

# Meeting Notes Disturbance Monitoring Standard Drafting Team

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# 1. Administrative

#### 1.1. Roll Call

Stephanie Monzon will conduct roll call. The members of the drafting team in attendance were:

- o Navin B. Bhatt American Electric Power (Chair)
- Felix Amarh Georgia Transmission Corporation
- o Terry L. Conrad Concurrent Technologies Corp.
- James R. Detweiler FirstEnergy Corp.
- Barry G. Goodpaster Exelon Business Services Company
- o Robert (Bob) Millard ReliabilityFirst Corporation
- o Steven Myers Electric Reliability Council of Texas, Inc.
- Jeffrey M. Pond National Grid
- o Jack Soehren ITC Holdings
- Stephanie Monzon North American Electric Reliability Corporation
- o Alan D. Baker Florida Power & Light Company
- o Bharat Bhargava Southern California Edison Co.
- o Daniel J. Hansen Reliant Energy, Inc.
- o Charles Jensen JEA
- o Tracy M. Lynd Consumers Energy Co.
- o Charlie Childs Ametek Power Instruments
- o Richard Dernbach Los Angeles Department of Water & Power
- o Susan McGill PJM Interconnection
- Larry E. Smith Alabama Power Company
- Willy Haffecke Springfield Missouri City Utilities

#### Observers:

o Richard Ferner - WAPA



o Anthony Jablonski – ReliabilityFirst Corporation

# 2. NERC Antitrust Compliance Guidelines

2.1.1. Navin Bhatt reviewed the NERC Antitrust Compliance Guidelines with the group.

# 3. Discussion Technical Paper

#### 3.1. From 1/22/09 Notes:

3.1.1. The team will discuss the approach for the technical paper and refine the outline.

### Top 100 Buses

- Top 100 buses add this to the technical paper. Chuck and Felix suggested that we need similar analysis for the regions but will propose language based on the FRCC top 100 buses. It may be helpful for the other members of the drafting team look into the top 100 for their regions. Create a spreadsheet to include/append to the technical paper that includes top 100 buses by region.
  - Chuck will propose a spreadsheet for FRCC. This will help to collect this information for the other regions.
  - Larry Smith, and Felix to determine if conclusion can be made by the data collected.
  - By February 16, 2009
- 2/18 the team reviewed Felix's e-mail/data and agreed that collecting data from other regions would be helpful in supporting the team's thresholds – top 100 buses and / or 10,000 MVA short circuit level

# Major Event Analysis

- Include event analysis experience and any conclusions that may be drawn from historical events (the August 14 blackout, etc.). Navin Bhatt and Tracy will work on proposed language and may reach out to Bob Cummings.
  - Chuck indicated that the NERC Blackout report on the website (major outages) does not include facilities under 200kV that contributed to the outages. Chuck will send the report to Navin.
  - Navin and Tracy will work on collecting more information for this section. By - February 16, 2009
- 2/18 Navin will call Bob C. to discuss his concerns/comments on the draft standard. Tracy discussed the need to better understand the NERC definition of a major disturbance (what constitutes a major disturbance). Tracy will look through the "Major Disturbances of the Year" reports published by NERC (yearly) for data that would support the technical paper.



• Navin – will send out a 2002 Disturbance Report to the team (as a sample of the reports that will be reviewed).

# Monitoring Special Protection Systems and Remedial Action Schemes:

- Include the impact of under voltage load shedding and special protection system on DME thresholds. Richard will do some research on this to determine if it is in fact impactful. Larry Smith will also do some research.
- 2/18 The team agreed that UVLS is applicable at the distribution level and not appropriate for the technical paper as a justification for the DME standard. The team did decide to address monitoring special protection system and remedial action schemes.

# **Critical Clearing Times**

- Include critical clearing time (on bus level very short) —
  recognized locations where we need to reduce back up clearing.
  Chuck will do some research this and try to collect information.
  - Chuck will work on the clearing times for FRCC. This will help to collect this information for the other regions.
- 2/18 Chuck and Felix will send out a spreadsheet with critical clearing column (breaker failure backup clearing time) but Chuck notes that the data doesn't indicate a strong correlation with critical buses.
- The team will review the data for FRCC provided by Chuck and the date provided by Felix to determine if there is a correlation. The team will then determine if it should be included in the technical paper.
- Jack will provide MVA spread (number of elements) for lower Michigan.

#### **Stability**

- Felix to send an email that elaborates on adding this topic to the technical paper.
- 2/18 Felix, Chuck and Larry will work on the language to be included in the technical paper.

## Pmu installation - Navin

• Some team members do not think that it may be entirely appropriate to include pmu data into the technical paper since pmus are not included in the standard. This may cause confusion if included in the technical paper but not in the standard.



• Navin will collect some data for the team to look over (# of installations and at kV level) – we will decide whether or not to include in the technical paper after reviewing some of the data that will be collected.

#### 4. Action Items

Action Items	Status:	Assigned To:
The group must resolve how to develop requirements for maintenance and testing of disturbance monitoring equipment (DME). Possible options include, adding maintenance and testing requirements to the draft PRC-002 standard, asking the Standards Committee to transfer the maintenance and testing requirements to the standard drafting team (SDT) for Project 2007-17 Protection System Maintenance and Testing, or some other solution. Ultimately, the maintenance and testing requirements for DME should "look and feel" like the maintenance and testing requirements developed by the SDT for Project 2007-17 Protection System Maintenance and Testing.	In Progress  This issue will be addressed in the comment form to solicit industry feedback on how to proceed.  Discussed at the 12/08/08 call:  The team reviewed the status of the issue clarifying that the team was going to post the standard and solicit industry feedback on omitting these requirements. The team would use this feedback to propose an alternate to the SC or NERC staff – possibly create a supplemental to SAR to the Maintenance project.	All
Navin to lead a small group in drafting the <b>measures</b> for the requirements. Jack Soehren, Felix Amarh, and Barry Goodpaster volunteered to assist Navin.	Closed	Navin Bhatt, Jack Soehren, Felix Amarh, and Barry Goodpaster
Steve Myers, Larry Brusseau, and Bob Millard to draft the VRFs and VSLs.	Will Remain Open	Steve Myers, Larry Brusseau, and Bob Millard
Chuck, Jim and Alan will be proposing language for R5.1 and R5.2.	Completed	Chuck, Alan and Jim.
Willy will review the comment form to ensure that references to the standard are still correct.	Completed	Willy H.
Jim will look over the mapping form to ensure that references to the standard are still correct.	Completed	Jim D.

# 5. Next Steps

Stephanie reviewed the plan for the webinar. The webinar will take place on March 12, 2009 from 11AM – 12:30PM EST. Joanne Rura from NERC announced the webinar to the industry this week. The speakers will be Jeff, Chuck and Navin. Stephanie will kick-off and provide a brief introduction.

# 6. Adjourn



#### **Attachment 1 Antitrust Guidelines**

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