

Meeting Notes

Five-Year Review of FAC Standards

July 11, 2013 | Noon – 4:00 p.m. ET

Conference Call with ReadyTalk Web Access

Administrative

1. Introductions

Standards Developer Mallory Huggins initiated the meeting and reviewed the NERC Antitrust Compliance Guidelines, Public Announcement, Participant Conduct Policy, and Email List Policy. She thanked all members and observers for participating in the call and led group introductions. The following members and observers were in attendance:

Name	Company	Member/Observer
John Beck (Chair)	Consolidated Edison of New York	M
Mike Steckelberg (Vice Chair)	Great River Energy	M
Brian Dale	Georgia Power Company	M
Stewart Rake	Luminant Generation Company	M
Ruth Kloecker	ITC Holdings	M
Connie Davis	Cleveland Public Power	O
Kenneth Goldsmith	Alliant Energy	O
Pers-Anders Lof	National Grid	O
Pamalet Mackey	Pacific Gas & Electric	O
Bob Pierce	Duke Energy	O
Jason Snodgrass	Georgia Transmission Corporation	O
Ed Dobrowolski	NERC	M
Mallory Huggins	NERC	M
Sean Cavote	NERC	M

2. Review Meeting Agenda and Objectives

Mallory reviewed the goal of the meeting: to review and refine the recommendations developed since the June 25, 2013 conference call and share additional information and thoughts that could impact the recommendations and their technical justification.

Agenda Items

1. Briefing on Independent Experts Review Panel

Mallory shared information on the recent review of all Reliability Standards by a group of independent experts. She explained that the experts were charged with reviewing all standards from a high-level, holistic perspective to identify requirements that are steady state, requirements that are necessary for reliability but require revision, and requirements that should be retired. The findings of the independent experts were recently released in draft form (beginning on P. 2 of [this Standards Committee action without a meeting from June 21, 2013](#)). In general, the independent experts' recommendations are in line with the direction of the FAC FYRT. The experts did, however, suggest a retirement of FAC-013-2, R2, which the FYRT had not yet considered. Mallory told the team that the report is still in draft form and the FAC-013-2 recommendation should not be considered an explicit directive, but that the FYRT should consider this input in its discussion of FAC-013-2.

2. Status Update on All Standards and Recommendations

a. FAC-001-1 and FAC-002-1

- i. Generally, the FYRT continues to support the recommendation to revise FAC-001-1 and FAC-002-1, along with the detail and justification provided.
- ii. The FYRT discussed FAC-001-1's purpose statement and determined that it would recommend a review of the purpose statement to ensure that it aligns with the standard requirements. In particular, the first clause seems unnecessary and inaccurate, and the reference to performance requirements does not match with the content of the requirements.
- iii. Additionally, the team considered whether the reference to compliance with NERC Reliability Standards and applicable Regional, subregional, Power Pool, and other planning criteria in FAC-001-1 R1 might be redundant with the same reference in FAC-002-1 R1.2, or whether both references could be unnecessary. The team will recommend consideration of this possible redundancy.
- iv. While the FYRT received some suggestions for consideration from Chuck Chakravarthi, the Planning Committee member assigned to technically review FAC-001 and FAC-002, and began to discuss them, the team ultimately determined that the suggestions were too detailed to consider at this point in the review.

b. FAC-003-3

- i. There was no additional discussion about the recommendation to affirm FAC-003-3.

c. FAC-008-3

- i. Mallory reported that NERC compliance staff had committed to incorporating clarifications about the meaning of “terminal equipment” and the references to “ratings provided by equipment manufacturers” in R3 in a revised Reliability Standard Audit Worksheet (RSAW). Compliance staff committed to sharing the revised RSAW with the FAC FYRT as soon as it is completed – likely by August or September, 2013. The FYRT supported this solution and agreed that no revisions to FAC-008-3 are necessary so long as the concerns cited above are captured and addressed in the RSAW.

d. FAC-010-2.1, FAC-011-2, FAC-014-2

- i. The FYRT continues to support the decision to propose a delayed review of FAC-010-2.1, FAC-011-2, and FAC-014-2, and to wait until TOP-001-2, TOP-002-3, TOP-003-2, and TPL-001-4 are acted on at FERC. The team also agreed that the recommendation as written adequately captures the discussion about the definition of System Operating Limit.

e. FAC-013-2

- i. Mallory led a discussion in which the team reviewed the FAC-013-2 requirements in more detail to determine if any of them were eligible for retirement under Paragraph 81 criteria. Because R2, R5, and R6 are reporting requirements, the FYRT discussed whether they are truly necessary for reliability. The team determined that R5 and R6 are necessary because adjacent Planning Coordinators and Transmission Planners within a Planning Coordinator’s area need to know the results of Transfer Capability assessments that affect them, and should be able to request data to better understand those assessments. If those entities don’t receive the methodology used for the assessments, as required by R2, they can’t know if the assessments were executed accurately. Ultimately, the team determined that the requirements remain necessary. The FYRT continues to recommend that FAC-013-2 be affirmed as is.

f. FAC-501-WECC-1

- i. There was no additional discussion about the plan to review FAC-501-WECC-1 as a parallel project in coordination with WECC. Mallory hopes to have an update by the July 17, 2013 conference call.

3. Review and Update Action Items List

- a. **Mallory** will review all recommendations for references to individual team members and revise them to present the decision of the full FYRT.
- b. **Mallory** will continue to refine the recommendations, and will develop draft Standard Authorization Requests for the revisions proposed to FAC-001-1 and FAC-002-1. She will also try to get additional feedback from other NERC staff on the level of detail that should be included in the recommendations.
- c. **All team members** will review the recommendations before the July 17, 2013 conference call, and share feedback with the rest of the team via email or verbally during the July 17, 2013 call.

4. Future Meeting Dates

- a. July 17, 2013, noon-4 p.m. Eastern, Conference Call
- b. September 30-October 2, 2013, ConEd Headquarters, 4 Irving Place, NY, NY 10003

5. Adjourn

- a. The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m. on July 11, 2013.