

## Minutes Reliability Assessment Subcommittee

October 10, 2012 | 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. EST  
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### Key Points

- PC Meeting Update:
  - BES Generator Threshold Discussion
  - Prioritization of Future Tasks
- ISO-NE staff, Mark Babula presentation on *Gas Dependencies in the Northeast* offered an overview of how ISO-NE is assessing its dependency on natural gas
- 2012 Long Term Reliability Assessment Supplemental Data Request Highlights
  - Environmental Regulations Impacts (for LTRA)
  - John Moura gave a presentation on Gas-Electric Interdependency (for gas dependency phase II)
  - When members saw the presentation, many had concerns about the data
    - SPP said that there are less than 1 GW of retirements
    - RAS Members to work with Elliott on providing updated/corrected data
  - Schedule to discuss planning/operation reserve margins.
    - Add to Dec Agenda
- EIA Form 411 Status Report was presented by John Moura.
  - Make some of transmission line design characteristics optional.
  - Start to collect TADS transmission element automatic outage data at voltages 100 kV and above.
  - New Schedule: NERC Generating Unit Availability Data System (GADS) Report

- New Schedule: Transmission System Devices (e.g., PMU data)
- RAS members reviewed each other’s narratives.
  - Debates arise about planning reserve margins.
    - WECC pointed out, “If a region is close to their reserve margin target, they could still be adequate.”
  - Emerging issue for 2013 or 2014 could be the retirement of renewable resource (i.e., wind units have an expectancy time of approximately 15 years; many have been in service for almost 15 years now)
  - Some utilities will convert to gas only vs dual fuel because of economic reasons.
  - What is firm gas capacity?
    - NERC RA defines it as a firm contract from the supplier to the tip of the burner.
    - WECC argues that firm contract is still not considered firm. Residential customers have first priority.
- RAS Members looked at the schedule for the Report 2012 Scenario Assessments
  - 2012 NERC Probabilistic Assessment started and will be available in 2013.
    - Rao to coordinate with NERC to determine what CAN be completed
  - Currently, other special assessments have not been scheduled for 2013.
- Phil Fedora, Chair of the RADWG, discussed the scope and objectives for its meeting on October 24-25. The group will evaluate the current scope of the RADS database as well as the new PMO process and plan for development.
- RAS members planned and confirmed 2013 RAS Meeting Schedule
- Review of Assessments Questions
- Southwest Outage Report
  - Primarily PC related action items needed to address the report’s recommendations
- Review of Meeting Action Items
- Meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 3:00pm EDT.

**Action Items**

Topic	Item	Assigned to	Deadline
2012/13 WRA	Updates and Corrections to Regional Self-Assessments due to NERC	RAS Members	October 19, 2012
2013 LTRA	Assessment Questions Team Discussion	RAS Members	December 4, 2012
2012 ProbA	MISO to coordinate with NERC	Rao/John M	November 2012

**Participants**

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