

March 2025

KPP Member Appreciation Dinner - Thursday, April 24

PLEASE JOIN US IN WICHITA!

Mark your calendars for the KPP Energy Membership Appreciation Night, an annual event dedicated to honoring and thanking the KPP member cities that help power communities across Kansas. This informal and relaxed celebration will be held in conjunction with the KMU 2025 Conference on Thursday, April 24, beginning at 6 p.m. at Nortons Brewing Company, a Wichita favorite known for its vibrant atmosphere and local craft brews.

As part of KPP Energy's commitment to building strong relationships, this event highlights the important role that city staff, elected officials, and community leaders play in delivering reliable and affordable electricity across the state. Attendees can look forward to an easygoing evening of great food, refreshing drinks, and good company, with KPP Energy staff on hand to show their appreciation. Back by popular demand, Alec Lang from Capybara Caricatures will be on site once again, ready to capture your best (or funniest) features. Don't miss the chance to get your portrait drawn—and your ego gently deflated.

Registration opens in early April at www.kpp.agency. All member city representatives are encouraged to attend and enjoy an evening of gratitude and celebration. Norton's Brewing Company is located at 125 St. Francis Street in downtown Wichita.

For more information, contact Leslie Atherton at latherton@kpp.agency.

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KPP Members, Staff Bid Holloway a Fond Farewell

RETIREMENT RECEPTION HELD ON FEBRUARY 20TH

KPP Assistant General Manager of Operations Larry Holloway was celebrated by his electric utility colleagues at a retirement reception at the KPP offices on February 20th.

Larry retired at the end of February after a distinguished 16 year career at KPP. Holloway joined KPP – then Kansas Power Pool – in March of 2009, just four years after the formation of the municipal energy agency. At the time, he was only the third full-time KPP employee. At his retirement, Larry was the second longest serving KPP employee. At the reception, KPP thanked Larry for his numerous contributions to the agency and its members.



Congratulations and best wishes to Larry on his new adventure!



Eric Alexander Joins KPP Energy Staff

AGENCY'S NEW CHIEF STRATEGY OFFICER



KPP Energy is pleased to announce an important new addition to staff. Eric Alexander has joined KPP as Chief Strategy Officer (CSO), a role in which he will assist the agency in securing capacity, capitalize on energy markets, and determining strategy for the agency.

Eric has been in the energy industry since 1999 trading both physical and financial power, natural gas, and transmission products in various regional transmission organizations (RTOs) and Independent System Operators (ISOs).

He recently spent 13 years at the Grand River Dam Authority (GRDA) where he was hired to be the project manager for transitioning GRDA into the Southwest Power Pool's Integrated Marketplace (IM) in March of 2014. Once the transition was completed, Eric served several additional roles at GRDA. Most recently, Eric was

manager of generation and marketing where his division was responsible for developing and overseeing strategies for both offering GRDA's generation and load into SPP and procuring GRDA's natural gas requirements for its combined cycle resources while adhering to GRDA's overall risk policy. In this position, Eric also oversaw the GRDA Resource Adequacy Workbook and applicable resource testing, operated a 24-hour generation dispatch desk, and annually updated GRDA's Network Integrated Transmission Service (NITS).

Eric was a voting member of both the SPP Market Working Group (MWG) and Supply Adequacy Working Group (SAWG). He holds degrees in both Finance and Marketing from the University of Oklahoma.

As Chief Strategy Officer at KPP Energy, Eric will be tasked with many similar projects and initiatives for KPP and its members. In conjunction with Chief Operating Officer James Ging, Eric will oversee many of the projects previously handled by Larry Holloway prior to his retirement.

Jessica Venters Joins KPP Energy Staff

NEW KPP OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR



KPP Energy is excited to announce another great new addition to the KPP team. Jessica Venters joined KPP in January of 2025 as the agency's new Office Administrator.

In her role, she is responsible for supporting the executive team, overseeing daily office

operations, and ensuring everything runs smoothly behind the scenes. In addition to her administrative expertise and experience, Jessica brings valuable event planning experience to our team, contributing to the coordination of company events, meetings, and special projects.

Jessica's organizational skills, attention to detail, and collaborative spirit make her an integral part of KPP's continued success.



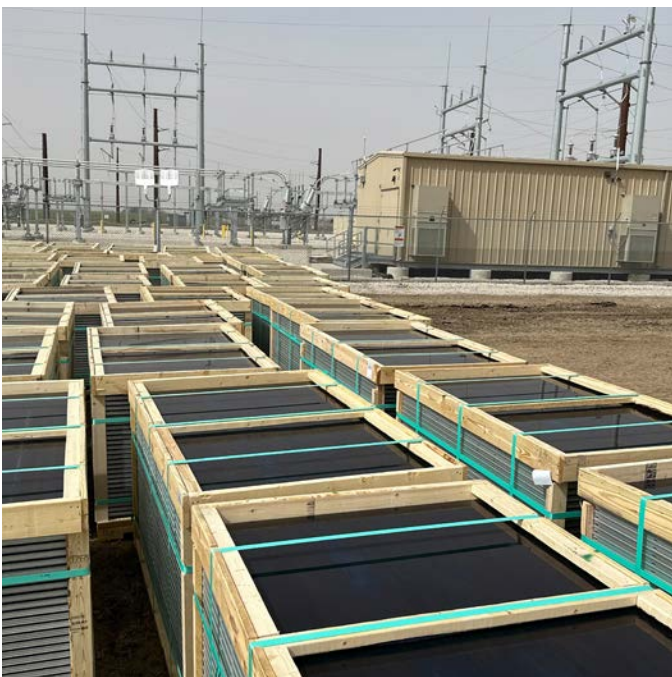
KPP PACE Solar Project Delayed by Executive Order

WORK CONTINUES ON PANEL DELIVERY & ENGINEERING

KPP continues to push forward and make progress with its Powering Affordable Clean Energy (PACE) solar project. However, the project is currently experiencing a delay in breaking ground due to a recent Trump Administration Executive Order.

On January 20, 2025, President Donald Trump issued an Executive Order (EO) on Unleashing American Energy which paused the disbursement of funds allocated through the “Inflation Reduction Act” (IRA) and the “Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act” (IIJA). The IRA and IIJA established various federal grant and loan programs for developers of green energy-related projects, including the PACE program. The EO subsequently created a delay in the final environmental assessment approval needed for the City of Winfield by the U.S. Department of Agriculture prior to breaking ground on the project.

While KPP waits for the pause on funding to be resolved, the agency continues to push forward with plans for the project.



The delivery of the First Solar Series 6 Modules to all seven KPP locations was systematically completed throughout the month of March. The deliveries kicked off on March 3rd with the City of Ellinwood receiving their solar panels. The following three weeks saw delivery of modules to Wellington (March 7), Hillsboro (March 10), Winfield (March 14), Marion (March 17), and Greensburg (March 18). The final delivery was to Clay Center on March 21st. These timely deliveries mark significant progress in the Safe Harbor Modules Initiative required by the loan program.

In parallel, Castillo Engineering has been awarded the contract to handle the engineering aspects of the project. Castillo can reach the 90% threshold needed for “Issued for Construction” (IFC) plans without the geotechnical data delayed due to the EO pause. The engineering for all seven sites will proceed concurrently. KPP has approved the comprehensive evaluation documents reviewing multiple engineering firm applicants and approved the results on March 25th, allowing Priority Power to move forward by issuing the purchase order to Castillo.



Recognizing KPP Member Lineworkers

LUNCH TO BE PROVIDED TO LINE CREWS

In 2013, the U.S. Senate designated April 18th as National Lineman Appreciation Day in recognition of the vital role line workers play in maintaining the power grid and restoring electricity during outages, often under hazardous conditions. Their work ensures that communities stay connected and powered.

In appreciation of the arduous work done by the dedicated lineworkers of KPP member communities throughout the year, KPP Energy wants to treat them to lunch. On any day in April, please take your electric line crew out for lunch and submit the expenses to Leslie (latherton@kpp.agency) for reimbursement.

KPP Energy recognizes the importance of the work done by members' line crews to ensure communities stay connected and powered and hope this small gesture reflects the deep appreciation felt for their service and sacrifice.






**APRIL
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LINE WORKER APPRECIATION DAY

**TO SHOW GRATITUDE FOR THE DEDICATED WORKERS
KEEPING MEMBERS' ELECTRIC SYSTEMS ALIVE,
KPP ENERGY IS TREATING THEM TO LUNCH!**

How It Works:

-  **When:** Any time during the month of April.
-  **What:** Take your electric line crew out for lunch.
-  **How:** Submit the expense to us for reimbursement.

The hard work and commitment of our members' line workers are truly appreciated.

Please submit expenses to Leslie (latherton@kpp.agency).

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BUDGETING BASICS & BEYOND

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BRING A COPY OF YOUR 2025 BUDGET TO
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TOPICS TO BE COVERED:

- * BUDGETING BASICS
- * UNDERSTANDING THE MILL LEVY AND REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE
- * BEST FINANCIAL POLICIES AND PRACTICES.



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KPP Members Participate in APPA Legislative Rally

KPP Energy was well represented at the recent American Public Power Association (APPA) Legislative Rally in Washington, D.C. The annual Rally is an opportunity for municipal electric system representatives from across the country to share firsthand insights with federal lawmakers and their staff.

KPP Energy President Lou Thurston and Past President Jason Newberry joined Winfield City Manager Taggart Wall and KPP CEO & General Manager Colin Hansen representing KPP at the American Public Power Association (APPA) Legislative Rally in late February.

One of the top priorities discussed during our meetings with the Kansas Congressional delegation on Capitol Hill was the impact of recent Executive Orders on federal programs and grants. KPP's PACE solar initiative was highlighted as part of that conversation. In addition, the following topics were discussed during meetings with the Congressional delegation on Capitol Hill:

- Infrastructure Funding
- Protecting Municipal Bonds
- Energy Permitting & Regulatory Reform
- Power Marketing Administration – Hydropower
- Supply Chain Disruptions
- State Revolving Funding for Water & Wastewater

Above Right: From left to right: Taggart Wall (Winfield), Brad Mears (KMU), Paul Mahlberg (KMEA), Lou Thurston (Hillsboro), Jerrin Purtee (KCBPU), Mike Muirhead (Garden City), Colin Hansen (KPP), Jeremy Ash (KCBPU), Josh Bedel (McPherson BPU), Jason Newberry (Wellington) and Amber Oetting (KCBPU)



Above: From left to right: Jason Newberry (Wellington), Mayor Lou Thurston (Hillsboro), Taggart Wall (Winfield) and Colin Hansen (KPP Energy)





JOIN US FOR
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*A THANK YOU EVENT
FOR OUR MEMBER CITIES*

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March Board Meeting Review

COLIN HANSEN, CEO / GENERAL MANAGER



The KPP Board of Directors held their regular monthly meeting on March 20, 2025 at the KPP Energy offices in Wichita. A summary of meeting highlights is provided here.

March 2025 ECA Analysis

Chief Operating Officer

(COO) James Ging walked Board members through the February 2025 ECA presentation. He noted that total costs were under budget by \$437,758. Transmission costs were below budget \$105,549; energy costs were below budget \$624,705; and capacity costs were above budget \$292,263. In terms of sales, demand was 12% above expected and energy was 1% above expected. Ultimately, this resulted in an actual ECA of negative \$0.00364 versus budgeted \$0.00462.

Financial Statements

Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Vickie Matney presented written financial statements for the period ending January 31, 2025, showing a net position before DAI of \$256,170 thus far for the year. Matney also provided information on the investment of PACE project funds to accrue 4.10% interest.

Emergency Stabilization Fund

Matney then provided a presentation on the current state of KPP Energy's Emergency Stabilization Fund (ESF). She began by detailing the establishment and purpose of the fund. According to Matney, maintaining and growing this fund requires an accounting function that defers revenues from the income statement to the balance sheet. Historically, monies are moved annually into the ESF. Matney advised that preliminarily the 2024 audit shows KPP's net position before DAI as \$10.5 million,

leaving approximately \$3.5 million to move to the ESF. The Board approved moving revenues in excess of the 1.3 debt service coverage (\$3.5 million) to the ESF for 2024.

Matney noted this would increase the cash balance of the ESF to around \$10.8 million. Board President Lou Thurston commented on the significant impact this fund has on KPP's credit ratings and cash position, and it's importance in being prepared for unexpected events.

PACE Solar Project Investment Tax Credit (ITC) Insurance

Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Colin Hansen noted that KPP had received two proposals for Investment Tax Credit insurance on the PACE project. However, neither proposal would cover loss resulting from a "Change in Law", which he views as the greatest risk KPP faces with the PACE project. General Counsel J.T. Klaus noted the quotes provided have expired but recommended gauging the Board's appetite for the insurance before obtaining refreshed quotes. The Board voted to take no action at this time.

PACE Solar Project Update

Ging provided the following updates regarding the PACE Solar Project:

- Priority Power continues to exceed expectations guiding KPP Energy through the necessary steps for the project.
- Module delivery dates were updated; delivered modules will be tarped.
- Castillo Engineering has been designated as the project engineer.
- Environmental approval for the Winfield site still has not been received.
- Many parts of the project remain on hold awaiting the expiration of the funding pause.

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March Board Meeting Review

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Walnut Energy Center

Hansen introduced the Walnut Energy Center agenda item by covering the current timeline, noting that there is a 15-business day deadline to withdraw the project from the Southwest Power Pool (SPP) Generation Interconnection (GI) queue. Hansen noted that the KPP staff recommendation is to allow the 15-day window to pass and to investigate a change in technology as well as alternative capacity options while keeping KPP's place in the queue. This will affect study costs and deposits.

Hansen noted that there was no new modeling information or data changes on Walnut Energy Center since the previous week's special board workshop. However, staff began preliminarily investigating alternative options with Walnut Energy Center as the backstop option.

Hansen praised James Ging, Eric Alexander, Mike Shook, and Vickie Matney for their extensive work on gathering information on potential options and organizing them in a meaningful fashion to present to the Board. A proposed resource plan demonstrating the potential effect of the alternative option was provided, including a rate impact comparison.

Board President Lou Thurston asked if any consideration had been given to the increase in staff time that would be required to manage an alternative approach to Walnut Energy Center. James Ging and Mike Shook advised they had not yet given a large amount of consideration to that as all alternative proposals are very much in their beginning stages. Tim Johnson suggested factoring the potential need to increase staff capacity into the alternative costs.

Chief Strategy Officer Eric Alexander explained the value that utilizing KPP-owned resources in the alternative option could bring to KPP increased generation revenue. He also noted that purchasing paper capacity is just that; it would not add energy resources to KPP.

After further discussion, President Thurston asked the Board to provide staff with direction on how to proceed with the Walnut Energy Center. Jason Newberry said he didn't think it would hurt to stay in the queue a while longer while options are further evaluated. Members agreed, and the Board voted to take no action at this time.

Executive Session

Following the lengthy Walnut Energy Center discussion, the Board moved into Executive Session to discuss an item under attorney-client privilege. The Board remained in Executive Session for ten minutes and no action was taken.

Capacity

Reconvening into regular session, a motion was made by Tim Johnson for KPP staff to negotiate for the purchase of up to 25 megawatts (MW) of paper capacity for the years 2026 through 2028. Chris Komarek seconded the motion which was passed unanimously by the full Board.

Staff Reports

The remainder of the March Board meeting was utilized for staff reports. Ging reported on many numerous initiatives and activities under the Operations Report - including a move of servers currently located in a remote location to the server room in the KPP offices. The move will save agency funds by terminating rent at the UV&S location. In their respective reports, Director of Energy Services Mike Shook and Director of Member Services Leslie Atherton reported on member outreach activities.



Generation Task Force Discusses Resource Adequacy

MIKE SHOOK, DIRECTOR OF ENERGY SERVICES



KPP Energy convened its bi-monthly Generation Task Force meeting on March 6th at KPP offices in Wichita.

Attendees, including Task Force members and guests, explored a wide range of topics. Updates were shared on KPP Energy staffing, including Larry Holloway's

recent retirement, as well as ongoing projects such as PACE Solar and Walnut Energy Center projects, SPP Resource Adequacy, and KPP Energy's future resource position.

A major point of discussion was a streamlined process for submitting daily member-owned generation offers & outages into the SPP Day Ahead Market. Donald Renz, Senior Energy Manager at Tenaska Power Services Co., joined virtually to give a tutorial on using the Tenaska Power Tools platform. He demonstrated how to submit daily offers for generating units, request outages, and use the Submission Manager Tool. He provided login instructions, highlighting the tool's potential to simplify member tasks and improve efficiency.

James Ging, Chief Operating Officer, presented on Resource Adequacy. He reviewed KPP Energy's current resource position at the Planning Reserve Margin (PRM) of 15%, while addressing future challenges as the PRM requirement rises to 16% in 2026 and 17% in 2029. He also explained the impact of new FERC accreditation metrics—EFORd (Equivalent Forced Outage Rate on Demand) and EFOF (Equivalent Forced Outage Factor)—which assess a generating unit's reliability based on historical data. These metrics could potentially reduce capacity accreditation for certain units, reducing KPP Energy's overall resource adequacy.

Mike Shook, Director of Energy Services, gave a brief update on winter weather preparation, stressing the importance of fuel assurance and readiness.

The Member Roundtable facilitated discussions on sharing generation resource information, including vendor and contractor information, through a listserv or social media group. Other topics included the Generation Repair Fund, SPP testing deadlines for 2025, and addressing issues impacting member assets. Task Force members were encouraged to assess their facilities and explore opportunities to enhance generating capacity.

The next Generation Task Force meeting is scheduled for May 22, 2025.



Moran, Marshall Introduce SWPA Legislation

BILL WOULD PROVIDE FINANCIAL SECURITY FOR SWPA CUSTOMERS LIKE KPP ENERGY

U.S. Senators Jerry Moran (R-Kan.), Roger Marshall, M.D. (R-Kan.) and Josh Hawley (R-Mo.) recently introduced legislation to help provide stable energy rates and a reliable electric grid to states in the Southwestern Power Administration (SWPA), including Kansas, Arkansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Oklahoma and Texas.

This legislation will help address the current funding process for SWPA, which has increasingly failed to provide the financial certainty necessary to ensure steady power rates to customers during drought and other extreme weather events. It would move SWPA to a “revolving fund” model where receipts from power sales would be deposited into a permanent mandatory Treasury revolving fund and retained across fiscal years to fund expenses as necessary.

Future annual discretionary appropriations would no longer be needed. This change will provide SWPA and its not-for-profit customers with funding certainty for purchase power and wheeling and other costs. APPA expects a House companion bill to be introduced by Rep. Sam Graves (R-MO) soon.

“It is critical that Kansans have access to reliable electricity at stable rates, especially during extreme and dangerous weather,” said Sen. Moran. “This legislation will provide funding stability that will allow energy providers to make needed infrastructure improvements and prevent Kansans from suffering mass power outages.”

“Kansans – especially our farmers and ranchers – need reliable and affordable power,” said Sen. Marshall. “Consumers have suffered from high energy costs for too long, and this bill will help deliver stable and affordable power while improving our power grid

infrastructure. I am proud to stand with Senators Jerry Moran and Josh Hawley in supporting this important legislation.”

“The American Public Power Association applauds the introduction of the Southwestern Power Fund Establishment Act. Since 1943, not-for-profit public power utilities and rural electric cooperatives have successfully partnered with the Southwestern Power Administration (SWPA) to bring reliable hydropower produced at Army Corps dams to millions of customers in Arkansas, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas.

While SWPA customers pay all costs of generating and transmitting the electricity in their power rates, a complicated funding process has increasingly failed to provide the financial certainty necessary to steady power rates to customers during drought and extreme weather events. The Southwestern Power Fund Establishment Act would streamline this process in a manner that would help avoid rate spikes and economic hardship for communities served by public power utilities and rural electric cooperatives while continuing to ensure that SWPA customers pay all costs associated with generating and transmitting hydropower produced at Corps dams. It is a win-win for the federal government and communities served by not-for-profit electric utilities.”



Senator Moran Introduces Two Bills of Interest to KPP

Credit Incentives for Resilient Critical Utility Infrastructure and Transformers (CIRCUIT) Act

U.S. Senators Jerry Moran (R-Kan.) and Catherine Cortez Masto (D-Nev.) introduced the Credit Incentives for Resilient Critical Utility Infrastructure and Transformers (CIRCUIT) Act to encourage the production of electric distribution transformers.

The U.S. is in the midst of unprecedented demand for power transformers, which has left the energy sector uncertain about the stability of the future grid. Current production is unable to keep up with demand from new housing, data centers and more. This legislation would expand the Advanced Manufacturing Production Credit (45X) to include distribution transformers to bolster the domestic energy economy.

“Demand for energy and power is continuing to grow in Kansas and across the country as housing, businesses and transportation needs expand,” said Sen. Moran. “Creating a tax credit to incentivize domestic production and manufacturing of distribution transformers will help the United States move closer to energy independence, provide jobs and keep up with rising demands.”

“For years, public power utilities across the country have faced a severe and ongoing shortage of distribution transformers,” said Scott Corwin, President & CEO, American Public Power Association. “This critical shortage threatens grid reliability, delays storm recovery, and dampens economic development. The American Public Power Association applauds Senators Moran and Cortez Masto for introducing the CIRCUIT Act to incentivize domestic manufacturing of distribution transformers, and we urge its swift enactment.”

“We thank Sens. Moran and Cortez Masto for introducing this legislation, which is critical to strengthening the domestic energy economy and assisting co-ops in their

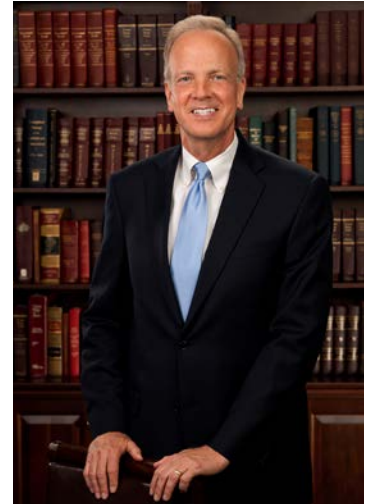
mission to provide safe, reliable and affordable power to their members,” said Jim Matheson, CEO of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association.

Financing Our Energy Future Act

U.S. Senators Jerry Moran (R-Kan.) and Chris Coons (D-Del.) also reintroduced the Financing Our Energy Future Act, which expands certain financing tools to all types of energy resources and infrastructure projects. The legislation would allow renewable energy resources and infrastructure projects to form as master limited partnerships (MLPs), a tax structure currently only available to traditional energy projects. Newly eligible energy sources would include advanced nuclear, sustainable aviation fuel (SAF), hydrogen, biodiesel, biomass, carbon capture and more.

“Being energy independent requires an all-of-the-above approach to energy production,” said Sen. Moran. “Emerging renewable energy companies currently do not have access to a number of tax incentives available to other energy companies. Expanding these incentives to more companies will increase U.S. energy production, spur innovation and help reduce prices for consumers.”

The senators are joined in introducing this legislation by U.S. Senator Roger Marshall. In addition, Sens. Susan Collins (R-Maine), John Barrasso (R-Wyo.), John Cornyn (R-Texas), Angus King (I-Maine), John Curtis (R-Utah), Kevin Cramer (R-N.D.), Pete Ricketts (R-Neb.) and Mark Warner (D-Va.) also joined in introducing the bill.



Southwest Power Pool Could Need \$263B Generation Investment by 2050

NEW STUDY BY BRATTLE GROUP DETAILS NEW CAPACITY LIKELY TO BE NEEDED

The Southwest Power Pool (SPP) will need \$88 billion to \$263 billion in new generation by 2050, but should be able to make the investments in a “cost-effective and affordable fashion,” according to a recent report from The Brattle Group.

The Southwest Power Pool could need up to \$263 billion in generation investments to support load growth through 2050 — but despite the sizeable investment, should still be able to maintain resource adequacy “in a cost-effective and affordable fashion,” The Brattle Group concluded in a report presented to SPP stakeholders. The Future Energy & Resource Needs Study (FERNS) is SPP’s effort to assess how energy supply costs and resiliency efforts may change over the next quarter century.

By 2050, SPP will need 20 GW to 48 GW of new wind generation and 42 GW to 130 GW of new solar generation. As solar generation expands, 22 GW to 59 GW of battery storage “is projected to be cost effective (and often co-located) to maintain resource adequacy,” the report said.

“This is possible without significant rate increases (in inflation-adjusted terms) due to load growth and fuel cost savings, especially if federal tax credits (or similar renewable generation support) remain available,” the report said.

The analysis found a projected \$88 billion to \$263 billion of generation investments will be required, depending on load growth scenarios and the mix of generation and energy storage additions. Fossil fuel-based generation will need to be retained or replaced in order to affordably maintain reliability, the report said.

SPP generated 47% of its electricity from carbon-free resources in 2024, according to Brattle, and could hit 70% to 90% renewables by 2050, the firm said. There will still be a place for fossil fuel generation, however.

“Conventional generation is expected to continue to serve a large share of SPP’s resource adequacy needs, representing 40–60% of the region’s accredited capacity,” Brattle concluded in a presentation of its findings. “This is a function of technology costs, natural gas prices, and the availability of tax credits (or similar policies).”

Brattle’s analysis also found that SPP’s resource adequacy challenges will evolve over time, to become more frequent during winter months and in early evening hours after sunset. “This implies that winter planning reserve margins will need to be significantly higher than summer reserve margins, due to low solar capacity values and high temperature-correlated fossil outages in the winter,” the report concluded.



WIND



SOLAR



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Hansen Participates in NERC Reliability Summit

SUMMIT FOCUSED ON EMERGING THREATS TO RELIABILITY OF U.S & CANADA ELECTRIC GRID

Industry experts, state and federal regulators, and leaders from the United States and Canada gathered in Washington, D.C., in early March for the Reliability Leadership Summit, which takes place every two years and is co-hosted by NERC and the Reliability Issues Steering Committee (RISC).

KPP Energy CEO & General Manager Colin Hansen is a member of the NERC RISC as well as serving as a new member of the NERC Member Representatives Committee (MRC).

The day-long Summit focused on emerging reliability issues and their impacts on the reliable operation of the bulk power system. Feedback and observations from the event will be incorporated into an ERO Reliability Risk Priorities Report that informs NERC's work plan on key priorities.

Humayun Tai, senior partner, McKinsey & Company, and his team provided a lunchtime keynote, reviewing the trends and status of industry investments and indicated that 2025 is an inflection year for industry. Several key areas that require further consideration were identified, including: infrastructure permitting, the need for investment in new resources, addressing customer costs, and deploying efficiencies in transmission and distribution (including deployment of new grid-enhancing technologies)—all focused on increasing confidence in the grid's capability to serve existing and new demand.

Four panels featured subject matter experts with perspectives on the inherent and trending risks affecting bulk power system (BPS) reliability. Several consistent

themes arose throughout the panel discussions, including (but not limited to):

- Greater alignment and coordination among federal, state, and provincial policymakers including the development of policy frameworks that will encourage resilience
- Reform of permitting processes to support load growth at the local level
- Focus on enhanced design, supply chain integrity, system operations, and staffing and training
- Identification of opportunities to support grid resilience by leveraging large loads and distributed energy resources
- Continued attention on gas-electric coordination

Jim Robb, NERC president and CEO, closed the Summit by reflecting on industry's positive performance during recent significant cold weather events while also emphasizing that gas-electric coordination is still paramount. Robb also emphasized the value of diversification and the need to be cognizant of risks in any specific fuel type or asset as well as, exacerbating common mode or condition failures. Feedback and observations from the event will be shared in a RISC report, expected to be published in August, that informs NERC's work plan on key priorities for the coming years.



Event Calender

DATES TO REMEMBER

APRIL 7, 2025

Financial Training

APRIL 17, 2025

KPP Board Meeting

APRIL 18, 2025

National Lineman
Appreciation Day

APRIL 23-25, 2025

KMU 2025 Conference

APRIL 24, 2025

KPP Member
Appreciation Event

MAY 15, 2025

KPP Board Meeting

JUNE 6 - 11, 2025

APPA National Conference
New Orleans, Louisiana

JUNE 19, 2025

KPP Board Meeting

JULY 24, 2025

KPP Board Meeting

KPP Resources by Fuel Source

FEBRUARY 2025

