



## **NERC Regional Reliability Standards Working Group**

July 25–26, 2006 — WECC Offices — Salt Lake City, Utah

### **Meeting Notes**

#### **Attendance:**

Guy V. Zito — NPCC  
Robert W. Millard — RFC  
Patrick Huntley — SERC  
Mak Nagle — SPP  
Kenneth J. Wilson — WECC  
David Taylor — NERC

#### **Notes:**

FERC's July 20 ERO certification order may have sections that the RRSWG will have to directly respond to. It was suggested that NERC staff review and determine sooner rather than later.

#### **Action Item:**

**Dave Taylor to review FERC's July 20 ERO Certification Order and report back to RRWSG on any possible impact to the RRSWG and the November work plan.**

In NERC's June 26 comments on FERC Staff's Preliminary Assessment, NERC requested that FERC conditionally accept all fill-in-the-blank standards without enforceability of the standard requirements that may be classified as fill-in-the-blank. NERC's June 26 comments also proposed a resolution related to FERC's concern related to standards identified as being applicable to Regional Reliability Organizations (RRO). The Staff Report points out that some NERC standards are applied to regional reliability organizations and suggests that these standards are not enforceable because regional reliability organizations are not bulk power system owners, operators, or users. NERC made several arguments related to FERC's concerns and is also in the process of updating the Functional Model to include, among other things, a clear definition of an RRO.

Regional Reliability Standards Process Manual is now to be called "Regional Reliability Standards Process Procedure". The draft regional procedural has been changed to reflect the changes in the NERC Reliability Standards Development Procedure being voted on at this time through July 30 with final adoption by the NERC BOT in August.

Streamlining the Regional Standards procedures and opportunities to shorten the time required were discussed. Primarily, coincident NERC posting with the Regional level posting of a nearly final draft standard before Regional approval might prove beneficial. Perhaps a link can be added to the NERC website to provide a means and a notification of accessing the Region's postings. The goal is to accomplish the objections of the filings while reducing handoffs and inefficiencies.

The group agreed that regional standards will all use the same "standard" template and will be consistent with the NERC standard template. Each region can develop its own numbering system. The following was discussed as an example — Regional Standard number should consider the following format example: BAL-002-NPCC-RevDate/number. All regional submissions to NERC will use the standardized template. It was also agreed that regional standards should not be combined to address multiple NERC standards. That is, regional standards should correspond one-for-one with NERC North American standards identified as having regional requirements.

A realistic schedule that moves the standard along and assumes a SAR is developed is as follows:

1/1–1/2 Assemble SDT  
2/1–4/1 Post 45 days  
4/1–4/15 Cleanup  
4/15–6/15 Post 45 Days  
6/15–7/1Cleanup  
7/1–First Ballot  
8/1–Second Ballot  
9/1–10/1 30 Day BOT post  
11/1–BOT Adopt

(If the process starts without a SAR and the standard needs to be developed, total time will be 15 months)

March 15 2006 SARs for first set written and approved (Final)

April 1, 2007 Initiate SDT

May 1, 2008 NERC BOT Adopts standard (assume two postings)

Then 3–4 months to gain FERC acceptance with formal interpretation by **August 1, 2008.**

**(Assumptions were — two posting periods, some parallel activity during the NERC BOT review with FERC) NERC Process for the Regional Standard approval 11/1/08 and then FERC acceptance of the Regional piece 2/1/09. (Regional Standards to begin 9/1/07)**

From a Regional Standards Development perspective, depending on the individual Region, it is possible to develop a standard in six–twelve months.

A Gant Chart was developed to outline how long it would take to revise a fill in the blank reliability standard, worse case.

It was reported by Guy Zito that the perception is that the drafting team assigned to the ATC-TTC standards development is progressing extremely slowly. Dave Taylor was requested to follow up with Bill Blevins on the MOD-001 through 009 (ATC-TTC) standards development drafting team progress.

**Action Item:**

**Dave Taylor to follow up with Bill Blevins on the MOD-001 through 009 (ATC-TTC) standards development drafting team progress and report back to RRWSG.**

Guy Zito voiced a concern that the timeline discussed by the group will not be accepted by FERC and all these “fill-in-the-blank” standards will become Urgent Action standards. Also some Regions (SERC in particular) expressed concern over being able to enforce a conditionally approved standard requirement and felt that a Regional Standard may be necessary in some cases.

As described in the RRSWG's scope of work, the RRSWG will draft SARs to address the North American-wide standards as determined by the RRSWG's analysis of all the NERC standards. The schedule for drafting the initial SARs will be included in the work plan being prepared for the November BOT meeting. A SAR will be written specifically stating what the suggested revision is.

The group assumed that upon approval by the NERC BOT of the work plan addressing the fill-in-the-blank standards that letters will be issued to the Regions directing them as to which standards are to be developed to meet which regional standard's requirements.

Dave to revise the “table” sent it out to the group, talk to Gerry about the schedule and group the regional standards needing revision to determine how many drafting teams may be needed. Also Dave will cross check the June 26 filing to see if we are missing anything or outside of our scope. Guy Zito created a representative Microsoft Project spreadsheet with the dates discussed to be used as a ‘starting point’ (see Attachment 1).

**Action Item:**

**Dave Taylor to revise the "fill-in-the-blank" table per the discussions held at the July 25–26 RRSWG meeting and provide revised table to the RRWSG for comment.**

The date for the September meeting of the RRSWG was confirmed as September 11–12. The meeting will be in Williamsburg, VA at the same location as the OC/PC meetings that same week. The group also tentatively confirmed the date of October 11–12 for a meeting of the RRSWG at ERCOT's facilities in Taylor, TX.

ID	Task Name	Duration	Start	Finish	Half 2, 2006		Half 1, 2007		Half 2, 2007		Half 1, 2008		Half 2, 2008		Half 1,		
					3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	1st Qu		
					Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	
1	NERC and Regional STD Development	661 days?	Wed 11/1/06	Fri 1/30/08													
2	SAR Drafting	66 days	Wed 11/1/06	Thu 2/1/07													
3	Draft SAR and Submit	0 days	Wed 11/1/06	Wed 11/1/06													
4	SAR Posted for Comment	30 days	Fri 12/1/06	Thu 1/11/07													
5	Address Comments	14 days	Fri 1/12/07	Wed 1/31/07													
6	SAC Approves SAR for RS Drafting	0 days	Thu 2/1/07	Thu 2/1/07													
7	NERC STD Drafting Team Activity	274 days?	Thu 2/16/07	Mon 3/8/08													
8	Draft Standard	47 days?	Thu 2/15/07	Fri 4/20/07													
9	1st Posting	45 days	Mon 4/23/07	Fri 6/22/07													
10	Answer Comments and Redraft	90 days?	Mon 6/25/07	Thu 10/25/07													
11	2nd Posting	45 days?	Fri 10/26/07	Thu 12/27/07													
12	Ballot/reballot	47 days?	Fri 12/28/07	Mon 3/3/08													
13	NERC BOT Adopt	0 days	Mon 3/3/08	Mon 3/3/08													
14	Regional Standards Procedure	241 days?	Mon 9/3/07	Fri 8/1/08													
15	FERC Review and Accept NERC RS	111 days?	Tue 3/4/08	Mon 8/4/08													
16	NERC Procedure Approve Reg Std.	101 days?	Mon 6/16/08	Sat 11/1/08													
17	FERC Review and Accept of RE STD.	74 days?	Wed 10/23/08	Fri 1/30/09													

Project: BAL-002-1 Date: Wed 7/26/06	Task		Milestone		External Tasks	
	Split		Summary		External Milestone	
	Progress		Project Summary		Deadline	

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