

# Meeting Minutes

## Project Management and Oversight Subcommittee (PMOS)

September 23, 2020 | 2:30–4:30 p.m. Eastern

### Introduction and Chair's Remarks

Chair C. Yeung called the meeting, to order at 2:30 p.m. Eastern. The meeting was announced via the PMOS email distribution list on September 16, 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, Kirk Rosener, and Ash Mayfield. A quorum of voting members (i.e. ten of ten) in addition to non-voting members Amy Casuscelli and Todd Bennett.

Observers: from industry: Debbie Currie (SPP), Rachel Coyne (TRE), Guy Zito (NPCC), and Rebecca Moore Darrah (ACES); from NERC: Latrice Harkness, Jordan Mallory, Alison Oswald, Chris Larson, Laura Anderson, Scott Barfield-McGinnis, Soo Jin Kim 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

Chair Yeung reviewed the agenda with members and attendees.

#### 2. Consent Agenda

The August 5, 2020 Meeting Minutes were reviewed, motion by K. Rosener, was properly seconded, and approved by unanimous consent.

#### 3. Review of Prior Action Items

a. E. Prince provided a status update on the COVID-19 NERC travel and meeting policy.

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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.

- b. Chair Yeung and Vice Chair Brytowski stated their intention to continue for the next two years. A. stated that he will step down at the end of his term, hence one vacancy has been created.
- c. Vice Chair Brytowski provided an update on the technology tools.
- d. S. Barfield made some refinements to the PTS home page. The PMOS team reviewed the updates.
- e. C. Larson provided an update on the SER Operational Data Exchange SAR. The SAR was submitted to NERC in June 2020. The SAR proposes to simplify the administrative burdens identified by the SER Phase 2 Team associated with the current IRO-010-2 and TOP-003-3 standards and limit unnecessary data requirements that do not contribute to BES reliability and resiliency. NERC is evaluating the feasibility of the SAR and plans to present a disposition to the SC later this year, or early 2021.
- f. Chair Yeung provided PMOS feedback to NERC Standards.

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

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

**Phase I (2015-09):** The official comment and ballot period closed on August 26. All the main standards being edited passed. Most of the other standards with conforming changes passed except for CIP-014. Many didn't agree with replacing the term IROL with its definition. They thought it may add confusion or bring more facilities into scope. The implementation plan also did not pass. The industry is asking for more time. The SDT will meet soon to work on response to comments, and the final ballot is currently planned for next month.

- b. **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 is focused on industry outreach and education. Their work has been focused on an upcoming industry workshop on virtualization. It was originally scheduled for Aug 27 but rescheduled for Sep 30 to allow the team more time to work on their presentations. The initial posting is currently planned for the end of January 2021, assuming there are no conflicts with the other currently active CIP projects.

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

**Phase II (2017-01b):** The SDT met informally on August 24th and September 11th, and formally on August 27th to continue drafting the technical 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 present the technical whitepaper and have it endorsed by the Resources Subcommittee at its October 2020 meeting. The COVID-19 pandemic has limited the amount of time that SDT members are able to work on the technical whitepaper and actively

participate in informal and formal meetings. There is an informal SDT meeting scheduled for September 22nd, to review and finalize the 'Draft version' whitepaper contents.

- d. **2019-02** – BES Cyber System Information Access Management – K. Rosener reported that 45-day period and additional ballot ends on September 21. This posting is for Draft 2 of CIP-004 and CIP-011. An Industry Webinar was held on August 19. The SDT will be meeting to review the comments and make revisions as necessary.
- e. **2019-03** – Cyber Security Supply Chain Risk – M. Bussey reported that there was an Industry webinar scheduled on August 5. Draft 3 was released for comment period July 28 to September 10. The FERC mandate is complete and will be filed by late December 2020. The schedule is to work towards the final ballot, target date is Oct 5 – 14.
- f. **2019-04** – Modifications to PRC-005-6 – M. Pratt reported that the SAR Drafting Team is holding a series of calls through October 8, 2020 to review industry comments, prepare responses and make refinements to the SAR. The industry comments on the initial posting were substantial and indicated the need to add additional clarity in the scope of Protection Systems impacted by the proposed changes. The team decided that additional industry outreach is planned to address stakeholder concerns through participation in the October North American Generator Forum (NAGF) monthly call. The next step is to post the refined SAR for industry comment prior to presenting it to the NERC Standards Committee (Target: Q4 2020).
- g. **2019-05** – This project is currently still 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.
- h. **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).
- i. **2020-01** – Modifications to MOD-031-2 – L. Lynch reported that the SAR drafting team members divided up into several sub-groups and developed a list of 'Major Themes'. Formal meetings were held on August 17th and September 8th to update the SAR. The SAR drafting team is working on updating the SAR for industry comment. The next public meeting date has yet to be determined.
- j. **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.

- k. **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 October 2, 2020. NERC asked the SDT to slow the project schedule down due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- l. **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. 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 September SC meeting. After that, an SDT meeting will be scheduled in early October 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 4:05 p.m. Eastern by consent.