

Meeting Notes TLR Drafting Team — Project 2006-08

January 28, 2009 | 9 a.m.–5 p.m.
NAESB Offices
Houston, TX

1. Administration

a. Antitrust Guidelines

Andy Rodriguez reviewed the anti-trust guidelines with meeting participants.

b. Introduction of Attendees

The following members and guests were in attendance:

- Jim Busbin, NAESB Co-Chair
- Ben Li, NERC Co-Chair
- Daryn Barker
- Pat Caulfield
- Deonne Cunningham
- Jim Eckelkamp
- Blaine Erhardt
- Frank Koza
- Barry Green
- Tom Mallinger
- Nelson Muller
- Marjorie Parsons
- Narinder Saini
- Don Shipley
- Ed Skiba
- Andy Rodriguez

c. Approval of Agenda

The drafting team reviewed the agenda, made minor modifications, and approved the agenda unanimously.

d. Approval of Meeting Notes

The drafting team reviewed the meeting notes from the December 10–11, 2008 meeting, made minor modifications, and approved them unanimously.

2. Phase II Work (Field Test) Report

Tom Mallinger provided a review of the meeting of the Field Test Task Force. The Task Force reviewed several sets of data. Tom reported that FERC has issued a December 23 Order approving the request to extend the field test until October 31, 2009. FERC did not direct the creation of an interim report.

Tom then discussed the process for collecting data. The TLRDT had previously discussed collecting data though July, but the ORS suggested there should be more data. Now, the team plans to collect data though August, then begin the approval process. Depending on what approval has been received by mid-October, the RTOs would either ask FERC to approve the new threshold or continue the use of the field test threshold until the approvals from NERC and NAESB are received once the field test ends on October 31, 2009.

Tom reported that the IESO data seemed to reflect positive results. Mark Wilson is reviewing the data, and investigating IESO redispatch.

Tom then reviewed new data collected from OATI. This new data included data from the MAPP flowgates that are now using the 5 percent threshold. It appears that MISO has improved its performance with this change (34 percent to 60 percent). Note that the PJM data did not change, as PJM had no additional events (i.e., at a 5 percent threshold, PJM was not asked to participate in any TLRs).

Tom indicated the team would be putting together a presentation for the ORS to review this data on February 11–12.

The team discussed the approval process for moving forward once the field test is completed. It is expected that the following will occur:

- The Task Force will make a recommendation to the ORS
- The ORS will take some action related to this item
- The Task Force will make a recommendation to the TLRDT

At this point, we would draft a report on our conclusions, which would include the recommendation that was endorsed by the ORS, and bring that report to NAESB. NERC has no requirements on the threshold at this point, but it may be needed to specify a “reliability minimum” that defines what range of thresholds as appropriate. Jim Busbin will bring this back to the ORS again.

The question of whether or not the field test would be extended again. The Field Test Task Force believes that it would be inappropriate to extend the field test again, and committed to making a decision and moving forward.

3. Phase III Work

The team reviewed the updated IRO-006-5. The team discussed changing the phrase “within the bounds or reliable operations”. The team replaced the language with “provided that implementing the request will not adversely affect reliability.” The VSL was modified to ensure consistency.

The team reviewed the Consideration of Comments, as well as the implementation plan and the new Comment Form. The team made modifications and agreed the documents were ready to post.

The team reviewed the updated IRO-006-EAST-1. On January 22, 2009, NERC staff met with FERC staff briefly to answer questions regarding the use of the Interchange Distribution Calculator and the TLR process. During these discussions, FERC staff suggested that as written, NERC standards related to TLR did not make clear that when experiencing an actual IROL violation, the first responsibility of a Reliability Coordinator is to mitigate the IROL violation, then address the equity provisions of TLR. In other words, FERC staff opined that saying that an RC was not to use TLR as the “sole remedy” to mitigate an IROL violation did not support the recommendation in the Blackout Report. FERC staff suggested that in order to support the recommendation in the Blackout Report, the standards should be clear that an RC must initiate actions that can mitigate the IROL violation first, and then may follow with initiation or continuing management of the TLR process as appropriate. NERC staff agreed to bring the details of this conversation back to the TLR Drafting Team, and propose recommended language to that team that would better support the recommendation in the Blackout Report. The TLRDT discussed the proposed changes and made modifications to the proposed language based on the discussion.

The team agreed the documents were ready to post. Andy will perform some additional clean-up of the documents and send them to Ben Li for a final review. Ben and Maureen Long will work together to finalize the standards for posting. The target will be to post the documents by February 20th.

4. “Parallel Flow Visualization and Mitigation for RCs in EI” SAR

Tom Mallinger reviewed the work on the SAR. The requirements for the change order have been developed, the IDCWG has reviewed the requirements, a change order has been drafted, and a cost estimate has been returned. The presentation will be given to the ORS at their next meeting.

Andy reported that FERC has asked whether or not a new standard was really needed to support this effort. It was possible that IRO-004 R4 may cover this, or the data request abilities that NERC has. Jim Busbin questioned whether or not moving forward without a SAR would be appropriate, because it would not allow for public input on this change. Jim believes it would be inappropriate for the RC to begin asking for this data without more discussion.

Andy was tasked with reviewing the NERC standards to see if this is already addressed or not.

5. Future Meetings

February 20, 2009 — Conference Call at 10 a.m. EST

April 28–29 meeting in Carmel at MISO from 9 a.m.–5 p.m. and either 8 or 9 a.m.–noon

May or June — Conference Call

August — In person meeting (Not yet confirmed)

6. Adjourn

The drafting team adjourned at approximately 4:20 p.m. on January 28, 2009.