

## Draft Meeting Notes Regional Reliability Standards Working Group

September 18, 2008 | 1–4 p.m. EST  
Conference Call and Web-ex

### Administrative

#### 1. Introductions and Attendance

Judith James	TRE
John E. Odom, Jr.	FRCC
Peter Heidrich	FRCC
Larry Brusseau	MRO
Guy V. Zito	NPCC
Robert W. Millard	RFC
Patrick Huntley	SERC
Mak Nagle	SPP
Kenneth J. Wilson	WECC
Stephanie Monzon	NERC Staff

#### Observers:

Nick Henery	FERC Staff
Lee Pedowicz	NPCC
Steve Myers	ERCOT
Vann Weldon	ERCOT
Anthony Jablonski	RFC

#### 2. NERC Antitrust Compliance Guidelines

- a. Stephanie reviewed the NERC Antitrust Compliance Guidelines with the RRSWG.

### **3. Meeting Notes**

- a. Stephanie took the notes for this meeting.

## RRSWG Topics

### **4. Review and Discuss the NERC Communication Contingency Plan**

- a. The group reviewed and commented on the Communication Plan.
- b. Stephanie explained the plan is intended to be for communicating standards outages. The regions would be asked to post on their Web sites (where they think most appropriate) a message provided by NERC. NERC communication to the regional entities would occur either via e-mail or voice communication.
- c. Stephanie asked the group to provide primary and back up contacts to include in the appendix to the procedure.
- d. Once all contact information has been collected, Stephanie will be providing the procedure to the Standards Committee for their review.

### **5. Standards Committee Process Subcommittee — Status**

Guy Zito was not present. Lee Pedowicz gave a brief update. Lee mentioned that the group would be meeting next week to review the proposed language.

- a. Review and discuss the RDSP and ROP modified language for Regional Variances
  1. The group reviewed the proposed language in the RDSP and the Variance Template. There were several suggestions:
    - i. Template: remove the header reference to a particular standard.
    - ii. Template: determine if the Compliance Monitoring Period section of the template is still applicable/valid.
    - iii. Template: the group requested that once the language and template are approved that the template be posted in Word format for use by the industry.
    - iv. Template: the group suggested that the Measures be given a different numbering (other than M1, M2, etc.) to eliminate confusion with the Measures in the continent wide standard to which the variance will be attached. Consider VR1, or D1, etc.
    - v. RDSP: There was a concern that the language might imply double balloting. Once in the regional standards development procedure and once in the NERC RDSP. This is a particular concern for the Regional Variance (non-interconnection) because it makes mention of using the regional process and approval of the variance using step 9 and 10 of the

RDSP. The regional processes, though, contain approval steps and it should be made clear that this part of the regional process would not be used but rather the NERC RDSP approval process will be used. Also, a suggestion was made that perhaps NERC might consider using the regional processes for approval as well (instead of the NERC process) since in many cases the balloting will take place at a continent-wide or interconnection-wide basis.

- vi. RDSP: Need to determine form and format for the submittal request that includes the justification for the regional variance.

## **6. Standards Committee Communications and Planning Subcommittee — Pat Huntley and Larry Brusseau**

- a. The objective of this group is to develop a communication plan for standards and to review the work plan.
- b. The group met back in June. Since then they have held one meeting.
- c. The group has concerns with navigating the NERC Web site. Ron Parsons will be drafting a survey for the Sub-committee to review and distribute at the next Standards Workshop.
- d. The group has concerns about communication of high-priority projects.
- e. The group is considering requesting high level talking points on the standards development plan.
- f. The group would like resolution on whether VSLs should be part of the standards development process.
- g. The group will try to meet monthly via conference calls.

## **7. Review and Discuss the NERC Regional Standards Evaluation Procedure**

[ftp://www.nerc.com/pub/sys/all\\_updl/sac/rrswg/NERC\\_Regional\\_Reliability\\_Standards\\_Development\\_Procedure\\_Version%200-0%202007-06-15\\_dwt.pdf](ftp://www.nerc.com/pub/sys/all_updl/sac/rrswg/NERC_Regional_Reliability_Standards_Development_Procedure_Version%200-0%202007-06-15_dwt.pdf)

- i. The group reviewed the proposed language and revisions authored by Stephanie and distributed to the team in early September.
- ii. The group agreed that both the RE and NERC would benefit from posting the standard for NERC's 45-day and the last standards posting concurrently. While the procedure currently makes note that this is an acceptable sequence of events, Pat Huntley suggested that this be made clearer in the procedure. Pat will propose the language and send it to Stephanie and the group.
- iii. The group discussed the additional questions to be added to the template during the NERC 45-day posting. These questions address consistency with FERC and NERC directives as well as other standards.

- iv. Stephanie mentioned that the procedure might be added to the ROP in the future.

## **8. Discuss Fill-in-the Blanks Projects and Regional Progress**

### **a. Disturbance Monitoring**

- i. Status on the continent-wide effort
  - i. The team is proposing a continent wide standard.
  - ii. Ken asked that the regions are formally notified when a fill in the blank is eliminated. Initially a formal letter was sent to the regions to develop fill in the blank standards.
- ii. Status on the regional standard effort
  - i. NPCC — developed a SAR for DME/UFLS/SPS with a focus on DME (DM SAR was approved).
  - ii. SERC — will be developing a SAR for DME by the end of the year.
  - iii. RFC — DME standard was balloted twice and failed both ballots. It is to be reviewed by the Board (and recommending that it be remanded to the SDT). The main issue is with applicability to the standard and there were no major technical issues.
  - iv. FRCC — looking at completing the final draft before the end of the year for DME and UFLS.
    - (a). DME — three comment periods and finalizing standard.
    - (b). UFLS — seven comment periods – will meet in October to respond to comments.
  - v. MRO — do not have a DME project yet and are waiting to see what is posted by the continent wide team.
  - vi. SPP — Mak not on call.
  - vii. WECC — waiting for the NERC process.
  - viii. TRE — no project for DME.

### **b. Under-frequency Load Shedding**

- i. Status on the continent-wide effort
- ii. Status on the regional standard effort
  - i. MRO — has a SDT team for UFLS.
  - ii. TRE — has a project and met last week to discuss the standard.
  - iii. WECC — has not initiated a standard request.

### **c. Special Protection Systems**

- i. RFC — has a standard team formed.
  - ii. WECC — does not have a standard.
  - iii. NPCC — has a SAR for SPS.
  - iv. The continent-wide effort (Project 2009-06) is scheduled to begin in 2009 according to the NERC Reliability Standards Development Plan: 2009-2011.
- d. Operating Reserves (BAL-002)**
- i. RFC — is thinking about keeping it as a criteria but has not been finalized.
  - ii. SERC — scheduled to develop a SAR by the end of the year.
  - iii. While the continent wide effort of revising BAL-002 is underway, the team has not yet modified this standard. The project includes revisions to BAL-004,005 and 006. The team has begun discussing modifications to the other standards and expects to begin revising BAL-002 in the near future.
- 9. Discuss Regional Standards Projects that are Transitional Until a Continent Wide Standard is Developed**
- 10. Standards Workshop — October 14–15, 2008**
- 11. New SARs — Discussed as a Part of Item 8**
- a. NPCC
    - i. Disturbance Monitoring
    - ii. Special Protection System

## Standing Agenda Items

- 12. Review of Recent NERC Standards Postings**
- a. RRSWG assignments to provide comments on Regional Standards postings.
  - b. Stephanie indicated that she would like to discuss regional standards that are posted for comment during the RRSWG meetings.
  - c. Current Postings: She reviewed the open postings for the regions. As of September 18 there is only one open posting.
    - i. RFC: UFLS 9/5/08–10/4/08
  - d. Future Postings:
    - i. SERC: UFLS 1<sup>st</sup> posting in about a week for a 30-day comment period
    - ii. TRE: Reposting CIP Sabotage Reporting SAR for a 15-day review in the next few days.

**13. Review Action Items from Last RRSWG Meeting (July, 2008)**

Action Items	Status:	Assigned To:
Each region to provide a catalog listing of regional reliability criteria.	<b>Remains Open</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TRE does not have regional criteria but discussions are being held regarding the protocols</li> <li>The MRO does not have regional criteria</li> </ul>	All members of the RRSWG
Regions to provide Stephanie with contact/back-up contact information for the purposes of communicating standards website outages, connectivity issues, etc.	Regions to have information to Stephanie in 1.5 weeks	Regions
Stephanie to look into the objectives and who from NERC is on the BOT Committee to modify/improve, etc the SDP		Stephanie
Regions to send Stephanie primary and back up information for the Website Plan	Due before the next SC meeting (or within 4 weeks)	Regions
NERC Regional Evaluation Procedure. The Regions are to send Stephanie comments on the revisions made to the procedure.	Due before the next RRSWG meeting (November)	Regions
Regions to review and send comments on the Variance language in the ROP	Due in a week	Regions

**14. Other**

- a. Discuss 2009 Work plan (fill in the blanks)
  - i. Stephanie thanked the group for providing their updates to Dave Taylor on the development plan.

**15. Review Proposed 2008 RRSWG Schedule:**

Date	Comments	Suggested Location
May 19–20	Need to follow up with MRO	SPP in Little Rock, AR
July 15–16	Virtual	
September 18	Virtual	

November 11–12	In person	FRCC
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**16. Action Items and Next Steps**

- a. The team confirmed that the next meeting will take place in person at the FRCC offices on November 11–12, 2008.

**17. Adjourn**

- a. The team adjourned at approximately 3:55 p.m. EST.