

Conference Call Notes for Project 2007-03 Real-Time Operations SDT

1. Administrative Items

a. Introductions

The call was brought to order at 1000 EDT on Monday, October 18, 2010. Call participants were:

FERC staff: Eugene Blick, Jonathan First, Keith O'Neal, Robert Snow, Chris Mak, Robert Stroh, Heather Polzin, Renee Thorne, Catherine Collins, Michael Gandolfo

NERC staff: Herb Schrayshuen, Dave Taylor, Ed Dobrowolski, Holly Hawkins

RTOSDT members: Jim Case (Chair), Jason Marshall

Observer: Allen Mosher (Standards Committee Chair)

b. NERC Antitrust Compliance Guidelines & Conference Call Announcement – Ed Dobrowolski

No questions were raised on the NERC Antitrust Compliance Guidelines and the warning about open conference calls was provided.

c. Conference Call Agenda and Objectives — Jim Case & Eugene Blick

FERC staff's objectives were to discuss three main issues:

1. A presumed reduction in reliability due to the deletion of existing, approved requirements,
2. The use of the data specification approach which is seen as unclear and ambiguous, and
3. Order 693 directive and Blackout Report recommendation considerations

Jim Case stated that the SDT was in attendance to listen to FERC staff concerns.

2. Discuss FERC Staff Concerns with Proposed TOP Revisions

Eugene started the discussion by stating that FERC staff does not speak for the Commission. There are currently 8 TOP standards and 1 PER standard in this project that were all approved by FERC in Order 693. Modifications were requested to those standards to enhance reliability. Order 672 contains the criteria for acceptable standards.

For point 1 above, FERC staff feels that the proposal deviates from existing, approved standards (e.g., in the area of deliverability), that approximately 2/3rds of the existing requirements have been deleted, and that the proposal is a least-common-denominator approach.

The SDT opinion is that requirements were not simply deleted but have been replaced by other requirements as shown in the mapping table which is part of the Implementation Plan. The definition of Operational Planning Analysis (OPA) was pointed to as an explanation for handling deliverability.

FERC staff questioned how the definition of OPA included deliverability and asked for further explanation of this point.

AI – The RTOSDT will review the definition of OPA as it pertains to deliverability.

For point 2 above, FERC staff pointed out that the proposed TOP-003-2 data specification approach replaces approximately 15 existing, approved requirements and is seen as unenforceable and vague and lacking in uniformity. It was described as a back of envelope approach.

The SDT responded that the data specification approach is flexible, all encompassing, and places the onus of responsibility on the truly responsible party.

For point 3 above, FERC staff cited the Blackout Report (recommendation 22 on improving wide-area situational awareness) and an Order 693 directive on minimum tool sets without dictating specific tools and questioned how the proposed TOP-001-2, Requirement R11 answered these points.

3. Next Steps

NERC staff and the RTOSDT will review the items from today's call to see how they should proceed with the project.

4. Action Items

One action item was developed during the call:

- The RTOSDT will review the definition of OPA as it pertains to deliverability.

5. **Adjourn**

The call was adjourned at 1100 EDT.