

Notes

Regional Reliability Standards Working Group

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1. Introductions and Attendance

Peter Heidrich	FRCC
Lee Pedowicz	NPCC
Anthony Jablonski	RFC
Patrick Huntley	SERC
Kenneth J. Wilson	WECC
Carol Gerou	MRO (on the phone)
David Kelly	SPP
Don Jones	Texas RE
Stephanie Monzon	NERC Staff
Maureen Long	NERC Staff

Observers:

Nick Henery	FERC Staff
Sarah Hensley	TRE
Steve Myers	ERCOT (on the phone)

2. Stephanie reviewed the NERC Antitrust Compliance Guidelines.

RRSWG Topics

3. Goals for RRSWG in 2010 — **Stephanie Monzon**

Stephanie asked the RRSWG to think about specific goals for the RRSWG in 2010. She stated that based on the latest status of regional standards activity she anticipates many requests for approval of regional standards in 2010. As a result, she suggested that the group should consider using this group to assist in the submittal requests (support). She asked the team to think over what specifically should be the goal of the RRSWG in 2010. Stephanie reviewed the accomplishments in 2009:

- Completed the revisions to the next version of the NERC Evaluation Procedure
 - Submitted a recommendation to NERC on the fill in the blank standards
 - Created tracking “system” of regional definitions under development
 - Performed a NERC/FERC review of Regional UFLS and DME standards under development
 - Drafted a conceptual design of regional definition criteria / process for accepting a regional definition
4. Regional Delegation Agreements--terms expire May 2, 2010. — **Lee Pedowicz**
 - RFC changes – SAR commenting period / and balloting will change to 2/3 majority may be included in the next revision of the RFC DA
 - Texas RE recently filed a revised RDA – this change addresses the organizational separation between ERCOT and Texas RE.
 - Do any of the RDA’s have to change as a result of the NERC Manual changes?
 - Stephanie urged the group to encourage the addition of an interpretation process to Exhibit C of the RDA’s
 - RFC stated that it is unlikely that they will make any conforming changes to their RDA for the handling of VRFs and VSLs.
 - Reliability Based Standards will change the standard format - will this impact the RDA’s? The Regions should make reference to the latest NERC standards template in the process but not “hardcode” the elements of a standard.
 5. Review of the Standard’s Committee Process Sub-committee Definition Task Force Progress — **Peter Heidrich**
 - The RRSWG will review the process and provide feedback to Pete and the Task team.

- The RRSWG discussed the process for revising a definition as a result of an interpretation and how the result of that interpretation is applied to existing standards (in addition to the standard(s) subject of the interpretation). Some thought that the, if as a result of the interpretation modifies or interprets a definition the interpreted definition should be applied to all of the impacted standards. There are challenges with achieving the application of the interpretation extend to impacted standards.
 - Peter asked the team to weigh in on the suggestion made that to control versioning of the Glossary by placing the Glossary into a “standard” shell. The tools and processes to modify/manage the standards would be applied to the Glossary, such as the submission of a SAR when modifications to the Glossary are requested, etc. The team thought this was a good approach and thought it appropriate to manage and track changes to the Glossary.
 - On a related (indirectly) subject Stephanie identified a potential challenge to adding Regional definitions to the NERC Glossary. During the September 2009 RRSWG Stephanie presented this agenda item and took feedback from the RRSWG on this item back to NERC. However, since then the definitions have not been added to the Glossary (those definitions approved by FERC – WECC only). The format of the addition of the definitions is not the subject of the discussion but rather that the NERC Glossary is “governed” by the Standards Committee. As a result, does the modification of the Glossary even if by adding regional definitions have to go to the Standards Committee for approval? Several members thought that the SC would have to “approve” the modification of the Glossary but not approve the regional definitions. Stephanie will work with Maureen/SC on this issue.
6. Review of Proposed Regional Definitions (Definitions under development) — **All**
The group will review any new proposed regional definitions — last updated November 2009.
- TRE reported that of the 13 proposed defined terms only three remain as a result of revisions of the draft standards.
 - The other regions with the exception of SPP (not present) provided their updates verbally. Stephanie will send out the document and ask the Regions to provide their additions/deletions to the list in redline form.
7. Standards Process Manual Changes (12:30 pm) — **Maureen Long**
<http://www.nerc.com/filez/sc.html>
Posted through March 12, 2010.
- Maureen Long provided an abridged version presentation of the updates to the Manual.
 - The group had several questions regarding the mechanics of the final formal posting concurrent with the balloting on the last ten days of the posting. Tony

asked Maureen what would happen if the standard drafting team decided to make substantive changes to the standard as a result of the comments in the final posting. Maureen said that the standard drafting could make changes to the standard and still move to balloting if these changes were identified openly and if the changes are not substantive. If the standard drafting team did decide to make substantive changes to the standard as a result of comments they could repost (for 30 days) and ballot on the last ten of these 30 days.

- Stephanie emailed the short and long versions of the presentation to the RRSWG plus list.

8. Status on Regional Standards Under Development (Updates to the website/status report) — **All**

- a. The RRSWG provided verbal updates to the status of their projects and Stephanie updated the status spreadsheet.
- b. Coordination between Regions on Regional Standards development--content, procedures. — **Lee Pedowicz**
 - The group did not discuss this agenda item.

9. Discuss Integrating Reliability Based Standards Concepts to Regional Standards — **Stephanie Monzon**

Pete and Pat are on the ad hoc team. The report to the members committee is posted on the NERC site. Training will be developed — in the near term 6-8 weeks — including formatting of the standard. Ben Li is leading the group that is developing the reformatting of the standard. The regions support integrating the concepts of Results Based Standards to their standards projects and will need the training materials/formats when they become available.

10. NERC Evaluation Procedure — Discuss Recent Submission of Regional Standards for Approval — **Stephanie Monzon**

Stephanie will set up time with the various regions that will be submitting regional standards for approval to walk through the materials required for the request for approval.

Pete suggested setting up another meeting to walk through the steps of the evaluation procedure. Stephanie will organize this meeting.

11. Other Topics — **Lee Pedowicz/Tony Jablonski:**

- a. A Region's vote should be made from a Regional perspective (what is good for the Region), not from an individual member's perspective.
 - These are observations from the development of the NPCC Disturbance Monitoring regional standard. NPCC develops positions in conjunction with

the members of NPCC but cast votes for NPCC not on behalf of its members.

- b. What is the priority being given to the “fill in the blank” standards? Relationship to NERC Work-plan?
 - The RRSWG considered taking the December 2009 recommendation to the Standards Committee for review. The team decided that it needs to relook at the recommendation provided to NERC to determine the top three standards that should be considered to be expedited. The RRSWG should present the information (recommendation) and an action (or options) to the SC for action. Pete suggested that we ask the SC, for example, to apply the new process (if/when approved) to the top fill in the blank project. Stephanie will review this idea with the NERC Managers and then provide the RRSWG feedback based on the discussion.
 - How do the regions perform the five year UFLS assessment? — **Tony Jablonski**
 This activity is typically done or coordinated by the Regions and is also in most cases a legacy RRO activity.
- c. Regions must be careful when responding to questions that can have compliance implications. Those questions should be directed at and responded to by NERC to reflect continent-wide compliance consistency.

Standing Agenda Items

12. Review action items from last RRSWG meeting:

Action Items	Status:	Assigned To:
Stephanie will email out examples of VSL analysis and a response to the FERC points (Order 672)	completed	
NERC Eval procedure – Stephanie will add the VSL Guideline table as an appendix and will email out a clean and redline version of the doc to the team.	completed	
NERC Eval – long term action item. Stephanie will propose language for the interpretation approval process and the definition process.		
SPP will email Stephanie back with determination on Interpretation process	completed	

13. Review the 2010 RRSWG Schedule:

Date	Location	Comments
February 9 2010	FRCC Offices	Confirmed
April 27-28 2010	SERC Offices Charlotte, NC	Pat will check availability
June 8-9 2010	WECC Offices Salt Lake City, Utah	Ken reported that the location of the offices have moved.
August 10-11 2010	Boston, MA	Lee will check availability
November 9-10 2010	Tampa, FL	confirmed

14. Next Steps

Stephanie will distribute the notes and materials to the RRSWG. An additional meeting to discuss the NERC Evaluation Procedure will be scheduled for those Regions interested in walking through the procedure in detail.

15. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned approximately at 3:30 pm eastern.