

Meeting Minutes Project Management and Oversight Subcommittee (PMOS)

March 16, 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 March 9, 2021 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), 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 Amy Casuscelli.

Observers: from industry: Sing Tay (OGE), Kinte Whitehead (Exelon), Mike Johnson (PGE), Joseph Younger (Texas RE), Rachel Coyne (Texas RE), and Claudine Fritz (Exelon); from NERC: Latrice Harkness, Laura Anderson, Chris Larson, 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. Consent Agenda

The January 19, 2021 Meeting Minutes were reviewed, motioned by K. Rosener, was properly seconded, and approved by unanimous consent.

2. Prior Action Items

- a. Regarding the NERC policy and travel restrictions due to COVID-19, there are no changes. We will continue having WebEx conference calls until further notice.

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.

- b. L. Harkness provided an update on Projects 2020-02 and 2020-06. Project 2020-02 is on hold and NERC staff is waiting to select 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. For Project 2020-06, SAR drafting team nominees will be presented at the March 17 SC meeting. The SAR drafting team orientation training will occur in April.

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 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 next steps is for the drafting team to meet soon to work on response to comments. The final ballot is currently planned for next month.

- 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: The drafting team 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 workshop is scheduled from 12-5 on Sep 30. The initial posting is currently planned for the end of January.

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

Phase II (2017-01b): The Technical White Paper was finalized and endorsed by NERC Resources Subcommittee (RS). In the White Paper the drafting team had referenced the GO Survey Report, so posting for industry comment was delayed until the GO Survey Report is posted on the NERC RS webpage. The GO Survey Report is scheduled to post to the NERC RS webpage by Thursday, March 4, 2021; but, due to posting congestion, the White Paper will not post for industry comment until March 29, 2021. During the White Paper posting period, the SDT is planning to conduct an outreach industry webinar.

- e. **2018-03b – Standards Efficiency Review Retirements | FAC-008-5** – M. Pratt reported that the final ballot period closes on Jan 28 and passed with greater than 95% approval. The NERC BOT

- approval of Standard FAC-008-5, Implementation Plan, VRFs/VSLs, and retirement of FAC-008-3 on February 4, 2021. The next steps are for the NERC filing to FERC in March 2021.
- f. 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.
 - g. **2019-02 – BES Cyber System Information Access Management** – K. Rosener provided scheduling updates: the third ballot is from March 25 thru May 10, the fourth ballot is from June 14 thru July 29 (as needed), and the final ballot is from August 16 thru August 26.
 - h. **2019-04 – Modifications to PRC-005-6** – M. Pratt reported that the comment period for the SAR closed on February 26, 2021, industry outreach webinar was held on Feb 4. From the initial review of the comments received, there is mixed support from industry on the proposed SAR. The developer is discussing a path forward with NERC SMEs, as well as team leadership. A SAR drafting team meeting will be scheduled in March to discuss next steps, respond to comments received, and to edit the SAR if appropriate.
 - i. **2019-05** – C. Bellville reported that this project is currently on hold pending action by the PCGC to review the number of hours necessary for the Operator credential.
 - j. **2019-06** – Cold Weather – Q. Morrison reported that the Cold Weather Project is currently posted for a 25-day comment and ballot period (Apr 2 - Apr 26, 2021). The projected final ballot May 11- 21, 2021. We anticipate the board adoption is during the June meeting.
 - k. **2020-01** – Modifications to MOD-031-2 – L. Lynch and M. Pratt reported that an informal comment period for the Project 2021-01 Modifications to MOD-025 and PRC-019 Standard Authorization Request (SAR) is open through 8 p.m. Eastern, Monday, April 2, 2021. Additionally, nominations are being sought for SAR drafting team members through 8 p.m. Eastern, Monday, April 2, 2021. There is also overlap with 2020-02 with this project.
 - l. **2020-02** – Transmission-connected Resources – L. Lynch reported that this project is on hold.
 - m. **2020-03** – Supply Chain Low Impact Revisions – M. Bussey reported that the SAR was approved by the SC at the February 17, 2021 meeting. The next scheduled meetings are during March 12 – 14.
 - n. **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 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 February 26 and reviewed language for proposed R2, as well as revisions to the Technical Rationale document. The drafting team plans to send to the SC for approval during its April meeting.
 - o. **2020-05** – A. Westenkirchner reported that the team was seated at the SC meeting the week of February 15th. The welcome to the team emails should be sent out soon and discussions will begin between the developer with the Chair and Vice Chair regarding when to hold the first SAR team meeting.

- p. **2020-06 – Verifications of Models and Data for Generators** - C. Godoy reported that the SAR was posted for comment and solicitation of drafting team members occurred during the week of January 14, 2021. The next steps is to present the Drafting Team nominees at the March 17, 2021 SC meeting for approval. The schedule will be prepared once the drafting team is assembled.

4. Periodic Review Projects

CIP Standards Efficiency Review - L. Harkness reported that the CIP Standards Efficiency Review team has completed the first phase of analysis to identify potential CIP Reliability Standard Requirements with potential for efficiency gains through retirement or modification. This first phase included identifying and analyzing requirements for retirement. Several requirements were proposed, and after preliminary analysis and reviews it was determined a more conducive course of action would be to consider them in the modification effort. The CIP SER team conducted the analysis by forming three sub-teams (team roster available here) to comprehensively evaluate the feedback from industry. The teams have identified potential candidates for modification; and are now engaged in further evaluation in parallel with development of modification rationale to address the justification for meeting the security and reliability objectives of the Requirements. Upon completion of draft rationale, anticipated 1st quarter of 2021, the sub-teams plan to present their findings with a recommendation for next steps to appropriate stakeholders.

- a. 2020 Periodic Review Standing Review Team – C. Larson reported that a 45-day comment period for the 2020 Periodic Review Standing Review Team - Standards Grading is open through 8 p.m. Eastern, Wednesday, May 5, 2021.
- b. Standards Efficiency Review (SER-Phase 2) – M. Brytowski reported that based on industry feedback of six efficiency concepts, the SER Phase 2 Working Team prioritized four concepts to pursue. The top 4 priorities were all addressed by the SER group.

5. Projects Under Research

- a. Technical Rationale for Reliability Standards – L. Harkness reported that there are no updates on the Project on the Technical Rationale for Reliability Standards.

6. Action Items

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

7. Adjournment

- C. Yeung adjourned the meeting at 3:45 p.m. Eastern by consent.