

Agenda Regional Reliability Standards Working Group

November 10, 2009 | 12:00 pm –5 p.m. EST
November 11, 2009 | 8:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. EST

Florida Reliability Coordinating Council
THE TOWERS AT WESTSHORE
1408 N. Westshore Blvd., Suite 1002
Tampa, FL 33607-4512

Dial-in Number: 866-740-1260 | Access Code: 6088084

Administrative

1. Introductions and Attendance

Judith James	TRE
Peter Heidrich	FRCC
Guy V. Zito	NPCC
Robert W. Millard	RFC
Patrick Huntley	SERC
Kenneth J. Wilson	WECC
Carol Gerou	MRO
David Kelly	SPP
Stephanie Monzon	NERC Staff

Observers:

Charles Yeung	SPP
Nick Henery	FERC Staff
Scott Sells	FERC Staff
Lee Pedowicz	NPCC
Dan Schoenecker	MRO

Ibrahim Oweis	FERC Staff
Steve Myers	ERCOT (day 2 by phone)
Vann Weldon	ERCOT
Sarah Hensley	TRE (by phone)
Jason Christopher	FERC Staff
Stuart Hansen	FERC Staff
Gerry Dunbar	NPCC
Anthony Jablonski	RFC (by phone)
Laura Zotter	ERCOT (by phone)

2. Stephanie will review the NERC Antitrust Compliance Guidelines.

RRSWG Topics

1. Review of the October 29, 2009 meeting with FERC staff on Regional Standards
Several RRSWG members met with NERC and FERC staff to discuss their regional standards in particular those standards that are nearing completion. These standards included the RFC and NPCC DME regional standards and the RFC, NPCC, and SERC UFLS standards. In addition, the meeting included a review of RFC's MOD-024-RFC-1 standard. The RRSWG will discuss the feedback provided to these regions on their regional standards.
 - a. Carol Gerou requested the following items:
 - how the regions should handle 1] additional load shedding due to generation protection tripping before the minimum time delay and 2] frequency response criteria within foreseen islands while a UF excursion is being simulated?
2. Regional Interpretation Process — All
There have recently been a few requests for interpretation on the WECC approved standards. The group will discuss the existing RDA's and determine if they need to be amended to include an interpretation process.
3. Fill in the Blank Standards — Plan to address in the Interim
The RRSWG members provided the mapping of criteria to the ten remaining fill in the blank standards. Bob Millard also distributed a proposal that contains a disposition for each of the ten remaining fill in the blank standards. The team will discuss his proposal and determine next steps.
4. Review of Approved and Proposed Regional Definitions (Definitions under development) — Stephanie Monzon

The group will review any new proposed regional definitions. After reviewing the matrix distributed to the group in September's RRSWG meeting Stephanie will follow-up with the regions to determine if they have found opportunities to use the existing NERC definitions in lieu of proposing regional definitions.

5. Process for Approving Regional Definitions

The group will discuss the proposal (Stephanie to verbally propose the process) for amending the NERC ROP to approve regional definitions.

6. Status on Regional Standards Under Development (Updates to the website/status report)

Stephanie will document the status of the regional standards in a separate spreadsheet used to track all regional standards under development.

7. Communicating Regional Standards Milestones (Postings, Ballot, etc.) to other entities

The group will discuss current practice and what is required to take place according to the Regional Delegation Agreements and the Rules of Procedure.

Standing Agenda Items

8. Review action items from last RRSWG meeting (March, 2009)

Action Items	Status:	Assigned To:
Each RRSWG rep will send Lauren Koller (cc Stephanie) latest versions of UFLS, DME, SPS, Balancing regional standards (clean versions in .pdf) Lauren will create a .pdf and distribute to the RRSWG for review.	Complete	

9. Set the 2010 RRSWG Schedule:

Date	Location	Comments
January 2010		
March 2010		
May 2010		
September 2010		
November 2010		

10. Next Steps

11. Adjourn

Antitrust Compliance Guidelines

I. General

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.

Antitrust laws are complex and subject to court interpretation that can vary over time and from one court to another. The purpose of these guidelines is to alert NERC participants and employees to potential antitrust problems and to set forth policies to be followed with respect to activities that may involve antitrust considerations. In some instances, the NERC policy contained in these guidelines is stricter than the applicable antitrust laws. Any NERC participant or employee who is uncertain about the legal ramifications of a particular course of conduct or who has doubts or concerns about whether NERC's antitrust compliance policy is implicated in any situation should consult NERC's General Counsel immediately.

II. Prohibited Activities

Participants in NERC activities (including those of its committees and subgroups) should refrain from the following when acting in their capacity as participants in NERC activities (e.g., at NERC meetings, conference calls and in informal discussions):

- Discussions involving pricing information, especially margin (profit) and internal cost information and participants' expectations as to their future prices or internal costs.
- Discussions of a participant's marketing strategies.
- Discussions regarding how customers and geographical areas are to be divided among competitors.

- Discussions concerning the exclusion of competitors from markets.
- Discussions concerning boycotting or group refusals to deal with competitors, vendors or suppliers.
- Any other matters that do not clearly fall within these guidelines should be reviewed with NERC's General Counsel before being discussed.

III. Activities That Are Permitted

From time to time decisions or actions of NERC (including those of its committees and subgroups) may have a negative impact on particular entities and thus in that sense adversely impact competition. Decisions and actions by NERC (including its committees and subgroups) should only be undertaken for the purpose of promoting and maintaining the reliability and adequacy of the bulk power system. If you do not have a legitimate purpose consistent with this objective for discussing a matter, please refrain from discussing the matter during NERC meetings and in other NERC-related communications.

You should also ensure that NERC procedures, including those set forth in NERC's Certificate of Incorporation, Bylaws, and Rules of Procedure are followed in conducting NERC business.

In addition, all discussions in NERC meetings and other NERC-related communications should be within the scope of the mandate for or assignment to the particular NERC committee or subgroup, as well as within the scope of the published agenda for the meeting.

No decisions should be made nor any actions taken in NERC activities for the purpose of giving an industry participant or group of participants a competitive advantage over other participants. In particular, decisions with respect to setting, revising, or assessing compliance with NERC reliability standards should not be influenced by anti-competitive motivations.

Subject to the foregoing restrictions, participants in NERC activities may discuss:

- Reliability matters relating to the bulk power system, including operation and planning matters such as establishing or revising reliability standards, special operating procedures, operating transfer capabilities, and plans for new facilities.
- Matters relating to the impact of reliability standards for the bulk power system on electricity markets, and the impact of electricity market operations on the reliability of the bulk power system.
- Proposed filings or other communications with state or federal regulatory authorities or other governmental entities.
- Matters relating to the internal governance, management and operation of NERC, such as nominations for vacant committee positions, budgeting and assessments, and employment matters; and procedural matters such as planning and scheduling meetings.