

Notes

Project 2010-17 Definition of Bulk Electric System

Friday, January 28, 2011 | 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. ET
Conference Call and Webinar

Administration

1. Introductions and Quorum
2. The Chair brought the call to order at 3:00 p.m. ET on Friday, January 28, 2011. Call participants were:

Jennifer Dering, NYPA	Brian Evans-Mongeon, Utility Services	Phil Fedora, NPCC
Ajay Garg, Hydro One	Pete Heidrich, FRCC, Chair	John Hughes, ELCON
Barry Lawson, NRECA, Vice Chair	Joel Mickey, ERCOT	Jeff Mitchell, RFC
Jerome Murray, Oregon PUC	Rich Salgo, Sierra	Jason Snodgrass, GTC
Jennifer Starling, Exelon	Jonathan Sykes, PG&E	Steve Alexanderson, Observer
Tammy Cooper, Observer	Paul Cummings, Observer	Richard Dearman, Observer
Adnan Jabbar, Observer	Martin Kaufman, Observer	Ken Lotterhos, Observer
Tim Soles, Observer	Thomas Tang, Observer	Susan Morris, FERC Observer
Herb Schrayshuen, NERC	Ed Dobrowolski, NERC	

3. It was noted that the plus list has not been finalized at this time. This is a high priority item at NERC.
 - a. **AI** – Finalize the plus list for Project 2010-17 Definition of BES as quickly as possible.
 - b. NERC Anti-trust Compliance Guidelines and Announcements and Conference Call Advice – Ed Dobrowolski
 - i. No questions were raised on the NERC Anti-trust Compliance Guidelines.

Agenda

1. Review Agenda and Meeting Objectives – Pete Heidrich
 - a. Pete pointed out that this was just a kick-off conference call. The SDT has a great deal of work to do in very little time. It is important to realize that there were 2 distinct and different postings associated with this project: (1) the SAR with a proposed definition, and (2) the inclusion/exclusion comment request.
 - b. The SDT is working towards a continent-wide definition with no regional differences if at all possible.
2. Review Project Scope – Pete Heidrich
 - a. Regional projects have been underway for 2 to 3 years on this topic. FRCC, NPCC, RFC, and WECC have all been active in this area. A regional working group was formed to consolidate these efforts into a concept paper that was the basis for the SAR. Only MRO did not participate in this effort. This work is a reference for the SDT as the regional working group had reached considerable consensus on the issues but is non-binding.
 - b. The SDT will need to realize that some of the entities involved are non-jurisdictional for FERC.
 - c. The process is an exemption process. The criteria will be exceptions with both inclusions and exclusions. The criteria will be developed by the SDT under the rules of the standards process. It is not clear as yet where the best place to 'store' the criteria will be.
 - d. There are over 20 standards and 60 requirements that reference or directly cite the BES. The SDT will need to review all of them. In addition, there are 2 regional standards and 10 definitions in the NERC Glossary that reference the BES. These will need to be reviewed as well.
 - e. If specific carve outs, such as voltage levels, have already been cited in the standards, it is not the province of the SDT to review them.

- f. The BES definition will not replace BPS. There is a separate rehearing request on the BPS topic. The SDT can't wait until that is resolved but may be able to use that information if it is available in time.
 - g. All the groups shown in the scope summary document will need to work closely together. Some cross-pollination is expected.
 - h. Herb Schrayshuen is leading the Rules of Procedure (ROP) team. Herb reminded the call participants that the standards development process does not apply to the Rules of Procedure although the changes will be posted for industry comment. The Chair and Vice Chair of the SDT both expressed their desire to be part of the ROP team. Herb hasn't populated the team as yet. He is looking for about 10 people including some legal representatives. The list of nominees who were not selected for the SDT will be one place Herb looks for members. When the list is finalized, it will be made public.
 - i. A question was raised as to why this process wouldn't use the CCC as they have written some other sections of the ROP. Herb stated that he would consider this alternative.
 - j. The ROP section where the process will reside hasn't been determined as yet.
 - k. A caller asked if more facilities might be involved once the new definition is in place. Pete replied that the goal of the SDT is to bring clarity to the definition based on what is in place now as well as consistency across the regions. There is no pre-set opinion on whether more facilities (or fewer) will be affected.
 - l. It is possible that changes will be required to the registry criteria based on the new definition. However, the definition should be drafted independent of the registry criteria and any changes to those criteria should simply follow the definition.
 - m. Pete will be providing periodic updates to the NERC Standards Committee on the progress of the project. He must report back for the next meeting on developments with the SAR.
 - n. Susan Morris will be the official FERC Observer for this project. While she is somewhat restricted in what she can say about rehearing requests, she will provide her comments to the definition process as the SDT proceeds. She will also set up any needed meetings with FERC staff as the project moves forward.
 - o. Ajay will report back to the rest of Canada as an unofficial liaison.
3. Preliminary Thoughts on Industry Comments (if available)
- a. The final comment form is not available yet but preliminary observations indicate that the industry feels that the SAR is on the right track. Most of the Comments are positive with reservations on the inclusion/exclusion criteria. Some respondents are holding their comments on the definition until they see

the criteria. The first meeting will be taken up in part on developing responses to the comments.

- b. **AI** – Distribute the SAR comments as soon as possible for review by SDT members.
- c. The current work in the regions is posted on the regional web sites.

4. Next Steps – Pete Heidrich

- a. The SDT needs to respond to comments and revise the SAR (as necessary based on comments) quickly if the schedule is to be maintained. The concept paper is seen as an important starting point in the overall process.
- b. **AI** – SDT members should review the industry comments and be prepared to discuss possible responses at the first meeting.

5. Future Meetings

- a. Wednesday, February 9, 2011, from 8:00 – 5:00 ET; Thursday, February 10, 2011, from 8:00 – 5:00 ET; and Friday, February 11, 2011, from 8:00 – 12:00 ET at NRECA in Arlington, VA. Logistical details for the meeting should be distributed shortly.
- b. The attendance at this meeting will be limited to about 45 people. This makes pre-registration essential. Those who just show up at the door unannounced may be turned away due to lack of space. Priority will be given to SDT members.
- c. Wednesday, March 2, 2011, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. (local prevailing time zone) ; Thursday, March 3, 2011 from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. (local prevailing time zone); and Friday, March 4, 2011, from 8:00 – 12:00 (local prevailing time zone). Location to be determined.
- d. The dates for this meeting are firm but the location hasn't been determined. Space has been reserved at NRECA but the SDT leadership would like to see the meetings take place at different locations out of fairness to all members. The Arlington meeting should show how many people may be attending face-to-face meetings and allow for the appropriate room size to be determined for future meetings.

6. Action Items & Schedule – Ed Dobrowolski

The following action items were developed during the call:

- a. Finalize the plus list for Project 2010-17 Definition of BES as quickly as possible.
- b. Distribute the SAR comments as soon as possible for review by SDT members.

- c. SDT members should review the industry comments and be prepared to discuss possible responses at the first meeting.
 - d. Distribute the proposed schedule to the SDT for review at the first meeting.
 - e. An extremely aggressive schedule has been developed for this project. The proposed schedule will be distributed to the SDT and comments will be solicited at the first meeting. This schedule currently adheres to the standards process and ANSI rules with no deviations. However, if the project will require any deviations from process, the NERC Standards Committee should be notified as soon as possible.
 - f. **AI** – Distribute the proposed schedule to the SDT for review at the first meeting.
7. It is also incumbent upon the SDT to notify the NERC Standards Committee as quickly as they can if they feel that the project can't be completed on time and if a request to FERC for an extension will be necessary.
 8. Adjourn
The Chair adjourned the call at 4:45 p.m. ET.