

## Notes

# Vegetation Management SDT — Project 2007-07

January 11, 2010 | 2:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.

### 1. Administration

#### a. Antitrust Guidelines

The NERC Anti Trust Compliance Guidelines were reviewed and roll was called. A quorum was declared.

#### b. Introduction of Attendees

The following members and guests were in attendance:

Tom Anderson	Paul Beaulieu	Steve Cieslewicz
George Czerniewski	Richard Dearman	Randy Gann
Jeff Hackman	Dave Morrell	Ibrahim Oweis
John Schechter	John Tamsberg	Harry Tom
Ron Turley	Gary White	Phil Whitmer
Ken Wright	Chris Young	

### 2. Notes

Harry explained that the agenda for this web conference will focus mainly upon a recent decision by the Results-Based Reliability Standards ad hoc group (ad hoc group) to conduct a proof-of-concept demonstration utilizing FAC-003-2 as the showcase. Harry summarized for the SDT during the web conference, a Proposal document prepared by the ad hoc group (attached). A member of the ad hoc group will attend the next SDT meeting in New Orleans to explain the objectives of the POC demonstration and answer any questions the SDT may have.

The Richard Dearman requested that Maureen Long participate via conference call when the SDT meets with the ad hoc group representative in New Orleans. Richard also pointed out an inconsistent usage of the words “competency” and “capability”, and the omission of a Definitions section in the revised Standard Template (Exhibit C) of the ad hoc group’s Proposal document.

The ad hoc group selected FAC-003 for the POC demonstration because of various factors, including impact on BES reliability, history of compliance violations and status of development work. The anticipated schedule expects a completed and balloted standard by the August 2010 NERC BOT meeting.

Harry then explained that NERC staff direction with respect to the TO-GO Final Report is for the VM SDT not to incorporate the Report recommendations at this time. The expectation is for an expedited SAR and Standard development process to address the Report recommendations rather than through various independent SDTs.

The discussion to formalize the vote regarding the force majeure language was deferred until the next web conference due to lack of time.

3. **Next Web Conference**

The next web conference will be on Monday January 18, 2010 at 2PM ET. The agenda includes:

- Formal action on the modifications to the force majeure language
- Discussion and finalize action on the definitions of Active Transmission Line ROW and Vegetation Inspections.
- Preparations for SDT meeting in New Orleans on January 26-29, 2010.