

## Transmission Vegetation Management Standard Drafting Team

**August 28, 2007 — 8 a.m.–5 p.m.**

**August 29, 2007 — 8 a.m.–5 p.m.**

**August 30, 2007 — 8 a.m.–noon**

**Doubletree Hotel San Francisco Airport  
835 Airport Boulevard  
Burlingame, California**

### Meeting Notes

- 1) **Introductions** — Self-introductions were made by all in attendance.  
  
Richard Dearman, Ron Adams, Tom Anderson, Paul Beaulieu, Randall Gann, Steve Cieslewicz, Steve Genua, Mike Johnson, Ed Mennella, Dave Morrell, Mike Neal, John Pinney, John Schechter, John Tamsberg, Steve Tankersley, Ron Turley, Gary White, Ken Wright
- 2) **Review NERC Antitrust Compliance Guidelines** — Harry Tom reviewed the NERC Antitrust Compliance Guidelines and there were no questions.
- 3) **PowerPoint Slideshow** — Harry presented a PowerPoint slideshow to ensure team members understand the Standards Committee's expectations and reviewed the Standard Development Process.
- 4) **Review of SAR** — Richard Dearman reviewed SAR, FERC Order 693 excerpts and June 26, 2007 FERC Order on Violation Risk Factors paragraphs 10 and 11.
- 5) **Action Item** — John Schechter volunteered to lead effort to draft a Technical White Paper. Other volunteers are: John Tamsberg, Randy Gann, Mike Neal, Steve Tankersley, Ron Adams, Dave Morrell, Richard Dearman, Ron Turley, Steve Genua, and John Pinney.
  - a) The Technical White Paper content includes:
    - i) Clarify — Critical lines and Applicability
    - ii) Review use of IEEE 516 for Clearance 2
    - iii) Define — ROW, Hazard Tree, Easements
    - iv) Assumptions
    - v) Methodology — examples of clearance determination
    - vi) Best management practices (ANSI A300 Standard)
- 6) **Action Item** — Steve Cieslewicz volunteered to lead the drafting of a Federal vs. non Federal lands Vegetation Management issues paper. Other volunteers are: John Pinney, Ron Turley, Mike Neal, and Randy Miller.

- a) The paper is to address these issues:
  - i) Jurisdiction
  - ii) Coordination
  - iii) Communication
  - iv) Rights of special use permit-holders
  - v) Forest service personnel and technical qualifications
  - vi) Responsibility conflicts and crossed purposes e.g., determining clearances.
  - vii) Mitigation

**7) Review and Revision of Standard** — The team reviewed and revised by consensus, the standard in accordance to the SAR including:

- a) FERC Order 693 items
- b) Procedural items
- c) Stakeholder items

**8) Selected Date and Time for Next Meetings** — Richard Dearman and team.

WebEx to discuss draft white paper and VSLs.	September 14 at 10 a.m. Eastern for 4 hours.
Completed drafts of: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Technical white paper</li> <li>2. “Federal/non Federal lands paper”</li> <li>3. First draft of the revised standard</li> </ol>	By October 8, 2007
Post first draft of revised standard, comment form and white paper for public comment.	October 15, 2007
Second meeting of standard DT to consider comments on the first draft of standard. (Phoenix, AR)	November 28–29, 2007
Post consideration of comments on the First Draft and resulting Second Draft for public comment	December 2007
Post for pre-ballot review	December 2007
Recirculation ballot	February 2008
Adopted by NERC BOT	March 2008