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Good Afternoon. My name is Bruce Rew and I am Vice President of Operations for Southwest Power Pool (SPP). SPP is unique when later this year we will be serving as a Reliability Coordinator (RC) in both the Eastern and Western Interconnections. SPP has been serving as an RC in the Eastern Interconnection since 1997. SPP began to offer RC services with a regional non-firm tariff and has expanded over the years to include firm transmission service, an energy imbalance market and our current Integrated Marketplace or day 2 market. Our geographic service territory has expanded as well from seven to fourteen Midwestern states during the last ten years.

Fourteen entities in the Western Interconnection have recently contracted SPP to begin providing RC services on December 3 of this year. We also have two DC Ties connecting us with ERCOT and coordinate with their RC. SPP provides comments today based on our long-term operational experience in the eastern interconnection and on our preparation over the past year to begin to provide RC services in the west.

SPP's experience has shown that communications and data sharing are key to successful coordination with neighboring RC's. Communications starts with identifying the operational characteristics impacting both RC areas. This leads to RC to RC coordination agreements or plans, Joint Operating Agreements or other arrangements that provide for direction in real-time operations. Data sharing and establishing the mechanism for this to occur efficiently is critical. Real-time information identifies not only impacts on our system, but allows us to see the conditions our neighboring RC's are experiencing, which, in turn, allows SPP to assist as appropriate.

Our neighbors are very diverse and include RTO's with operating day 2 markets and market based congestion management practices, an RC that monitors a single Balancing Authority, an RC that covers multiple Balancing Authorities with no organized market, and RC's connected only through DC ties. Understanding the distinctive operation of each neighboring RC allows us to establish a framework for coordinating congestion between two or more RC's. While we see each reliability coordinator seem that we have as being unique, the fundamentals of working together to keep the lights remains the same. I look forward to sharing our RC experiences with you today.