



NWPP Operating Committee Quarterly Meeting Minutes

Date: February 4, 2026

Time: 1230-1700 Pacific Time

Location: Western Power Pool Offices:

7525 NE Ambassador Place, Suite M
Portland, OR 97220

Chair: Adam Labuga, TID (Present)

Vice-Chair: Calvin Dacus, TEP (Present)

1. Welcome, Administrative Review, and Introductions

- OC meeting was called to order by Chairman Adam Labuga at 1230 PT.
 - Justin Butler reviewed the Antitrust Compliance Statement with members.
 - Break schedule was announced.
 - Emergency protocols were established (evacuation, 911, and AED protocols).
 - The OC conducted a brief round of introductions of those in attendance at the WPP Office.
 - ChaRee DiFabio took attendance and announced a quorum was established with **31 out of 42 Participants** present at the start of the meeting
 - Final Attendance Listing: [2026 02 04 OC Meeting Attendance.pdf](#)

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes - 11/05/25

- The OC reviewed the last meeting minutes, which were posted to OC SharePoint.
 - Going forward, any OC Meeting material (Agenda, Minutes etc.) will be posted to OC SharePoint site. The site link will be emailed to OC Members.
 - Additionally, OC Members can also access the OC SharePoint site from the WPP Site.
- Chair Labuga inquired if there were any objections or updates needed to the minutes.
 - With no objections stated, the minutes were approved as they were written. **Approved by consensus.**

3. Review of Action Items (Justin Butler, WPP)

- Redistribute Budget Update Presentation.
 - Budget Update from 11/05/25 OC Meeting was corrected and redistributed to OC. **Completed.**
- Send anonymous poll for BAL-007
 - WPP staff sent out a poll regarding joint effort for meeting requirements of BAL-007. **Completed.**
 - 11 responses received; 5 respondents indicated strong interest.
 - Small working group will meet to determine whether to proceed with additional work.

4. WPP Corporate Update (Ryan Roy, WPP)

- Budget Update (July-December 2025)

OPERATING COMMITTEE	Approved Budget Jul - Dec 2025	Actuals Jul - Dec 2025	\$ Variance	% Variance
DL Hours	\$ 4,597	\$ 5,206	\$ 608	13%
DL Cost	\$ 403,731	\$ 460,171	\$ 56,441	14%
Direct Project Cost	\$ 70,943	\$ 44,062	\$ (26,881)	-38%
Allocated GAIT	\$ 352,913	\$ 504,020	\$ 151,107	43%
TOTAL	\$ 827,587	\$ 1,008,254	\$ 180,667	22%
Less: Source Training				
Subscription Revenue	\$ (49,275)	\$ (63,992)	\$ (14,717)	30%
ADJUSTED TOTAL	\$ 778,312	\$ 944,262	\$ 165,950	21%
No. of Participants	40	40	0	0%
Participant Total	\$ 19,458	\$ 23,607	\$ 4,149	21%

- First six months of the transition to a calendar-year budget were reviewed.
- Actual costs exceeded budget by approximately **\$4, 149 per entity** (~21% variance).
 - Two primary reasons of variance driven by:



- Direct Labor hours. Transmission project cancellation freed staff time. A portion of the OTS hours were reallocated to the OC.
- Audit-related expenses increased allocated overhead.
- Follow-Up
 - Leadership reviewing allocation methodology for administrative costs.
 - Possible adjustment or credit may be issued if allocations were not appropriate.

5. Extended Day-Ahead Market (EDAM) Presentation (Daniel Koppes, PacifiCorp)

- 02-02-26 - PacifiCorp started parallel operations with EDAM, with a go-live of May 1st.
- Daniel provided the OC with a high-level overview of the EDAM program.
- EDAM had minimal impact on Real-Time Operations. Typical day-to-day operations are essentially unchanged.
 - Day-ahead market decisions finalized 18–24 hours before operations.
- To staff for EDAM, PacifiCorp added 8 new positions (primarily in Operations Engineer, Market and Support-Staff areas).
 - No staffing impacts to System Operator personnel.

6. Transmission Planning Committee - TPC Update (Chelsea Loomis)

- WPP's newest RTPS Engineer
 - Chelsea introduced RTPS Engineer Zuhair Lateef to the OC.
- RTPS will be kicking off GMD data analysis efforts for the applicable NERC Standards.
- New NERC Standards on Electromagnetic Transient Modeling requirements for IBR's.
 - New standards driven by FERC Order No. 901.
- Upcoming TPC Activities
 - March - Large Load Modeling.
 - PNNL and BPA in development of Advanced Power Flow devices.
 - 2026 Engineers Forum - September, Tri-Cities area.

7. Operations Training Subcommittee - OTS Update (Keith Schreiner, WPP)

- Q4 Metrics:
 - Q4 was strongest quarter of all time.
 - 7,904.5 annual education credit hours delivered in Q4.
 - 2025 hit another record with 29,072.5 CEH's delivered.
- Platform Usage Trends:
 - 77-90 Hours of online training a day.
 - 132.5 CE Hour available on the platform.
- Top courses in Q4:
 - Generator Synchronization
 - AC Fundamentals
 - Planning and Operating the Grid
 - Reserve Sharing Essentials
 - RSG Technical Training
- New Platform Features:
 - Courses may now be taken twice for CE credit.
 - Reporting improvements implemented.
 - New audio hosting replacing SoundCloud integration.
- New courses development in progress:
 - Frequency Response
 - Power System Overview II
 - NERC test preparation content
- Industry Partnership:



- Collaboration with CAISO to develop training content.
- Additional NERC test preparation materials under development.

8. Standards Development & Compliance Coordination Committee - SDCC Update (Kevin Conway, WPP)

- SDCC has been active for nine months:
 - Monthly meetings ongoing with strong participation
 - Approximately 40 participants per meeting
- High-level review and current status updates were provided on the following:
 - Operational Studies revisions
 - Planning Studies revisions
 - Model Verification requirements
 - Supply Chain risk management standards
 - Inverter-Based Resource event reporting
 - Washington State Senate Bill & Companion Bill
- Significant Drafting Team activity is expected throughout 2026.

9. OC Goals & Objectives for OY 2026 - (Justin Butler, WPP)

- Reviewed all Goals and Objectives with OC.
 - Highlights included:
 - Better aligned Goal & Objectives to strengthen member engagement.
 - Quarterly Operating Themes framed to resonate with Power System Operations, Reliability Coordination, and Regional Collaboration.
 - Linked Objective to applicable Goal. Help keep OC on track to meet Goals.
 - Goals are accessible to the OC via the OC SharePoint site.
- **Motion:**
 - C. McDarment (GCPUD) moved to accept 2026 Goals as written.
 - T. Bagnell (PSE) seconded the motion.
 - With no objections stated, the Goals & Objective were accepted for 2026. **Approved by consensus**

10. Future Meeting Schedule (Justin Butler, WPP)

- The [OC & RSGC Future Meeting Plan Options.pdf](#) results reflected Option B and Option C as the most desired options.
- **Motion:**
 - T. Bagnell (PSE) moved to accept Plan C.
 - S. Monga (BANC) seconded the motion.
 - After discussion and Roll-Call vote, Plan C is approved. **Approved by Roll-Call vote.**
 - **20-YES, 1-NO, 5-Abstain**
- Recap of Plan C Meeting Schedule:
 - Hold both November and February OTS, OC, and RSGC meetings in Phoenix with the February meeting aligned with the Annual Member Meeting.
 - OC & RSGC will continue to meet in May & August in Portland.
 - November meeting in Phoenix at a member-hosted facility.

12. American Power Dispatcher Association Meeting - APDA Spring Meeting (Justin Butler, WPP)

- Spring Meeting April 27th - 30th in Spokane, WA.
- 16 Hours CEH available (OESNA to facilitate training)
- K. Conway (WPP) elected to be key-note speaker at evening dinner
- **Action Item:** J. Butler to send out APDA meeting flyer to OC.
- The Conclusion of presentation resulted in proactive discussion amongst OC members highlighting, System & Regional impacts, Operational Experience, and Operational Coordination & Preparedness.



13. Current Operations Update

- OC Members shared updates on winter load conditions across their systems.
 - TID reported low loads and mild conditions. In outage/maintenance season, gearing up for summer.
 - NWMT reports very mild winter conditions in the western portion. However, seeing more severe conditions to the east (Denver area).
 - Multiple members expressed concern with the mild winter conditions could potentially lead to dryer vegetation and wildfire fuel sources.

14. OC Elections 2026

- A. Labuga reports C. Dacus will be moving to OC Chair and OC Vice-Chair will be up for election at the May OC Meeting.
- Members are encouraged to express interest or purpose nominees ahead of the election cycle.

15. Action Items

1. Email APDA Spring Meeting flyer to OC.
2. Report back to OC results of RSGC Future Meeting Schedule vote.

16. OC Elections 2026

- OC Vice Chair elections will occur in May 2026.
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17. Adjournment & Next Meeting

- OC meeting was adjourned at 1700.

Next Meeting

MEETING TITLE:	DATE:	TIME:
Operations Committee Quarterly Meeting	Wednesday, May 6, 2026	1230-1700
LOCATION:	VIRTUAL DETAILS:	CALL-IN DETAILS:
Western Power Pool Offices: 7525 NE Ambassador Place, Suite M Portland, OR 97220	Join via Microsoft Teams: Meeting ID: 226 750 820 276 1 Passcode: KJ3Jk6qR	+1 469-998-7653 , 4902566#