

# Meeting Minutes

## Project Management and Oversight Subcommittee (PMOS)

December 8, 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 December 1, 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, Linda Lynch, Quinn Morrison, Mark Pratt, Kirk Rosener, and Ken Lanehome. A quorum of voting members (i.e. eight of ten) in addition to non-voting members Amy Casuscelli and Todd Bennett.

Observers: from industry: Anthony Westenkirchner (Evergy), Douglas Webb (Evergy), Sing Tay (OGE), Kent Feliks (AEP), Mike Johnson (PGE), Rebecca Moore Darrah (ACES), Cristhian Godoy (ConEd), Claudine Fritz (Exelon) and Sarah Snow (Coop Energy); from NERC: Latrice Harkness, Alison Oswald, Soo Jin Kim, Lauren Perotti, 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 October 28, 2020 Meeting Minutes were reviewed, motion by Q. Morrison, was properly seconded, and approved by unanimous consent.

#### 2. 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 welcomed the new PMOS liaisons (R. M. Darrah, A. Westenkirchner and C. Godoy) that will join the team in 2021. They provided a synopsis of their work experience and how they plan to contribute to the PMOS.
- c. The revised PMOS scope document was motion by L. Lynch, was properly seconded, and approved by unanimous consent.
- d. The team looked at the PMOS home page and made suggestions to update it.

### 3. 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 is closed on Dec 7, and the SDT has meetings scheduled for Dec 10 and 14 to review the comments. The final ballot is scheduled for January 2021, assuming the additional ballot passed.
  - 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 increased its meeting frequency to work on conforming changes, technical rationale, implementation guidance and CIP Exceptional Circumstance language and justification. The SDT plans on going to the Feb 2021 SC for approval for the initial posting.
- e. **2017-01** – Modifications to BAL-003-1.1 – L. Lynch reported the following:
  - Phase II (2017-01b)**: On Monday, November 16, 2020, the SDT had a conference call to finalize 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 technical whitepaper was presented to the RS Committee in November, and is expected to be endorsed by the RS Committee by email in December 2020. The next step is for the technical whitepaper to be posted on January 6, 2021, for an informal comment period. The next informal meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 7, 2020, to review the questions that will be included with the posting of the technical whitepaper in January.
- f. **2018-03 – Standards Efficiency Review Retirements | FAC-008-5** – M. Pratt reported that Standards Efficiency review retirements have an initial 45-day posting with 10-day ballot period posted November 30, 2020, the final ballot is expected in mid-Jan 2021.
- g. **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 has reviewed the

responses from industry on the seven 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. 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.

- h. **2019-03** – Cyber Security Supply Chain Risk – M. Bussey reported that the project passed final ballot on October 16. The standards was presented to NERC board during the November 2020 meeting and filed with FERC shortly after to meet the December 26<sup>th</sup> deadline.
- i. **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. 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-December 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 Feb 2021.
- j. **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.
- k. **2019-06** – Cold Weather – Q. Morrison and J. Mallory reported that the team has updated the project timeline and intends to seek authorization to post from the SC in Jan 2021. The initial ballot is anticipated to be scheduled in late Jan 2021.
- l. **2020-01** – Modifications to MOD-031-2 – L. Lynch reported that the SAR drafting team members had a conference call on October 28, 2020 and agreed that the SAR was ready to move to the SDT. The recommendation to move the SAR to a SDT was removed from the SC’s November 19, 2020 meeting agenda because not all related documentation had been provided for review prior to the meeting. The recommendation to move the SAR to a SDT will be presented at the next SC meeting on December 9, 2020 for approval. The next meeting is scheduled for early January 2021.
- m. **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.

- n. **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 was scheduled for November 2, 2020.
- o. **2020-04** – Modifications to CIP-012-1 – C. Bellville 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 SAR Drafting Team met October 27 and 29 to review comments provided by industry and revise the SAR as necessary. The revised SAR is submitted for the December 2020 SC Agenda.
- p. **2020-05** – An informal comment period for the Project 2020-05 Modifications to FAC-001-3 and FAC-002-2 Standard Authorization Request is open through December 11, 2020. Additionally, nominations are being sought for drafting team members through December 11, 2020.
- q. **2020-06** – 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 4:38 p.m. Eastern by consent.