  
Matthew Harward  
Matthew Jackson  
Maurice Moss  
Maurisa Hughes  
Maya Nevels  
Meredith Powell  
MICHAEL WISE  
Michelle Harris  
Monsherra Blank  
Naved Khan  
Nick Abraham  
Nick Parker  
Nick Reedy  
Nicolas Puga  
Olivia Hough  
Patrick Clarey  
Rachel Kane  
Rich Germinder  
Robert Pick

Robin Spady  
Rock Park  
Ron Chartier  
Ryan Benton  
Ryan Schoppe  
Serhat Guney  
Shawnee Claiborn-Pinto  
Steve Davis  
Steve Gaw  
Steve Olea  
Steve Sanders  
Sunny Raheem  
Taylor DuPont  
Tessie Kentner  
TJ Cochran  
Tom Michelotti  
Trent A. Campbell  
Walt Cecil