

Meeting Notes Backup Facilities SDT (Project 2006-04)

January 27, 2009

1. Administrative Items

a. Introductions and Quorum

The meeting was held at the offices of GSOC in Tucker, GA on Tuesday, January 27, 2009. The Chair called the meeting to order at 8 a.m. EST. Meeting participants were:

Tom Bowe	Sam Brattini, Chair	Blaine Dinwiddie
Charles Jenkins	Barry Lawson	Keith Porterfield
John Procyk	Mike Schiavone	Ed Dobrowolski, NERC

b. NERC Antitrust Compliance Guidelines — Ed Dobrowolski

No questions were raised on the NERC Antitrust Compliance Guidelines.

c. Review Meeting Agenda & Objectives — Sam Brattini

The objective of the meeting was to finalize the comment responses and to make decisions on the FERC staff comments so that the roadmap document could be finalized.

2. Finalize Comment Responses

Question 5 was the last question needing review. Charles Jenkins had provided a draft set of responses prior to the meeting and he led the group through the document.

One major change was to align the VSL for certain requirements with the VRF for reliability standards. For example, a Lower VSL was assigned to missing compliance on Lower VRF requirements. The SDT accepted this concept.

A number of requirements were changed due to the responses to Q5: R1.5, R2, R6, and R8.

3. Finalize Responses to FERC Staff Comments

- a. Add 'control' to R1.2
Control is explicitly mentioned in R5. The SDT feels that this is the correct place for this term and that it is not needed in R1.2.
- b. BA responsibility vs. GOP applicability
The revised wording in R3 covers this topic. This new wording requires a BA to ensure that any entities working under its auspices have suitable backup capability.
- c. Net zero transition timeframe
The concept of net zero transition does not exist in Order 693 or Order 693a. The SDT has actually gone beyond the ideas in the Orders by not excluding any applicable entity regardless of size. Differentiation between the RC and the TOP/BA has been made. The SDT feels that it has addressed all directives on this concept.
- d. EMS Support Personnel Training
The SDT feels that R1.6 covers the Operating process and actions required. R1.7 details the roles that people play. R8 requires testing of the plan. Therefore, no further training is required.

4. Next Steps — Sam Brattini

The SDT decided that sufficient changes of a significant nature had been made in the roadmap and that a third posting was required. Three new questions were developed for this posting:

1. R4 & R5 – A question will be drafted covering the new wording on the lack of need for a tertiary facility.
2. R7 – A question will be written on the new wording attempting to clarify the independence issues.
3. A generic question on whether this standard is ready for balloting will be submitted.

Draft question responses will be done by Mike & John for question 1, Charles & Sam for question 2, and Barry & Tom for question 3.

5. Schedule Next Meetings — Sam Brattini

There will be a conference call and web ex on Thursday, May 7, 2009 from 1000 EDT to 1400 EDT to review the comment responses.

6. Review Action Items & Project Schedule — Ed Dobrowolski

Ed will clean up the response form and roadmap as well as create the draft questions. The documents will be distributed for a quick e-mail review prior to submittal to NERC staff for posting.

The project has slipped and is running about one month behind schedule.

7. Adjourn

The Chair thanked GSOC for their hospitality and adjourned the meeting at 4 p.m. EST on Tuesday, January 27, 2009.