

Meeting Notes Regional Reliability Standards Working Group

January 29, 2008 | 1–5 p.m.
January 30, 2008 | 8 a.m.–noon
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Administrative

1. **Arrangements and Safety Message**
2. **Introductions and Attendance**

David Taylor welcomed the Regional Reliability Standards Working Group (RRSWG) members and guests (see NERC RRSWG Roster — **Attachment 2**) and introduced NERC's new Manager of Regional Standards, Stephanie Monzon.

Larry Brusseau — Midwest Reliability Organization
Patrick Huntley — SERC Reliability Corporation
Robert (Bob) Millard — ReliabilityFirst Corporation
Mak Nagle — Southwest Power Pool
John E. Odom — Florida Reliability Coordinating Council
Farzaneh Tafreshi — Texas Regional Entity
Kenneth Wilson — Western Electricity Coordinating Council
Guy V. Zito — Northeast Power Coordinating Council, Inc.
Lee Pedowicz — Northeast Power Coordinating Council, Inc.
David Taylor — North American Electric Reliability Corporation
Stephanie Monzon — North American Electric Reliability Corporation

Each team member was asked to verify the information on the RRSWG roster and notify Stephanie Monzon via e-mail of any corrections that should be made.

Several members of the TRE Standards Committee attended the RRSWG meeting.

3. **NERC Antitrust Compliance Guidelines**

David Taylor reviewed the NERC Antitrust Compliance Guidelines provided in **Attachment 3**. It is NERC's policy and practice to obey the antitrust laws and to avoid all conduct that unreasonably restrains competition. This policy requires the

avoidance of any conduct that violates, or that might appear to violate, the antitrust laws. Among other things, the antitrust laws forbid any agreement between or among competitors regarding prices, availability of service, product design, terms of sale, division of markets, allocation of customers or any other activity that unreasonably restrains competition. It is the responsibility of every NERC participant and employee who may in any way affect NERC's compliance with the antitrust laws to carry out this commitment.

4. Meeting Notes

Stephanie Monzon took notes for the RRSWG meeting.

RRSWG Issues

5. Action Items

David Taylor reviewed the list of outstanding action items and confirmed assignments.

Action Items	Status:	Assigned To:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Each region to provide a catalog listing of regional reliability criteria. 	<p>Remains Open —</p> <p>MRO, TRE, and FRCC yet to provide</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> WECC is still developing their criteria John Odom: FRCC has their handbook on their website and was posted in January 14, 2008. John to send Stephanie a link to criteria MRO, TRE are still developing their criteria 	All members of the RRSWG
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Write a scope and rough draft on why we need regional standards BAL: Bob and Tony Disturbance monitoring: Pat Huntley UFLS: John Odom 	<p>Remains Open</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> John Odom has not completed the justification for the UFLS standard. John indicated that their UFLS standard is on version 6 and will soon be posted for comment. The justification will be needed to submit to NERC. Pat Huntley — the justification has not been completed because it may become a continent wide standard 	Bob Millard, Tony Jablonski, Pat Huntley, and John Odom
Need clarification on how to utilize the regional variance process for circumstances that TRE/ERCOT pointed out		Stephanie Monzon and Dave Taylor
Report back to the group on the status of the Web site.		Stephanie Monzon
NERC solicited topics to address at the standards		All Regions

Action Items	Status:	Assigned To:
workshop		
NERC to investigate rolling out a Web site sandbox before placing the Web site into production		Stephanie Monzon to follow up with Julia Souder
Create a 2008 RRSWG schedule and distribute		Stephanie Monzon
Update the NERC Web site to indicate that the regional criteria will be developed in 2008		Stephanie Monzon

- The four standards that the RRSWG determined to be developed by the regions are: UFLS, DM, SPS, and Operating Reserves.
- Dave Taylor requested a statement that justifies the need for UFLS and DM since the work is underway.
- The regions will not develop a regional standard for disturbance monitoring.
- UFLS: the continent wide standard development is in drafting phase. The regions should look to comment to the standard when it is posted to frame the development of the regional standard.
- Larry Brusseau — the sanction guidelines approved by FERC trump the NERC guidelines. Dave confirmed this.
- There was discussion regarding the penalty calculator, more specifically, any additional clarity that could be given regarding the status.
- The group brought up an issue regarding NERC’s regional standards evaluation process. The Regional Standards Procedures have been filed with FERC as part of the Delegation agreements.
 - The regions do not have the latitude to change how and what we put in a Regional Standard, including formatting and new compliance related attributes. Dave Taylor opined that NERC would not accept the standard unless the latest attributes such as VFR, VSL, and time horizons were all included.
 - Until revised delegation agreements are accepted by FERC, allowing the regions to utilize NERC's most recent template and attributes, the regions are bound by statutory requirements of the ruling to submit what was approved by the FERC.

- Others suggested the standards that NERC would not accept due to "missing" newly adopted attributes that may not be part of their approved procedures, would submit them directly to FERC.

6. Regional Difference or a Regional Variance?

- The group discussed whether there is a distinction between regional difference and regional variance; however, determined that they are interchangeable with no significant difference.

The group discussed what type of information NERC Drafting Teams are usually looking for in order to consider a request for a regional variance.

- Steve Meyers discussed the inconsistency (and interchangeable) use of the two terms. Variance definition: an adjustment to the standard but not an exception

7. Document Control (Controlled vs. Uncontrolled)

Guy Zito led a discussion on documentation control relative to regional standards development.

- This issue was brought up at the NERC standards committee. This is a process related issue — how do we find the latest and greatest? There is an action item with Julia Souder to address the issue with NERC council (to create a statement to post at the bottom of documents).

8. Inter-Regional participation in Regional Standards development

Guy Zito led a discussion on inter-regional participation in regional standards development.

- Guy recognizes the various stages of the regions are in development of standards. NPCC invites eastern interconnection members to join NPCC (in a segment). This promotes inter-regional collaboration and review of standards being developed by other regions.
- This issue also in the broader sense (legal) should be taken to Dave Cook. This situation is a similar to rate cases in the utilities.

9. NERC Database of Requirement by Entity Type

Guy Zito led a discussion on the NERC database of requirements by entity type.

Adjourned for this first day.

Standing Agenda Items

10. Regional Reliability Standards Development Projects

David Taylor asked each region to confirm the information posted for their region on the NERC Regional Reliability Standards Under Development Web page. Each

region was asked to provide the group with an update of the active standards development projects in its region.

- Dave Taylor off-roads from the agenda to discuss VSLs. Dave solicited feedback from the stakeholders to understand the concerns. Concerns (from NPCC) include changing the VSL's within the 7 approved (changing the good/approved VSL's) might alter approval in the future.
- There are double jeopardy issues (sub requirement violations and parent requirement violations).
- Another issue is with measuring compliance with sub-requirements: the VSL team has introduced requirements in order to measure requirements.
- NPCC suggested that the Regional Managers should coordinate on responses and comments to NOPRs and other FERC orders. Suggestion is to take this to Dave Nievius.
- Dave also brought up the issue with ERCOT submitting a request for a regional variance to the TLR standard.
- Discussion of topics for the next NERC Standards Workshop:
 - Double jeopardy within the standards (perhaps eliminating redundancy in the standards)
 - VSL's/VRF's and the relationship between them
 - Add a compliance item on the agenda
 - Discussion on CIP FERC Order and how NERC intends to respond
 - Discussion on the FAC order
 - Add a standing item to address any orders since last workshop
 - Discussion on FERC/NERC roles and responsibilities
 - Address the questions brought up at the Alb. meeting
 - Place the process overview early on the agenda so that people who do not need to hear this won't (since it was covered at the last meeting)
 - Cover TPL
 - Since there are many items to cover perhaps consider having break out sessions (the standards projects)

Back to the agenda:

- NPCC will be developing their first standard on BES criteria/classification.
- Pat – will send Stephanie revised links to their updated documentation

Review of the web site:

- Stephanie will have Lauren check out the links and follow up with the Regions
- ATEC standard is intended to go to BOT

11. RRSWG Review of Recent Standard Postings

The group discussed any posted standards for “fill-in-the-blank” characteristics and regional impacts:

- Project 2006-03 — System Restoration and Blackstart — The second draft of *EOP-005-2 — System Restoration and Blackstart Resources — Operations* and *EOP-006-2 — System Restoration and Blackstart Resources — Coordination* have been posted for a 30-day comment period from January 7 through February 5, 2008. Assigned to MRO for review prior to meeting (see **Attachment 11**).
- None in EOP 5, 6 (Larry).

12. David Taylor asked each region to search for additional candidates for the following drafting teams:

Meeting(s) Where Team Appointed	Project	Vacant Appointments
SC June 2007, SC July 2007	Project 2006-06 Reliability Coordination SDT	SPP
SC Aug. 2007	Project 2007-12 Frequency Response SDT	FRCC and TDU
SC Aug. 2007, Oct. 2007	Project 2007-23 VSL DT	FRCC, RTO/ISO, LSE, Gen, BAM, RRO/RE
SC April 2007, Oct. 2007	Project 2007-01 UFLS SDT	Small LSE or DP, FRCC
SC Oct. 2007	Project 2007-06 System Protection Coordination	FRCC and MRO Gen, RC & Planning Coordinator experience
SC Dec. 2007	Project 2007-18 Reliability-Based Controls SDT	FRCC
SC Jan. 2008	Project 2007-05 Balancing Authority Control Standard Drafting Team	FRCC

13. Other

- Status of NERC “Knowledge Base” for dealing with industry questions on standards
- Discussion regarding regions' internal activities in linking the regional criteria and the NERC standards
- Suggestion that any regional standard posting (for comment, pre-ballot and ballot) be sent to regionalstandards@nerc.com and the RRSWG_plus e-mail address. In this way, the regional reps have the opportunity of conveying information to their regions without constant surveillance of the NERC site.

14. Action Items and Next Steps

- Stephanie reviewed the action items generated during the meeting and confirmed assignments. The group then discussed the schedule for the next RRSWG meetings. The group decided to meet in Charlotte (located of SERC) for the next meeting in the March timeframe.
- WECC is looking at a SPS in TPL standards — a regional difference

15. Adjourn

16. Proposed 2008 RRSWG Schedule:

Date	Suggested Date Changes	Suggested Location
March 27–28		SERC Charlotte, NC
May 6-7		SPP Little Rock, AK
July 15-16		NPCC/WECC (?)
September 23-24	September 16-17 (MRO)	RFC/MRO (?)
November 18-19		FRCC Tampa, FL