



NORTH AMERICAN ELECTRIC RELIABILITY COUNCIL

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Critical Infrastructure Protection Committee Meeting

September 29–30, 2005
Denver, Colorado

Highlights

Presentations

Presentations made during the meeting are available as specified by the authors.

Actions by Motion

1. September 29–30, 2005 meeting agenda approved.
2. June 9, 2005 meeting minutes approved.
3. Change name of the Standards and Guidelines Working Group to Security Guidelines Working Group approved.
4. Security guideline process flow as amended approved.
5. Security Guideline: Physical Response as revised approved by the Critical Infrastructure Protection Committee (CIPC).
6. Commendation to Larry Bugh for his excellent work with the committee as vice chair through 2005.
7. Acceptance of the NERC Spare Equipment Database 2005 Exercise Report with limited distribution approved.
8. Spare Equipment Database Procedures approved.
9. Crisis Response Task Force scope proposal approved.
10. Recommend to the NERC Board of Trustees the following amendment to the committee scope approved:

In addition, the CIPC Executive Committee includes, as non-voting participants, named representatives from American Public Power Association, Canadian Electricity Association, Edison Electric Institute, and National Rural Electric Cooperative Association.

Follow-up Action Items

1. CIPC members should review Chairman Stuart Brindley's draft letter to the NERC regional managers and associations regarding committee membership renewal and provide comments to Mr. Brindley by October 6, 2005.
2. CIPC working group and task force chairs are requested to canvas their rosters for continued interest in the work plans and commitment to contribute.
3. Those considering participation in the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Cyber Storm exercise are requested to contact Lou Leffler as soon as possible.

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4. Those interested in participation on the DHS Process Control Systems Forum Crisis Management Interest Group are requested to contact Lou Leffler.

Committee Chairman and Vice Chairmen Elections

In accordance with NERC procedures, the committee officers for the two-year period commencing January 1, 2006 will be:

CIPC Chair: Stuart Brindley

CIPC Vice Chair: Patrick Laird

CIPC Vice Chair: Barry Lawson

Communications

The Homeland Security Information Network (HSIN) development proceeds regarding confidentiality including the Protected Critical Infrastructure Information (PCII) program, user authentication, and portal features. Advantages of HSIN include inter-sector and inter-agency coordination and additional communications tools. PCII briefing materials are available at <<http://www.dhs.gov/pcii>>. Training will be developed and deployed subsequent to approval to implement HSIN.

The Critical infrastructure Warning Information Network (CWIN) is being deployed to the NERC reliability coordinators. A memorandum of understanding, training, and testing for this reliable communications system will be provided.

Threat Materials

Mike Peters, U.S. Department of Defense, distributed three manuals and three compact discs that address the threat environment. NERC will further distribute these to the regional managers. All materials are to be treated as *For Official Use Only* and should be shared with those involved in the Electricity Sector with a "valid need to know." Recipients are encouraged to comment on the value of these materials to Hank Kenchington, U.S. Department of Energy, or Paul Carrier, DHS.

NERC President and CEO Address

Rick Sergel, NERC president and chief executive officer, addressed CIPC stressing the continuing importance of physical and cyber security and safety and the value to the Electricity Sector of the subject matter expertise available through CIPC.

Electric Reliability Organization (ERO)

Gerry Cauley presented the current development status of the ERO. Refer to the publically available presentation that describes the North American government and electricity sector involvement, membership, funding, regional delegation, sanctions and penalties, key issues, and timetable. Refer to paragraphs 62, 63, and 71 in the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Notice of Public Rulemaking regarding confidentiality.

Crisis Response Task Force

The task force will engage with other NERC committees.

CIPC Executive Committee

In order to help assure continued active awareness of executive committee activities including participation with the Electricity Sector Coordinating Council, a CIPC scope amendment (refer to motion-10 above) will be presented to the NERC board for approval.

Indications, Analysis and Warning Program

The program standard operating procedure was balloted by CIPC via e-mail and approved on September 1, 2005 by a vote of 24 yes, 1 no. The major program revision is under development and is expected to be before the CIPC for consideration at the March 2006 meeting.

Cyber Security Standard

The standard drafting team expects to post the standard package CIP-002-009 in January 2006. The Registered Ballot Body will conduct the ballot in February 2006. If approved, the NERC board will be requested to adopt the standard at its May 2006 meeting for implementation in accordance with the plan beginning in June 2006.

Critical Spares

Summary by Ken Hall, Edison Electric Institute (EEI), of EEI's Spare Transformer Equipment Program (STEP). NERC is participating.

Outreach

Outreach to the Electricity Sector will include the new cyber security standard, new security guidelines, and the Homeland Security Information Network. The Outreach Working Group is developing a train-the-trainer approach; support from the committee is needed.