

## Conference Call Notes Backup Facilities SDT (Project 2006-04)

Thursday, May 7, 2009 | 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. EDT

### 1. Administrative Items

a. Introductions and Quorum

The Chair brought the call to order at 1000 EDT on Thursday, May 7, 2009. Call participants were:

Tom Bowe	Sam Brattini, Chair	Blaine Dinwiddie
Glenn Kaht	Barry Lawson	Sara McCoy
Melinda Montgomery	Keith Porterfield	John Procyk
Mike Schiavone, Vice Chair	James Vermillion	Ed Dobrowolski, NERC

b. NERC Antitrust Compliance Guidelines — Ed Dobrowolski

There were no questions on the NERC Antitrust Compliance Guidelines.

c. Conference Call Agenda and Objectives — Sam Brattini

The goal of the call was to review the comment responses and come to a resolution on as many as possible during the time allowed.

### 2. Review Comment Responses

Question 1 — Glenn Kaht and Mike Schiavone

The revision to requirement R1 was approved as drafted. Requirement R3 was retained as it was pointed out by several commenters (minority position) that deletion of this requirement could cause a potential reliability gap. Retaining Requirement R3 and revising Requirement R1 still doesn't address the local control center issue but that is a registration problem and beyond the scope of the SDT.

a. Question 2 — Tom Bowe and Barry Lawson

'Backup control center' will be deleted from the parenthetical expression in Requirement R5 to accommodate the concerns raised by FMPA et al.

b. Question 3 — Keith Porterfield and Melinda Montgomery

A directive in Order 693 requires the RC to have a backup and our response should indicate this.

Some commenters wanted to see the exact same requirements for the RC, TOP, and BA. This is not required by Order 693 and the SDT feels that it is not necessary from a reliability point of view.

There was a suggestion to limit outages to 2 weeks per year but the SDT feels that that would be too restrictive.

Requirements R4.1, R4.2, R5.1, and R5.2 should be bullets.

Requirement R5 should require certified operators similar to Requirement R4.

Melinda will revise the responses to question 3 based on today's discussion.

*AI* – Melinda will revise the responses to question 3 based on the discussion in the May 7<sup>th</sup> conference call prior to the next conference call.

a. Question 4 – John Procyk and James Vermillion

The SDT does not want to define 'data center'. Upon review of the requirement, it wasn't really evident that the term was really needed anyway. The requirement (and the responses) should emphasize the need to maintain functionality and compliance regardless of the configuration.

ISN should be treated like any other element – functionality and compliance must be maintained and addressed in the plan.

Measure M7 and the VSL for Requirement R7 will need to be changed due to the revision to Requirement R7.

John and James will revise the responses based on today's discussion.

*AI* – John and James will revise the responses to question 4 based on the discussions in the May 7<sup>th</sup> conference call prior to the next conference call.

b. Question 5 – Blaine Dinwiddie, Charles Jenkins and Sam Brattini

The review of the responses to question 5 was deferred until the next conference call due to time limitations.

### 3. Discuss Changes to Requirements

The discussion of requirement changes was included in the review of responses in item 2.

### 4. Next Steps – Sam Brattini

None of the changes agreed upon during the call were significant in nature and no content or intent was changed. Only some minor clarifications were made. If that is the case after the review of the question 5 responses, the SDT should consider moving this project to ballot stage.

### 5. Action Items and Schedule – Ed Dobrowolski

The following action items were developed during this call:

Melinda will revise the responses to question 3 based on the discussion in the May 7<sup>th</sup> conference call prior to the next conference call.

John and James will revise the responses to question 4 based on the discussions in the May 7<sup>th</sup> conference call prior to the next conference call.

**6. Next Meeting – Sam Brattini**

Ed will poll the SDT for availability for another conference call in about two weeks time. The question 3 and 4 responses would receive a cursory review since they were discussed and agreed upon in today's call. The main objective of the next call will be the review of the question 5 responses.

**7. Adjourn**

The Chair adjourned the call at 1:45 p.m. EDT.