

# Meeting Minutes Project Management and Oversight Subcommittee (PMOS)

January 19, 2021 | 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 January 12, 2021 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, Linda Lynch, Quinn Morrison, Mark Pratt, Kirk Rosener, Ken Lanehome, Rebecca Moore Darrah, Cristhian Godoy, and Anthony Westenkirchner. A quorum of voting members (i.e. twelve of twelve) in addition to non-voting member Todd Bennett.

Observers: from industry: Ash Mayfield (GRDA), Sing Tay (OGE), Guy Zito (NPCC), Mike Johnson (PGE), Claudine Fritz (Exelon) and Philip Winston; from NERC: Latrice Harkness, Laura Anderson, Jordan Mallory, Alison Oswald, Soo Jin Kim, Lauren Perotti, Marisa Hecht, Scott Barfield 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. Consent Agenda

The December 8, 2020 Meeting Minutes were reviewed, motioned by K. Rosener, was properly seconded, and approved by unanimous consent.

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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.

## 2. Update on SARs/2021 Projects

- a. S. Barfield described how to analyze the SARs mapping document. S. Kim led a discussion on the anticipated 2021 Standards Projects, and introduced L. Harkness, the new Standards Manager.

## 3. 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 ballot failed at 66.61%. The next step is for the SDT to meet and address the industry concerns and plans an additional ballot for Feb 19. The goal is for the final ballot to be scheduled for April 2021, assuming the additional ballot passes.

- b. **2015-09b:** The IROL portion of the project is 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.

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

**Phase IV (2016-02d)** CIP-002-5.1a: This project is on the SC agenda requesting approval for initial posting. Assuming the SC approves, this will be posted at the end of the January 2021. The goal is for the team to complete this project by the end of the year.

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

**Phase II (2017-01b):** The technical whitepaper was presented to the Resources Subcommittee (RS). It will go back to the RS Committee via email by January 18, 2021, for endorsement. The purpose of the technical whitepaper is to assist the SDT in deciding if Phase II should involve revisions to existing Standard requirements; or, revisions and new requirements for the GO | GOP functional registrations. The next step is that the technical whitepaper will be posted during the week of January 25, 2021, for an informal comment period. The next meeting will be scheduled subsequent to the closing of the posting period, so the SDT will review and respond to comments received and continue development of the standard. An industry webinar on the whitepaper will be scheduled during the posting period.

- e. **2018-03b – Standards Efficiency Review Retirements | FAC-008-5** – M. Pratt reported that Initial 45-day posting with 10-day ballot period was posted November 30, 2020, and the ballot passed with over 95% approval. The next steps are as follows: SDT will review comments received during the recent posting period, and post for a 10-day final ballot, target is January 19, 2021, and send it to the NERC BOT for approval in February 4, 2021.

- f. **2019-02 – BES Cyber System Information Access Management** – K. Rosener and L. Harkness reported that the team has established objectives for two sub-teams to achieve in making additional revisions to CIP-004 and CIP-011. Please note, Project 2019-02 SDT will be

collaborating with Project 2016-02 SDT to schedule postings with respect to the virtualization schedule. The 2019-02 SDT will be scheduling outreach in early 2021.

- g. **2019-04 – Modifications to PRC-005-6** – M. Pratt reported that the SAR Drafting Team posted for the 30-day formal industry comment on January 14. The next steps are as follows: conduct an industry outreach webinar during the comment posting period, the target: early-February 2021; seek Standards Committee approval of the SAR as well as appointment of current SAR Drafting Team as the SDT with possible solicitation of additional SMEs in the area of protective functions within AVRs, the target: March 2021.
- h. **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.
- i. **2019-06 – Cold Weather** – Q. Morrison and J. Mallory reported that the SDT is seeking authorization to post from the SC at its January 20, 2021 meeting. If authorized, the Cold Weather Project will post for a 45-day initial comment and ballot period the week of January 25, 2021.
- j. **2020-01** – Modifications to MOD-031-2 – L. Lynch reported that at the Standards Committee meeting on December 9, 2020, the SPIDERWG SAR was rejected on the grounds that based on industry comments received during postings, there is insufficient stakeholder support for this project, and thus continued revisions were determined to not be productive. No further updates will be provided for this project.
- k. **2020-02** – Transmission-connected Resources – L. Lynch reported that 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.
- l. **2020-03** – Supply Chain Low Impact Revisions – M. Bussey and A. Oswald reported that the SAR drafting team met in November 2020 and again last week to discuss the SAR and the comments received during the SAR comment period. The team will be asking the SC to approve the redline SAR, authorize work on the standards and appoint the SAR drafting team as the SDT at the February 2021 meeting.
- m. **2020-04** – Modifications to CIP-012-1 – C. Bellville and L. Harkness reported that this project addresses a directive issued by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) in Order No. 866. 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 Drafting Team met on January 14 to start work on proposed revisions. Future meetings are scheduled for January 21 and 26, 2021.

- n. **2020-05** – A. Westenkirchner and A. Oswald reported that the nominations and SAR comment period concluded on December 11, 2020. The SAR drafting team will be seated during the February 2021 SC meeting.
- o. **2020-06 – Verifications of Models and Data for Generators** - This project is anticipated to post the SAR for comment and solicit for SAR DT members the week of January 14, 2021.

#### **4. Action Items**

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

#### **5. Adjournment**

C. Yeung adjourned the meeting at 4:16 p.m. Eastern by consent.