

SPP

Projected Total Internal Demand	28,375 MW
Interruptible Demand & DSM	923 MW
Projected Net Internal Demand	27,452 MW
Last Winter's Peak Demand	27,759 MW
% Change	2.2%
All-Time Winter Peak Demand	25,565 MW
Net Operable Capacity & IPPs	42,435 MW
Projected Purchases	1,248 MW
Projected Sales	1,595 MW
Net Capacity Resources	42,088 MW
% Capacity Margin	34.8%

This winter's forecasted net internal demand is projected to be 27,452 MW, which is 2.8% above last winter's 26,707 MW. Last winter was warmer than normal and the new forecast is based on normal weather for the winter season. This forecast includes the effects of interruptible demand and demand management capabilities. SPP is a summer peaking system and the winter peaks are normally substantially less than summer.

No significant generating unit additions will be made in the Region during the 2000/2001 winter. Several unit additions are under construction within the Region but will not be commercial until later in 2001. Generation maintenance schedules show relatively little unavailable capacity throughout the winter. Capacity margin is scheduled to be 34.8%, which is above the 12.0% minimum criteria for the Region.

SPP's water levels for hydro generation are at or near all-time lows entering the winter period. The National Weather Service is predicting normal or above normal precipitation for the winter season. Hydro capacity is currently expected to be available during peak periods in the winter season. Fuel supply deliveries throughout the winter are also expected to be normal.

No regionally significant transmission system additions will be made in SPP during the upcoming winter season. Studies show little variation in Regional and subregional transfer capabilities from season to season, and these capabilities remain adequate to handle planned transactions. SPP has found many of its north-to-south interfaces restricted during periods of generation or transmission maintenance, which limit the ability of control areas, located in the southern part of SPP, to import power. Adequate internal resources exist should transmission imports be limited during the winter period.

SPP units performed very well during the summer of 2000. SPP experienced record heat in much of the Region and the generation and transmission systems handled the extreme heat with no major problems.