



Compliance Audit Public Report

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**Malacha Hydro Limited Partnership
GO – MHGO
NCR05228**

June 12, 2009

Audit Overview

The WECC Compliance Department conducted an off-site compliance audit of the Malacha Hydro Limited Partnership GO (MHGO) on June 12, 2009. The off-site audit was conducted at the WECC Compliance Department offices at 615 Arapeen Drive, Suite 210, Salt Lake City, Utah.

MHGO personnel were notified at the start of the off-site audit and kept informed as the audit progressed. MHGO had personnel available during the audit and at the closing presentation over the telephone.

At the time of the off-site audit, MHGO was registered for the following functions: Generator Owner (GO).

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Malacha Hydro Limited Partnership, LP GO is an Independent Power Producer. The facility includes a 29.9 MW generator and a 17.4 mile 115 kV line interconnecting to PG&E to the Pit One Substation. The 115 kV line is owned by PG&E. The facility generally does not operate during much of the summer due to a lack of water. Malacha Hydro is located near McArthur, California, approximately 80 miles northeast of Redding, California. The headquarters for the Limited Partnership are in Boise, Idaho.

MHGO did not have any outstanding violations or mitigation plans to review during the audit.

The audit team had a positive observation from the audit that MHGO documentation was thorough and very well organized.

MHGO has an Internal Compliance Program that was not reviewed or discussed in detail at the audit.

The audit team used the NERC Compliance Questionnaire and Reliability Standard Audit Worksheets (QRSAs) during the compliance review of each audited reliability standard.

No violations were identified by the audit team during this audit.

Confidentiality and Conflict of Interest

Confidentiality agreements, executed by the WECC independent contractors (consultants) and code of conduct documentation for the WECC compliance staff and any NERC representatives were available to MHGO in advance of the off-site audit, if requested. Work history and conflict of interest forms submitted by each audit team member were also provided. MHGO was given an opportunity to

object to an audit team member on the basis of a possible conflict of interest or the existence of other circumstances that could interfere with that audit team member's impartial performance of duties. MHGO accepted the audit team member participants with no objections.

Off-site Audit

MHGO was officially notified of the off-site audit with a 60-day Notice of Compliance Audit letter. Accompanying this notification were attachments relating to the audit as listed below:

- Notice of Off-site Audit
- Compliance Monitoring Authority Letter
- Audit Team Bios
- Pre-Audit Survey
- Certification Sheet
- 2009 QRSAs

MHGO was notified in the Pre-Audit letter that personnel (subject matter experts representing all the registered functions) would need to be available to answer questions (interviews) the audit team might have regarding the documentation.

MHGO was also informed that the off-site compliance audit would be conducted consistent with the following WECC Regional and NERC documents:

- WECC Compliance Monitoring and Enforcement Program Implementation Plan (CMEP IP)
- NERC 2009 Reliability Standard Audit Worksheets (QRSAs)

MHGO was asked to submit the completed Pre-audit Survey and other requested documents back to the WECC Compliance Department.

A pre-audit conference call was held by WECC compliance staff with all the Registered Entities scheduled for an off-site audit.

Professional judgment was used by the audit team during the off-site audit. The audit team leader may have requested interviews with employees representing subject matter expertise regarding the registered functions being audited. These interviews in conjunction with the evidence, gave the audit team a factual basis for determining compliance with the NERC reliability standards.

Reference – Generally accepted government auditing standard 3.31 – Auditors must use professional judgment in planning and performing audits and attestation engagements and in reporting the results.

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Methodology

Methodology: the auditing of reliability standards and best practices to be followed by compliance auditors in carrying out their work. The methodology is objective, measurable, complete and relevant to the audit objectives. The auditor identifies potential sources of audit evidence and considers the amount and type of evidence needed given the risk and significance when defining the audit methodology.

Audit Specifics

Audit Team

Audit Team Role	Title	Company
Lead	Sr. Compliance Engineer	WECC
Member	Compliance Consultant	WECC
Member	Compliance Consultant	WECC
Member	Compliance Consultant	WECC

Registered Entity Audit Participants (Attending/Interviewed/Listening)

Title	Audited Organization
Managing Partner	MHGO
Project Manager	MHGO
Managing Consultant	Sterling Energy Operation, Inc.

Findings

The preliminary findings of the audit team were presented to MHGO at the closing presentation. These findings are indicated in Table A below. The Finding column contains one of the following: Compliant, New Possible Violation (NPV), Not Applicable (N/A), Not Audited, Outstanding Alleged Violation (OAV), Retraction requested (Retract), Self-reported Violation (Self-Report), or other appropriate description.

Table A

Reliability Standard	Req.	Finding
FAC-008-1	R1.	Compliant
	R2.	Compliant
	R3.	Compliant
FAC-009-1	R1.	Compliant
	R2.	Compliant
IRO-004-1	R1.	Not Applicable
	R2.	Not Applicable
	R3.	Not Applicable
	R4.	Compliant
	R5.	Not Applicable
	R6.	Not Applicable
	R7.	Not Applicable
PRC-004-1	R1.	Not Applicable
	R2.	Compliant
	R3.	Compliant
PRC-005-1	R1.	Compliant
	R2.	Compliant
PRC-017-0	R1.	Not Applicable
	R2.	Not Audited