

Conference Call Notes Backup Facilities SDT — Project 2006-04

December 12, 2008

1. Administrative Items

a. Introductions and Quorum

The Chair brought the call to order at 11 a.m. EST on Friday, December 12, 2008.
Call participants were:

Tom Bowe	Sam Brattini, Chair	Blaine Dinwiddie
Charles Jenkins	Glenn Kaht	Keith Porterfield
John Procyk	Ed Dobrowolski, NERC	

b. NERC Antitrust Compliance Guidelines — Ed Dobrowolski

No questions were raised on the NERC Antitrust Compliance Guidelines.

c. Conference Call Agenda and Objectives — Sam Brattini

An item was added to the agenda to allow Blaine to provide a short report on the BFSDT discussion at the last OC meeting. The objective of the call was to finalize the comment responses.

2. Report on OC Meeting — Blaine Dinwiddie

Notes will be sent to the Chair by the OC Chair. However, it was noted that the SDT can only respond to comments submitted through the official comment process. NERC committees do not receive any special handling in this regard.

Issues discussed included:

- Transition and maintenance violations — The OC doesn't agree that all standards apply in these timeframes. They feel that administrative standards shouldn't be included.
- TOP/TO issue — The OC did not comment on the SDT position not to get involved in registration issues.
- Independence of backup — Single points of failure are a key concern.
- Consistency of backup — Maintenance outages will be required to accomplish this so how does one remain compliant?

- GOP applicability — The OC agrees that this standard should not be applicable to the GOP.
- Zero net transition time — Hot, staffed sites shouldn't be required for all entities but perhaps for ISO's or those with a large impact.

3. Review Comment Responses

- a. Q1 — Barry Lawson
Barry approved the Q1 response in an earlier e-mail to the list server.
- b. Q2 — Tom Bowe
Tom approved the Q2 response in an earlier e-mail to the list server.
- c. Q3 — Melinda Montgomery
With a few noted, small changes, Melinda approved the Q3 response in an earlier e-mail to the list server.
- d. Q4 — Keith Porterfield
Keith approved the Q4 response in an earlier e-mail to the list server.
- e. Q5 — James Vermillion
The Q5 responses need to be re-done. Charles and Sam volunteered to provide draft responses including the revised VSL wording. They will review the percent vs. occurrence issue on a case by case basis.

Action Item — Charles and Sam will provide draft response for Q5.

- f. Q6 — Charles Jenkins
A revised response to Puget was accepted but the 24 month timeframe remains in effect.
- g. Q7 — Blaine Dinwiddie
Changes were made to R1.5 and R8.1 in an attempt to provide further clarity to the SDT's position.

The changes made here should alleviate the concerns raised by Melinda and Sara in earlier e-mails.

- h. Q8 — John Procyk
Changes were made to R4 and R5 to try to clear up the standards issue. These changes will necessitate a review of responses on R4 and R5 in other comments.

4. Review Items from FERC Staff Conference

These remaining issues will be discussed and resolved at the next meeting:

- If the SDT does not include the GOP as an applicable entity, then there needs to be more substance to the BA's role as described in slide #4 from the last meeting.
- Zero net transition time for large entities as described in slide #5.
- Add 'control' to R1.2 as per the old standard and described in slide #6.
- Training for EMS support personnel as per slide #9.

5. Next Steps — Sam Brattini

The SDT will review and resolve the FERC staff issues at the next meeting. In addition, the Q5 responses will be finalized at this meeting.

Ed Dobrowolski will develop a straw man set of questions for the next posting.

Action Item — Ed will develop a straw man set of questions for the next posting.

6. Action Items and Schedule – Ed Dobrowolski

The following action items were developed at this meeting:

- Charles and Sam will provide draft response for Q5.
- Ed will develop a straw man set of questions for the next posting.

The schedule called for the next posting in mid-January so the project is now slipping.

7. Next Meeting — Sam Brattini

There will be a face to face meeting on Tuesday, January 27, 2009 from 8 a.m.–5 p.m. EST and Wednesday, January 28, 2009 from 8 a.m.–3 p.m. EST in Tucker, GA. Details will be sent later.

8. Adjourn

The Chair adjourned the call at 2 p.m. EST.