

Notes

Real-Time Operations SDT — Project 2007-03

December 17, 2009 | 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

1. Administrative Items

a. Introductions

The call was brought to order at 1630 EST on Thursday, December 17, 2009. Call participants were:

Paul Bleuss	Jim Case, Chair	Al DiCaprio
Steve Myers	Eugene Blick, FERC Observer	Laura Zotter, ERCOT, Guest
Ed Dobrowolski, NERC		

b. NERC Antitrust Compliance Guidelines — Ed Dobrowolski

There were no questions raised on the NERC Antitrust Compliance Guidelines.

c. Conference Call Agenda and Objectives — Jim Case

The objective of the call was to review the meetings with FERC staff and to develop a plan to address the issues and questions raised in those meetings.

2. Provide Overview of Conference Call with FERC Staff

Ed provided a brief overview of the conference calls/meetings with FERC staff on December 10th and 15th.

3. Discuss Possible Standard Revisions

Items 3 & 4 were discussed together.

There were several major items of discussion with FERC staff:

- Certification – FERC staff is not on board with deleting existing requirements based on certification. Guidance from NERC staff on this issue is that this is a

legitimate reason for deletion. There is no option for the SDT here. However, the references cited in the resolutions for these items should be checked and verified and the explanations tightened up if possible.

- SOL vs. IROL – Neither FERC staff nor NERC staff appears comfortable with this change. If the SDT wants to continue to pursue this approach, the white paper is going to need to be strengthened considerably. The SDT should consult TOOF to see if they have an opinion on this matter.

AI — AI will consult with PJM’s representative to TOOF to see if there is any information available there on the SOL/IROL issue.

- Deletion of existing requirements approved in Order 693 – This isn’t forbidden but sufficient reasoning will need to be presented to justify the action. Existing resolution wording should be checked and strengthened where possible. Sound technical reasoning for deletions is needed.
- Deletion of the Balancing Authority from some requirements – The references need to be checked and the explanations strengthened where possible.
- Definition of Reliability Directive – FERC staff doesn’t feel that the proposed definition is strong enough as it only covers emergencies. In addition, the SDT needs to look at whether it needs to add ‘action based’ requirements around the definition similar to the RCSDT wording.
- Assessment vs. plan – FERC staff does not feel that an assessment is as strong as a plan.
- Day-ahead planning – While FERC staff agrees that the present requirement is vague, it is not convinced that day-ahead is sufficient.
- Data specification – FERC staff still seems to want a list of typical items.
- Reliability – There appears to be a significant difference of opinion between FERC staff and the SDT as to what reliability really entails.

4. **Discuss Possible Implementation Plan Revisions**

Items 3 & 4 were discussed together.

5. **Next Steps — Jim Case**

The SDT needs a face-to-face meeting to resolve the open items and issues.

Ed will create an agenda for this meeting outlining all of the open issues that need to be discussed. When the agenda is sent out, it will include a note asking for volunteers

to create straw man responses to the identified items to help start the discussions at the meeting.

AI — Ed will create an agenda for the next meeting outlining all of the open items.

AI — SDT members are asked to craft straw man responses for the agenda items.

6. **Action Items & Schedule — Ed Dobrowolski**

The following action items were developed on the call:

- AI will consult with PJM's representative to TOOF to see if there is any information available there on the SOL/IROL issue.
- Ed will create an agenda for the next meeting outlining all of the open items.
- SDT members are asked to craft straw man responses for the agenda items.

If the issues can be resolved at the February meeting, the project should be able to meet its revised schedule.

7. **Future Meetings**

The dates for the next meeting will be Tuesday, February 2nd and Wednesday, February 3rd. Possible locations are: Austin, Folsom, and New Orleans. Details will follow but block out these dates now.

8. **Adjourn**

The call was adjourned at 1730 EST.