1. **Administrative Items**

A conference call meeting of the Standards Committee was held on Thursday, August 11 from 1-5 p.m. Eastern Time. The agenda, attendance list, and meeting announcement are affixed as Exhibits A, B, and C respectively.

**Introductions and Quorum**

Standards Committee Vice Chair Ben Li led the introduction of committee members and observers and determined there was a quorum.

Ben Li welcomed Ken Peterson, Tom Berry and others to the meeting. Ken and Tom are members of the NERC Board of Trustees Standards Oversight and Technology Committee.

**Conference Call Reminder**

Ben reminded all that the conference call was open to all interested parties and everyone should recognize that it is not possible to know everyone who may be listening to the call.

**NERC Antitrust Compliance Guidelines**

Maureen Long reviewed the NERC Antitrust Compliance Guidelines.

**Meeting Agenda**

Ben Li reviewed the meeting agenda and asked for modifications.

**Waiver of 5-day Rule**

Linda Campbell motioned to waive the 5-day rule.

- *The motion was approved without objection or abstention.*

2. **Consent Agenda**

Joseph Tarantino motioned to approve or ratify the following consent agenda items:

a. July 13-14, 2011 Standards Committee Meeting Minutes

b. July 26, 2011 Standards Committee Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

c. Project 2009-01 – Disturbance and Sabotage Reporting – accept the resignation of Robert Canada chair; appoint Brian Evans-Mongeon as chair and Joe DePoorter as vice chair
d. Project 2007-09 – Generator Verification – accept the resignation of Rick Terrell and appoint David Youngblood

e. Critical Infrastructure Protection Interpretation Drafting Team – appoint David Blackburn and Summer Esquerre
   - The motion was approved without objection or abstention.

3. High Priority Projects:

a. Status of Projects Identified as High Priority

   Andy Rodriguez reviewed the status of high priority projects and provided an explanation for the projects that are behind schedule. Andy reported that none of the projects, other than Project 2007-07 – Vegetation Management, require Standards Committee’s intervention, and the Standards Committee has already been working with the Vegetation Management drafting team.

b. Status of BES Definition Projects

   Peter Heidrich and Herbert Schrayshuen provided updates on the status of the various aspects of the Bulk Electric System (BES) definition project.

   Pete reported that the BES Definition Team does not have a technical justification to support adjustments to generator thresholds in the definition of BES, and developing this justification before proceeding with the definition of BES would result in missing the FERC deadline for filing the revised definition. The team has, therefore, subdivided its work into two phases. Phase I will be completed in early 2012 to meet the FERC deadline and will focus solely on developing a definition of BES that addresses FERC directives; Phase I will be silent on generator thresholds. Phase II will address generator thresholds and other stakeholder issues related to the definition of BES unresolved with Phase I.

   Pete reported that the BES Definition Team and the BES Rules of Procedure team will hold another joint webinar in September to explain the need for the multi-phase approach and to provide stakeholders with an opportunity to review the BES definition, technical principles and proposed Rules of Procedure changes before balloting the definition and technical principles.

   Herbert Schrayshuen reported that the Board of Trustees asked the drafting team to provide a report on its project progress on September 9, 2011, and cautioned that the board did not have the team’s project schedule when it established this due date. The team’s schedule includes posting the next draft of its work for stakeholder comment on September 2, 2011. To ensure that the board has an opportunity to review the team’s progress before documents are posted for stakeholder comment, Ken Peterson and Tom Berry proposed that Peter Heidrich provide a report on the team’s action plan, (addressing both Phase I and the SAR for Phase II) to Allen Mosher, Ben Li and Herbert Schrayshuen with a copy to the board before the drafting team’s work is posted for comment and ballot.

c. Rapid Revision to MOD-028

   Andy Rodriguez reported that the requester for the interpretation of MOD-028 has agreed to accept “rapid revision” of the standard as an alternative to an interpretation.

   The Standards Committee asked for a report at its October, 2011 meeting on what did and what did not work in applying the rapid revision process.
d. **Project Prioritization Schedule**

Andy Rodriquez provided a list of projects for inclusion in the next version of the Reliability Standard Development Plan 2012-2014 and the schedule for prioritizing those projects.

The committee asked that Andy provide more information, where available, when the projects are distributed to the Standards Committee for prioritization.

e. **Status of Outstanding Interpretations**

Laura Hussey provided an update on the status of outstanding interpretations. Laura reported that the only new interpretation is one submitted jointly from EEI and NRECA, asking for clarity on the term ‘facilities’ as used in CIP-001, Requirement R1.

The Standards Committee asked Laura to have the Interpretation Drafting Team chairs provide a status report for the September 8, 2011 Standards Committee meeting.

f. **EEI and NRECA Request for Interpretation**

Michael Gildea motioned to direct staff to initiate action to form an Interpretation Drafting Team to address the request for interpretation submitted by EEI and NRECA if EEI and NRECA are not satisfied with CAN0016 (which addresses the use of the term “facilities” in CIP-001, Requirement R1) when it is posted for stakeholder comment.

> *The motion was approved without objection, and with three abstentions (Klaus Lambeck, Linda Campbell, Ben Li).*

4. **Standards Process**

a. **Letter from Tom Galloway Regarding Interpretations and Compliance Application Notices**

Ben Li led a discussion on the letter from Tom Galloway and observed that the Member Representative Committee and Board of Trustee meetings conducted in August, 2011 addressed the issues raised by the Standards Committee. Ben recommended monitoring progress with Compliance Application Notices (CANs) over the next several months and proposed a review of CANs during the October 2011 Standards Committee agenda.

b. **Election of Standards Committee Members**

Maureen Long advised that staff will initiate the Standards Committee election process in early September. Maureen asked that Industry Segments using a procedure other than the default election procedure, provide her with a copy of the procedure and evidence of ratification by September 1, 2011.

c. **Project Prioritization Tool and Reference Document**

Linda Campbell motioned to approve posting the project prioritization tool and reference document for information and not for stakeholder comment.

> *The motion was approved without objection or abstention.*

The need for a communication plan to support the use of the prioritization tool was identified and Michael Gildea and Andy Rodriquez committed to working together on a communication plan and sharing that plan with Herbert Schrayshuen.

d. **PRC-005-2 – Authorize Posting SAR and Standard**
Steve Rueckert motioned to approve posting the SAR and standard for a 45-day formal comment period with the formation of a ballot pool during the first 30 days and an initial ballot during the last 10 days of that comment period.

- The motion was approved without objection or abstention.

Alice Ireland motioned to direct staff to solicit additional SDT members representing smaller entities.

- The motion was approved without objection or abstention.

5. Coordination
   a. Report from Member Representative Committee, Standards Oversight and Technology Committee and Board of Trustees Meetings

Herbert Schrayshuen reported on discussions and actions taken during the August 3-4, 2011 Member Representative Committee and Board of Trustee (BOT) meetings, including the following:

Issues discussed during BOT Standards Oversight and Technology Committee Meeting:

- Why not integrate prioritization of regional standards development with continent-wide prioritization

- Is there a modification to the standard process that would give the Standards Committee the flexibility to address the PRC-005 issue (Rules of Procedure changes are being identified for approval during the February, 2012 board meeting)

- Concerns were raised about not meeting the 5-year review of some standards, and the few number of standards targeted for completion in 2013

Issues discussed during BOT Meeting:

- High interest in moving FAC-003 – Transmission Vegetation Management toward approval in November

- How to integrate development of pleadings earlier in the Standard Development process

- BES team to report to the board by September 9 so the BOT will be able to judge whether the directives to deliver a definition can be met on time

b. Coordination with Regulatory and Governmental Authorities

Holly Hawkins provided an update on regulatory activities since the last Standards Committee meeting including filings made and Orders issued, and identified the need to develop filings for the standards adopted during the August, 2011 board meeting.

c. Coordination with Regional Managers

Herb Schrayshuen provided an update on the work of the Regional Standards Group.

6. Discussion Items
   a. Standards Committee Meeting Locations

The Standards Committee’s 2012 meeting dates and cities have been finalized as follows:
b. **Standards Committee Meeting with SDT Leadership October 11, 2011**

Maureen Long will work with Allen Mosher and Ben Li to put together a target list of topics for distribution prior to the October 11, 2011 meeting.

Ben Li clarified that all Standards Committee members are invited to attend and participate in the meeting.

c. **SC-CCC December Agenda Items**

The Standards Committee will have a joint meeting with the CCC on December 7, 2011 from 1-5 p.m. in Atlanta. The following topics have been identified.

- VRF & VSL Proposals
- RSAW Development
- Participation in Quality Reviews
- CANs & Interpretations
- Rapid Revisions
- Communication between Standards & Compliance
- Staying up to date with Standards for Certifications
- Overview of CCC Roles and how they interface with NERC

If Standards Committee members have additional suggestions for agenda items, please submit to Maureen Long.

7. **Informational Items**

   a. Drafting Team Vacancies
   b. Updated SAR Form
   c. NPCC has posted a Cost Effectiveness Analysis Procedure and is seeking comments through September 18, 2011.

8. **Executive Committee Actions**

Alice Ireland motioned to pre-authorize the Standards Committee’s Executive Committee to act on the following if they are presented for action before September 8, 2011

- PRC-005 – Protection System Maintenance Standard Drafting Team – appoint additional members to the drafting team
- Modifications to MOD-028 (Rapid Revision Field Test) – authorize posting the SAR and revised standard for a 45-day comment period with the formation of a ballot pool during the first 30 days and an initial ballot during the last 10 days.
The motion was approved without objection or abstention.

9. Adjourn
## Outstanding Action Items from March, April, May, June, and July SC Meetings

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