



## VPP Power Generation Call

Meeting Minutes

February 18, 2021

1. Welcome by Kelli Heflin
  - a. Beginning of this group's second year. Thank you to all who participate and support this endeavor.
2. Safety Moment - Brian Ahern, Casco Bay
  - a. 2-minute drill at worksite location to account for changing conditions/unexpected conditions.
  - b. Compliments, but does not replace Pre-Job Briefing
  - c. Example in slide deck.
3. VPP Updates – Congratulations to the new VPP Star Sites and to those who have submitted their VPP applications. It is very exciting to see this industry expand its participation in VPP!
4. Main Presentation Topic – Safety Management Systems
  - a. Dave Smith, Wheelabrator Technologies
5. Group Discussion - Executive Order Protecting Health

- a. OSHA issued guidance on January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021
    - i. <https://www.osha.gov/coronavirus/safework>
  - b. Potentially a National COVID 19 Standard by March.
    - i. Possible that national standard will closely resemble Virginia state standard.
      - 1. <https://www.doli.virginia.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Final-Standard-for-Infectious-Disease-Prevention-of-the-Virus-That-Causes-COVID-19-16-VAC25-220-1.27.2021.pdf>
    - ii. For sites implementing current standard practices and recommendations, no significant changes are expected.
6. Participation Opportunities
- a. Newsletter
    - i. Oak Grove Power Plant Example
    - ii. Other examples to share for creating one for this group?
  - b. Planning Committee
    - i. Call planning and development
    - ii. Meeting March 18<sup>th</sup> at 1400ET
  - c. VPPPA Conference Presentation
    - i. Waiting for approval of presentation proposal
7. VPPPA Conferences
- a. “Next Level Safety 2021”
    - i. Virtual Conference
    - ii. April 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021
    - iii. <https://web.cvent.com/event/d4490f2b-6218-43b5-a494-dcad09b52e52/websitePage:645d57e4-75eb-4769-b2c0-f201a0bfc6ce>
  - b. VPPPA National Conference
    - i. Nashville, TN
    - ii. August 31<sup>st</sup> – September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021

8. Open Discussion
  - a. Welcome Jerry Thompson from NuStar Energy. He is interested in starting a VPP working group in his industry.
  - b. Suggested topics for future call
    - i. Remote training challenges
    - ii. Use of online VPP application
9. Need volunteers for the following committees:
  - a. Newsletter
  - b. Planning
  - c. VPPPA Conference Presentation
10. Group resources
  - a. Currently developing a website for participants
  - b. Link to message board
    - i. <https://powergenerationvpp.freeforums.net/>
    - ii. It's a private board and you do have to register—Kelli will approve as soon as she gets notice
11. Next call May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021

### **2021 Meeting Schedule**

12. February 18 <sup>th</sup>	May 20 <sup>th</sup>
13. August 19 <sup>th</sup>	November 18 <sup>th</sup>