

Meeting Minutes Project Management and Oversight Subcommittee (PMOS)

October 28, 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 October 26, 2020 as well as being publicly posted on the www.nerc.com website. The chair provided the subcommittee with opening remarks and welcomed members¹ 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), Ash Mayfield, Colby Bellville, Masuncha Bussey, Linda Lynch, Quinn Morrison, Mark Pratt, Kirk Rosener, and Ken Lanehome. A quorum of voting members (i.e. ten of ten) in addition to non-voting member Todd Bennett.

Observers: from industry: Guy Zito (NPCC), Sing Tay (OGE), Kent Feliks (AEP), Kim Zimmerman (EnergySec), Mike Johnson (PGE), Kim VanBrimer (SPP), Rebecca Moore Darrah (ACES), Cristhian Godoy (ConEd), Claudine Fritz (Exelon) and Holden Mann (RTO Insider); from NERC: Alison Oswald, Marisa Hecht, and Elsa Prince (secretary).

NERC Antitrust Compliance Guidelines and Public Announcement

The NERC Antitrust Compliance Guidelines, NERC Participant Conduct Policy, and Public Announcement were presented and reviewed by the secretary. The secretary noted the full antitrust guidelines, participant conduct policy 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

Chair Yeung reviewed the agenda with members and attendees.

2. Consent Agenda

The September 23, 2020 Meeting Minutes were reviewed, motion by Q. Morrison, was properly seconded, and approved by unanimous consent.

¹ 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.

3. Review of Prior Action Items

- a. E. Prince provided a status update on the COVID-19 NERC travel and meeting policy.
- b. Chair Yeung announced that he will renew his two-year team, from January 1, 2021- December 31, 2022.
- c. Chair Yeung updated the team on the solicitation for nominees, and the leadership team will finalize their decision on the candidates after reviewing their qualifications and the PMOS work load. Chair Yeung reminded the PMOS liaisons' to review their 2021 company budget to ensure it aligns with the travel and meeting policies.
- d. E. Prince requested that the team finish providing their updates to the PMOS scope document. After receiving the comments, the PMOS leadership team will review the comments and make their updates. Prior to the next team call, the final scope document will be emailed to the team for their final review.

4. Project Tracking Spreadsheet (PTS) and Project Review

- a. **2015-09** – Establish and Communicate System Operating Limits (SOL) – K. Lanehome reported the following:
- b. **Phase I (2015-09)**: An additional ballot was posted on Oct 23 which includes edits based on feedback from the previous comment period to FAC-014 and the implementation plan. The implementation plan has been extended from 12 to 24 months. Assuming this additional ballot passes it will go to final ballot next. The team anticipates that the project should be complete in December 2020.
- c. **2015-09b**: The IROL portion of the project has been placed on hold pending additional information. The SDT decided that IROL modifications will not be made to CIP-002 at this time. The CIP SDT (2016-02c) will finish their work and post with no changes to the IROL language. CIP-002 will be re-opened during phase 2 of this project to address the IROL language.
- d. **2016-02** – Modifications to Critical Infrastructure Protection (CIP) Standards – K. Lanehome reported the following:
 - i. **Phase IV (2016-02d)** CIP-002-5.1a: The CIP SDT has been focused on industry outreach and had a successful virtual workshop on Sep 30. With the CIP Supply Chain project passing, virtualization now has priority among the remaining CIP projects. The SDT is increasing the frequency of their meetings to complete edits and get ready for the initial posting. The initial posting is currently planned for the end of January with the project completing by the December 2021.
- e. **2017-01** – Modifications to BAL-003-1.1 – L. Lynch reported the following:

Phase II (2017-01b): The SDT continued to work on the whitepaper. The purpose of the technical whitepaper is to assist in deciding if Phase II should involve revisions to existing Standard requirements; or, revisions and new requirements for GO | GOP functional registrations. The goal is to have an informal posting of the whitepaper in December. The first

formal posting for Phase II can be postponed until March 2021. The SDT is working towards presenting Phase II to the NERC BOT for approval in August 2021.

- f. **2019-02** – BES Cyber System Information Access Management – K. Rosener reported that the ballot results from the August/September posting did not pass. The SDT will be submitting an additional posting. The next posting is tentatively scheduled for December 2020. The SDT has reviewed the responses from industry on the 7 questions contained in the posting. The team has established objectives for two sub-teams to achieve in making additional revisions to CIP-004 and CIP-011. At a high level, Industry is seeking additional clarity in the requirements with respect to providing security controls in accessing electronic data as well as protecting electronic data in cloud environments. Also, Industry still needs clarity on the CIP-011 risk assessment versus the assessment performed in CIP-013.
- g. **2019-03** – Cyber Security Supply Chain Risk – M. Bussey reported that the project passed final ballot on October 16. The standards will be presented to NERC board during the November 2020 meeting and filed with FERC shortly after to meet the December 26th deadline.
- h. **2019-04** – Modifications to PRC-005-6 – M. Pratt reported that the SAR Drafting Team continues their review of industry comments, preparing responses and making refinements to the SAR to provide additional clarity in the scope of Protection Systems impacted by the proposed changes to the Standard. This activity is expected to be completed with the call scheduled for October 30, 2020. The next steps are as follows: develop comment form, perform quality review and post the refined SAR for 30-day industry comment. The target date is mid-November 2020. Then, the team will seek Standards Committee approval of the SAR as well as appoint the current SAR Drafting Team as the SDT with possible solicitation of additional SMEs in the area of protective functions within AVRs. The target date is January 2021.
- i. **2019-05** – This project is currently on hold pending action by the PCGC to review the number of hours necessary for the Operator credential. Recently, the PCGC has made progress on the technical rationale document and it is possible that it could be approved this month. This could make it possible for the SDT to resume meeting again soon and attempt an initial posting before the end of the year.
- j. **2019-06** – Cold Weather – Q. Morrison and M. Brytowski reported that the team voted to move the SAR forward to the SC for acceptance during its September 2020 meeting. The developer has scheduled a series of meetings in late October, early November for the SAR drafting team (assuming the SAR is approved by the SC).
- k. **2020-01** – Modifications to MOD-031-2 – L. Lynch reported that the SAR drafting team members had a conference call on September 30, 2020 to draft SAR comment themes and responses. The SAR DT is working on updating the SAR for industry comment. The next public meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 28, 2020.
- l. **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.

- m. **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. Additional nominees are being vetted for possible recommendation to the SC. The kick-off WebEx meeting is scheduled for November 2, 2020.
- n. **2020-04** – Modifications to CIP-012-1 – C. Bellville reported that this project will 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. The goal is 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. The SAR Drafting Team was appointed at the September 24 SC Meeting. The SAR Drafting Team has meetings scheduled for October 27 and 29 to review comments provided by industry and revise the SAR as necessary.

5. Action Items

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

6. Adjournment

C. Yeung adjourned the meeting at 2:48 p.m. Eastern by consent.