

Notes Regional Reliability Standards Working Group

June 8, 2010 | 12:00 pm– 5:00 p.m. Mountain
June 9, 2010 | 8:30 am– 12:00 p.m. Mountain

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Administrative

1. Introductions and Attendance

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

Observers:

Nick Henery	FERC Staff
Sarah Hensley	TRE (phone)
Steve Myers	ERCOT
Laura Zotter	ERCOT

2. Stephanie reviewed the NERC Antitrust Compliance Guidelines.

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RRSWG Topics

1. **Review Reliability Standards Development Plan — All**
 - a. The RSDP is posted for comment through July 8, 2010
http://www.nerc.com/files/2010-2012_RS-Development-Plan_Volume-I-II-III_2009Oct22.pdf
 - b. **ACTION ITEM:** The RRSWG will review Volume III of the work plan and submit updates to Stephanie/Courtney **by July 8, 2010.**
 - c. The RRSWG proposes the following comments:
 - Project 2010-05:
 - i. The group reviewed the Standards Development Plan posted for comment and noticed that Project 2010-05 contains PRC-003-1, PRC-004-1, PRC-012-0, PRC-014-0, PRC-016-0. The standards should be separated into two groups by subject. PRC-012-0 and PRC-014-0 in one group covering Special Protection Procedures and Review and the remaining standards in the other group covering SPS Misoperations.
 - ii. This project is a fill in the blank standard contained in Order 693 and should be given a higher priority in the RDSP.
 - iii. 2008-04-RE — Protection Systems — Regional Standards Development is now project 2010-05
 - RRSWG recommended high priority (to fill in the top ten projects once projects are completed) – in the following order:
 - i. Project 2007-11: Disturbance Monitoring
 - ii. Project 2010-05: Special Protection Systems
 1. Set 1: PRC-012-0, PRC-014-0
 2. Set 2: PRC-003-1, PRC-004-1, PRC-016-0
 - iii. Project 2007-09: Generator Verification
 - iv. Project 2010-03: Modeling Data

2. **Status of Fill in the Blank Standards — Special Protection System — Stephanie Monzon**
 - a. The RRSWG reviewed the list of fill in the blank standards that are included in a project but inactive. The RRSWG prioritized the list and submitted the prioritized list to NERC as input to the 2009 RSDP update. The group will revisit the issue and determine if a plan to address the remaining fill in the blank, SPS, is possible.
 - b. The RRSWG agreed to work on a first draft of PRC-012 and PRC-014.
 - c. The group reviewed the Standards Development Plan posted for comment and noticed that Project 2010-05 contains PRC-003-1, PRC-004-1, PRC-012-0, PRC-014-0, PRC-016-0. The group will propose to separate out the standards into two groups. PRC-012-0 and PRC-014-0 in one group and the remaining standards in the other group. The RRSWG will separate them out in the SAR along with proposing a first draft for the second group of standards.
 - d. **ACTION ITEM:** Stephanie will pull together the first draft of PRC-012 and PRC-014 in parallel with proposing an overall schedule with milestones. The RRSWG generally agreed to work on the first set of standards currently in Project 2010-05 with the expectation that the group would review the second draft at the next RRSWG meeting (in Massachusetts). The second set of PRC standards in 2010-05 will be reviewed at the November RRSWG meeting in Tampa.
3. **Special Rule (ROP 321) and Standards Manual Changes Impacts on Regional Delegation Agreements**
 - a. Impact of ROP 321 and NERC RSDP changes on the possible need for revisions of regional standards development procedures.
 - The RRSWG discussed that the references to the SC in the proposed rule changes assumes that the rule changes apply only to NERC continent wide standards and not regional standards because the NERC SC does not have authority over regional standards. Several regions submitted comments to the effect that the special rule language needs to be modified to include regional standards and broaden the scope.
 - The group identified that the balloting threshold in the regional standards development processes may need to be adjusted similar to the special rule changes.
 - In addition, the regional BOT's may need to have authority to advance a standard to NERC even if the standard fails ballot OR the authority to change a standard if the NERC BOT considers that a directive has not been addressed.
 - b. NERC Manual changes
 - Adopting the informal comment periods would be useful to the Regions

- Consider adopting the provision that allows non-substantive changes to the standard between ballots
- A special process for minor changes that don't require a team of experts such a change to applicability but that still goes through the ballot process
- Errata process / clarifying the interpretation processes
- Quality review steps before major development milestones such as postings and balloting
- Regional Board authority to changes compliance elements as a result of a directive

ACTION ITEM: Stephanie will ask Courtney/Lauren to develop a matrix containing the elements of the Regional Standards Development processes with additional information highlighting the potential changes to the steps as a result of the NERC ROP changes (manual and special rule 321).

4. **Review of the WECC VAR-001-WECC-1 — All**

The RRSWG will jointly review the WECC regional standard. The group will use the quality checklist that was developed and approved by the Standards Committee for use.

The RRSWG reviewed the comments to the proposed regional standard.

ACTION ITEM: Stephanie will email Ken Wilson with the additional comments to the standard.

5. **Review of the NPCC PRC-006-NPCC-1 — All**

The RRSWG will jointly review the NPCC regional standard. The group will use the quality checklist that was developed and approved by the Standards Committee for use.

The RRSWG decided to postpone this agenda item for a following meeting.

6. **Proposed regional definitions — All**

The RRSWG reviewed the list of proposed regional definitions under development. Several definitions under development were removed from the list.

7. **Status on Regional Standards Under Development — All**

The RRSWG provide updates to the status of regional standards under development.

Standing Agenda Items

8. Review action items from last RRSWG meeting (and any new action items) – No new items:

Action Items	Status:	Assigned To:
NERC Eval – long term action item. Stephanie will propose language for the interpretation approval process and the definition process.	Still not started	Stephanie Monzon

9. Other

- a. Results-Based communication network — Peter Heidrich
- b. Peter Heidrich provided the group with the background on the agenda item. The ad hoc group is looking for points of contact at the Regions to disseminate Results Based information. He proposed that the RRSWG team members become the points of contact for the Results Based initiative. Peter also stated that this group needs to make decisions about adopting the RB template and methodology.
- c. **ACTION ITEM:** Don suggested that Pete send out an email to the RRSWG asking to identify the appropriate points of contact.
- d. Nick Henery conducted a straw poll of the group to determine what regions plan on adopting the RB methodology. All the regions present at the meeting indicated that they plan on adopting the RB methodology.

10. Review the 2010 RRSWG Schedule: **Lee Pedowicz will determine if rental cars are required for the Waltham, MA meeting scheduled in August.**

Date	Location	Comments
February 9 2010	FRCC Offices	Confirmed
May 3-4, 2010	SERC Offices Charlotte, NC	Confirmed
June 8-9 2010 Noon-5 8am – noon	WECC Offices Salt Lake City, Utah	Confirmed

August 10-11 2010 Noon – 5 (lunch provided) 8-noon (lunch will not be provided)	Waltham, MA	Confirmed National Grid
November 9-10 2010	Tampa, FL	Confirmed

11. Adjourn