

Notes

Real-Time Operations SDT — Project 2007-03

June 15, 2010

1. Administrative Items

a. Introductions

The Chair brought the call to order at 3:15 EDT on Thursday, July 15, 2010. Call participants were:

Jim Case, Chair	Al DiCaprio	Jason Marshall
Steve Myers	Eugene Blick, FERC Observer	Ed Dobrowolski, NERC

A quorum was not achieved so any final resolution will be through an e-mail poll.

b. NERC Antitrust Compliance Guidelines — Ed Dobrowolski

No questions were raised on the NERC Antitrust Compliance Guidelines.

c. Conference Call Agenda and Objectives — Jim Case

The objective of the call was to resolve issues brought up in the NERC staff quality review.

2. Review & Resolve Items from Quality Review

a. SOL Time Criteria (Requirement R7)

It was pointed out by NERC staff following their quality review that there seemed to be a missing time element to the local SOLs cited in Requirement R7. As written, there was no constraint on how long a local SOL could be exceeded.

The SDT reviewed the issue and agreed with the findings of NERC staff. The resolution was to split up the existing Requirement R7 into two separate requirements: one for IROLs and the other for SOLs. The existing requirement R7

was revised to handle IROLs and a new Requirement R9 was crafted to handle the SOL issue.

There was some discussion concerning the use of the negative approach in the revised requirements but it was decided that this was appropriate given the content of the requirement.

It was also decided to use the word ‘any’ in place of the previous ‘each’ in front of IROL and SOL.

There was an attempt to revise the measures for the requirements but after some debate, the existing wording of Measure M7 was deemed appropriate (with the deletion of SOLs) and the new Measure M9 was basically duplicated from Measure M7 with SOL replacing IROL.

Mention was made that the re-wording of the requirements could create voluminous data for a very long retention period without improving reliability. The SDT considered the options available that would avoid creating a massive data retention issue, and decided that the wording from the last posting would suffice and requires only a reasonable set of data to be kept for the data retention period.

FERC staff raised an objection to the deletion of the phrase ‘as soon as possible’ from the requirement in TOP-006-1 where these requirements originally resided. The SDT pointed out that this phrase had been deleted in the first posting of the revised standards as it is unmeasurable.

FERC staff also questioned the deletion of the 30 minute phrasing (same source) as they felt that the present wording would allow an entity to exceed for 29:59 before alleviating the problem. The SDT pointed out that in most cases T_v was more restrictive than a simple 30 minute time limit and that in no case could T_v exceed 30 minutes. Therefore, the revised phrasing is more restrictive than the existing standard and raises the bar for reliability.

b. R9 VSL

There was a typo in the revised Requirement R9 (now to become R10) VSL where the word ‘not’ was inadvertently deleted in the redline. This was corrected.

3. Next Steps — Jim Case

The Standards Committee is debating whether this project qualifies for an exemption from the normal process so that an informal comment period concurrent with an initial ballot can be used here as was requested by the SDT. If they decide against using this process, the project will be submitted for a normal 30 day posting period. It was pointed out that NERC staff has questions about pushing for an initial ballot on

this project due to the ties to other projects brought about by the use of the newly defined term 'Reliability Directive' and concerns raised by certain members of NERC staff over the IROL/SOL issue. To date, the SDT has never received any formal indication of NERC staff's concern on IROL/SOL. If the project goes to a 30 day posting, NERC staff will have the opportunity to put its concerns in writing as a formal comment that the SDT will have to respond to in consideration of comments.

4. Action Items & Schedule — Ed Dobrowolski

Ed will revise the requirements cited in Item 2 and submit them to the SDT via e-mail for approval. As soon as the issues are resolved, he will re-submit the documents to NERC staff.

If the Standards Committee does not allow the concurrent posting and ballot, the schedule will need to be reviewed to see if it is still workable.

5. Future Meetings

Pending a posting date, there are no meetings scheduled at this time.

6. Adjourn

The Chair adjourned the call at 1500 EDT.