

Transmission Vegetation Management Standard Drafting Team

October 4, 2007 — 8 a.m.–5 p.m.
October 5, 2007 — 8 a.m.–noon

Concourse Hotel at Columbus Airport
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Meeting Notes

1) Administrative

a) Attendees —

Richard Dearman	Ron Adams	Tom Anderson
Paul Beaulieu	Steve C (on phone 10/4)	Randy Gann
Steve Genua	Ed Mennella	Dave Morrell (on phone 10/5)
John Pinney	John Schechter	John Tamsberg
Ron Turley (on phone 10/4)	Gary White	Ken Wright
Ellen Oswald (10/4)	Harry Tom.	

2) Review Antitrust Guidelines — Harry Tom

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3) Review Meeting Agenda, Objectives and Finalize the following — Richard Dearman

a) Violation Severity Levels:

The SDT discussed at length the technical rationale for assignment of VSLs to accomplish the intent of the requirements. Each requirement was evaluated and assessed to determine its technical significance. The severity of non-compliance was debated and consensus was reached on all of the requirements.

b) Technical White Paper:

The SDT decided to reorganize the sections of the technical white paper to more or less parallel the standard. The SDT also decided to add the following topics to the white paper:

- TVMP background/rationale, Inspection schedules, training/qualifications, Communications plans, Mitigation plans — John Tamsberg – lead, Ed Mennella, Mike Neal, and Ron Adams
- Annual work plan (does it support the overall TVMP? Methods, span by span or line by line, spreadsheet, examples of annual plans?) — Randy Gann – lead, Steve Genua, Gary White
- R4: Outage classification — clarification on duration of sustained/forced/planned outage, violation? — Paul Beaulieu – lead and John Tamsberg

The sub team committed to work on the sections each were assigned and have a conference call on Wednesday October 10, 2007 — 3 p.m. to finalize.

c) Federal/Non Federal Lands issues:

Steve Cieslewicz proposed an outline.

d) A draft of the standard revision was finished.

4) Cross checked Draft Standard against SAR — Richard Dearman and team.

5) Revised the Date, Time and Details for next meeting in Phoenix — Mike Neal, Richard Dearman and team. The new dates are December 11–13, 2007 in Phoenix, AR.

6) Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned at noon on October 5, 2007.