

# Meeting Minutes

## Project Management and Oversight Subcommittee (PMOS)

August 5, 2020 | 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Eastern

### Introduction and Chair's Remarks

Chair C. Yeung called the meeting, to order at 1:00 p.m. Eastern. The meeting was announced via the PMOS email distribution list on July 28, 2020 as well as being publicly posted on the [www.nerc.com](http://www.nerc.com) website. The chair provided the subcommittee with opening remarks and welcomed members<sup>1</sup> and guests. The secretary held roll call for members and identified other attendees that were in attendance. Those in attendance included:

Members: Charles Yeung (PMOS chair), Michael Brytowski (PMOS vice chair), Colby Bellville, Masuncha Bussey, Ken Lanehome, Linda Lynch, Quinn Morrison, Mark Pratt, and Kirk Rosener. A quorum of voting members (i.e. nine of ten) in addition to non-voting members Amy Casuscelli and Todd Bennett.

Observers: from industry: Rachel Coyne (TRE), Sing Tay (OGE), Mike Johnson (PGE), (AECI), and Rebecca Moore Darrah (ACES); from NERC: Latrice Harkness, Jordan Mallory, Scott Barfield-McGinnis, Chris Larson, and Elsa Prince (secretary).

### NERC Antitrust Compliance Guidelines and Public Announcement

NERC Antitrust Compliance Guidelines and Public Announcement were presented and reviewed by the secretary. The secretary noted the full antitrust guidelines and public announcement were provided in the agenda package to each member via email and posted on the PMOS webpage. There were no questions.

### Agenda Items

#### 1. Review of Agenda

C. Yeung reviewed the agenda with members and attendees.

#### 2. Consent Agenda

The June 16, 2020 Meeting Minutes were reviewed, motion by M. Brytowski, was properly seconded, and approved by unanimous consent.

#### 3. Review of Prior Action Items

E. Prince reported on the following action items from the June 16, 2020 conference call:

- a. E. Prince provided a status update on the COVID-19 NERC travel and meeting policy.
- b. The team reviewed the updates to the Project Tracking Spreadsheet (PTS).

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<sup>1</sup> The PMOS is composed of industry stakeholders where the chair or vice chair must be a member of the Standards Committee (SC) and the SC leadership are non-voting members of the PMOS.

#### 4. Project Tracking Spreadsheet (PTS) and Project Review

a. Standards Efficiency Review Phase II

- b. **2015-09** – Establish and Communicate System Operating Limits (SOL) – K. Lanehome reported the following:

**Phase I (2015-09):** The 45-day comment period and formal ballot ended on August 3. Due to the age of the ballot pools and six non-binding polls not reaching quorum, the ballot was extended. The extension ended on August 26. The team will be meeting in late September to review comments and make revisions as needed.

- c. **2016-02** – Modifications to Critical Infrastructure Protection (CIP) Standards – K. Lanehome reported the following:

- i. (2016-02d) CIP-002-5.1a: The CIP SDT is currently holding weekly calls to continue to clean up CIP-005, CIP-007, and CIP-010. A Webinar will be held on August 6, 2020. The CIP SDT is preparing for an August 27, 2020 one day workshop. An announcement and additional details will be distributed shortly. The CIP SDT is waiting on the Supply Chain (2019-03) project to complete before seeking acceptance of posting from the SC. The Sept 2020 is projected posting is on hold.

- d. **2017-01** – Modifications to BAL-003-1.1 – L. Lynch reported the following:

**Phase II (2017-01b):** The SDT is working on a white paper/technical justification document to provide additional insight to industry and to help form next steps in potential changes to the Standard.

- e. **2019-02** – BES Cyber System Information Access Management – K. Rosener reported that 45-day period and additional ballot ends on September 21. An Industry Webinar was held on August 19. The SDT will be meeting to review the comments and make revisions as necessary.

- f. **2019-03** – Cyber Security Supply Chain Risk – M. Bussey reported that the proposed modifications were released for quality review. The drafting team met on July 21 to review the QR and make some updates. In addition, the SDT conducted extensive outreach amongst the trade associations and other entities. The next additional ballot is scheduled for July 28, and the next meetings are scheduled for July 29 and Aug 5 (Industry Webinar).

- g. **2019-04** – Modifications to PRC-005-6 – M. Pratt reported that the posting period was completed for formal comment on the revised SAR on 7/8/20 [Note: Delayed from original posting schedule due to resource constraints associated with COVID-19]. The next SAR Drafting Team call is tentatively scheduled for the week of 8/10/20 to review comments and prepare responses. The team anticipates that this may take several calls through the end of August to complete. In addition, industry outreach planned for 8/5/20 via Q&A with the North American Generator Forum (original author of the SAR) to address their members' concerns.

**2019-05** – Modifications to PER-003-2 – C. Bellville reported that Project 2019-05 is currently on hold as the team waits for further research and justification from the PCGC. The PCGC is still working on the question of how many continuing education hours that the new one system

operator credential would need for renewal every three years. While this subject is outside the jurisdiction of the changes to the standard, the standard modifications and certification process manual changes are tied and need to be presented together for industry and FERC to have a full picture of this shift. The PCGC does not currently have a firm timeline on when that research and justification will be complete. That leaves the drafting team waiting. The team has been notified and they have a draft of the standard ready for an initial posting when the time comes. Once the project can get back up and running, the team is hopeful that the initial ballot of the standard would pass as the changes are minimal. Then moving to final ballot shortly thereafter would potentially make the total lifespan of the project fairly short as long as the coordinating work from the PCGC for the changes to the program manual are also ready to do.

**2019-06 – Cold Weather –** M. Brytowski reported that the SAR SDT met during July 14-16, 2020 to review SAR comments received. The team modified the SAR to address some industry comments that justification may be available (gas curtailments) and remained focused on the FERC/NERC report as the central point for the SAR. The team voted to move the SAR forward to the SC for acceptance during its September 2020 meeting.

- h. **2020-01 – Modifications to MOD-031-2 –** L. Lynch reported that the first meeting of the SAR DT members occurred on Wednesday, July 8, 2020. On July 21<sup>st</sup>, an informal “get acquainted” meeting occurred, providing the opportunity for the members to get to know each other better. The SAR DT held its first public working meeting on July 27<sup>th</sup>. There was continued team orientation on the use of NERC’s Project Extranet site, discussion of team roles, key questions/topics for the project, industry outreach approach, and themes of the SAR comments. The SAR DT members have divided up into several sub-groups to address each of the key elements of the SAR. The next public meeting has not been determined.
- i. **2020-02 – Transmission-connected Resources –** L. Lynch reported that industry comments for the SAR, and NERC SAMS Whitepaper “*Transmission Connected Dynamic Reactive Resources and HVDC Equipment – Assessment of Applicability in Reliability Standards*” closed on May 13, 2020. NERC staff is holding off on selecting the Standards Drafting Team (SDT) members for this SAR, since there are IRPTF SARs for MOD-026 and MOD-027 that have been submitted to the RSTC for approval. This Project is expected to be renamed and involve fewer Standards in its scope. A new Project will be established to cover the remaining Standards in this SAR. Selection of the SDT members for the revised Projects will probably occur in the fall, at which time the project schedules will be updated. Regarding any relevant issues - the intent is to have the Projects cover more specific, narrower scopes, and allow for the selection of SDT members with qualifications that align more closely with the scope of each Project.
- j. **2020-03 – Supply Chain Low Impact Revisions –** M. Bussey reported that the SC approved an additional solicitation for nominations for low impact entities at its July 22 meeting. An additional solicitation for nominations is scheduled to post July 30 – August 13, 2020. NERC asked the SDT to slow the project schedule down due to COVID-19.
- k. **2020-04 – Modifications to CIP-012-1 –** C. Bellville reported that the purpose of this project is to address a directive issued by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) in Order No.

866 to develop modifications to the CIP Reliability Standards to require protections regarding the availability of communication links and data communicated between the bulk electric system Control Centers. This one recently went through a SAR comment and Drafting Team nomination period. A supplemental drafting team nomination period ended on July 20. A slate of drafting team candidates are scheduled for the August SC meeting. After that, an SDT meeting will be scheduled in early September to review comments and revise SAR as needed.

**5. Action Items**

The secretary documented the action items on the PMOS Action Log.

**6. Adjournment**

C. Yeung adjourned the meeting at 2:43 p.m. Eastern by consent.