

Functional Model Working Group

September 26, 2007 —1 p.m.–5 p.m. EDT
WebEx and Conference Call

Meeting Agenda

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1. Administration

- a. Introductions
- b. NERC Antitrust Compliance Guidelines

2. Discussion of GO and GOP responsibilities — Discussion requested by Tom Bradish of Reliant.

3. Follow up on Action Items from previous meeting

Action Items: Mr. Cyrulewski to update group on IS Request from Tom Vandervort regarding the Interchange Authority.

The IS will seek clarification from the Functional Model Working Group and request the FMWG to post a clear and unambiguous “Interchange Authority” description, specific responsibilities, and a determination whether the interchange authority is an entity or a function.

4. Commenting on NERC SARs / Standards

5. Functional Model Working Group Version 4 — continue work from previous meeting

- a. Revise Pages 1–12 addressing those concerns listed in the December 21, 2006 letter from the Operating Committee and in the Version 3 mark up by Gerry Cauley that reflect Standards Committee members concerns.
- b. Review Pages 13–53 addressing those concerns listed in the December 21, 2006 letter from the Operating Committee and concerns raised by Standards Drafting Teams
- c. Revise Page 54 addressing review and approval process for subsequent versions of the Functional Model starting with Version 4
- d. Revise Technical Document to conform with tenor of Pages 1–12.

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- e. Review recent FERC Orders that mention Functional Model and address any suggestions.

6. Proposed Additions to Scope of Work (see below)

7. Schedule future meeting —

October 17, 2007 — 1–5 p.m.

October 18, 2007 — 8 a.m.–5 p.m.

8. Adjourn

Proposed Additions to Scope of Work (from NERC Staff)

1. One of the new functions we need to consider including is that of Curtailment Service Provider, which aggregates portions of customer load to bid into various capacity and ancillary service markets. One entity that is currently performing this function is EnerNOC.
2. There is a need to resolve the issue of identifying entities that perform reliability-related tasks under the direction of a reliability coordinator. These entities are typically transmission owners who work under delegation agreements. Right now these folks fall under the radar for compliance with requirements for system operator training & certification, and requirements to have facilities for monitoring, communication and control of a local transmission area.
3. There is also a need to resolve the issue of the Planning Coordinator. FERC seems to want to require that to the extent possible, we write standards that require the use of almost identical assumptions, models, etc in conducting planning and operating studies. The latest version of the Functional Model does not have any restrictions on the size of the service area addressed by a Planning Coordinator - thus the PC can have a service area that is very small or very large - and there are no longer any requirements for every facility to be in the service area of just one PC and just one Transmission Planner - which means that if NERC asks for all the long-range plans from all the PCs in North America - the plans will have some overlaps where more than one PC has planned to use the same facility or facilities. Some debate on the service area of PCs would be a great help - and if the PC's service area matched exactly the service area of a Reliability Coordinator, then it would be much easier to move forward and require that the PC and RC share models with the same assumptions, etc.
4. There is another FM issue that arose in the backup facilities group and it concerns Transmission Owners. Apparently there are some TO's that operate control centers that while usually small in size could potentially have impact on the reliability of the Bulk Electric System. These TO's are not registering as TOPs. Therefore, items that apply to TOPs are not being applied to these control centers, e.g., backup facilities. Some people feel this is a problem with the registration process while others feel it is a shortcoming in the FM. In the initial SAR for BFSDT, we tried to raise this point by applying the SAR to TO as well as TOP. Industry comments clearly indicated that people felt that this was incorrect. The general tone of the comments was that NERC should make the offending entities register as TOP as well as TO and then the standard would apply to TOP only and be correct, i.e., problem solved. However, as best as I can tell: (1) we can't force someone to register one way or the other and (2) we don't necessarily know who the bad guys are anyway. Therefore it seems that we need to handle this situation within the FM so that we can correctly address the applicability issues.
5. See "Rev to TP Relationships.doc"

6. There seems to be a missing entity. If you look at the model, it tends to focus on "planning" and "operations." However, we think there needs to be an area between those two, where someone bridges the gap. The ATCT discovered this problem when we were trying to use the model to determine the responsibilities for determining ATC and TTC. The Transmission Planner and Planning Coordinator are generally responsible for 1+ years out, and the RC seems to cover this in real-time, but no one seems to really be on the hook from next-hour to 1 year. Based on this, the team suggested the creation of an "Operations Planning" function and an "Operations Planner" entity. This entity would be tasked with managing that gap between time frames (load forecasting, ATC updates, outage coordination, etc...). Their role would essentially be that of the Transmission Planner, Resource Planner, and maybe even Planning Coordinator all rolled into one, but with only the short- and medium-term time frames. I talked to Don Benjamin about this a bit, and he pointed out that the current "Reliability Concepts" paper (http://www.nerc.com/~members/reliability_concepts/concepts_v4_d11_comment.doc) covers this in some more detail. If you look at page 31, you can see the area between "Real time" and "planning" that is described as "Operations Planning." This is the area the Drafting Team thinks needs to get covered.