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Meeting Notes
Project 2009-26
Interpretation of CIP-004-1 for WECC

September 30, 2011 | 2:00–3:30 p.m. ET
Teleconference and Webinar

Administrative

1. **Participants were read the NERC Compliance Guidelines; there were no questions**
2. **Attendance**
   a. Members: David Dunn, Ontario IESO; Amanda Mullenix, Duke Energy; Clayton Stooshnoff, FortisBC; Laurent Weber, WAPA; Steven Noess, NERC Staff
   b. Observers: Jeffrey Fuller, DPL/Dayton Power and Light; Trevor MacCrae, Southern Company Transmission; Michael Mertz, PNM Resources; Brian Newell, American Electric Power
3. **Quorum**

   There was no quorum (4/8). The members discussed concepts and developed strawman language for project team review as detailed in the Summary. No formal was action taken.

Summary

1. **Review of Project 2009-26 Interpretation of CIP-004-1 for WECC**
   a. The team discussed the overview of the project, to include the last balloted status.
   b. The team reviewed the previous proposed interpretation and discussed general themes of comments received during the last formal comment period.
2. **Issues and Discussion**
   a. The two questions in the request for interpretation (RFI) from WECC ask for clarification of the definition of "authorized access" and whether certain requirements apply to vendors in cases of supervised access. Members discussed that it seems the standard as written does not contemplate "escorted" cyber access and, by extension, supervision with regard to cyber access is not addressed.
   b. The members noted the guidelines for strict interpretation of the standard supports that if an individual does not have authorized access, the required controls of the standard apply to access to Critical Cyber Assets without regard to supervision. However, the members identified that the absence of consideration for supervision of access to Critical Cyber Assets for those

without authorized access in the standards may negatively impact reliability. As such, they suggested it may be appropriate to provide a recommendation for a standards drafting team to consider the issue. They also discussed that FERC Order No. 706, P. 432, may provide background, as it discusses the nature of escorting without differentiating between physical or logical.

c. The members noted that the definition of "authorized access" is not in the NERC Glossary of Terms, but they discussed that CIP-004-1, Requirement R4 provides procedural context.

d. The members prepared draft revision ideas and concepts for further review by the entire project team.

3. **Action Items**

a. Review revision concepts and proposals and send via email comments, redline suggestions, and discussion ideas.

b. David Dunn and Michael Mertz to work with Steven Noess in sorting comments by concept for the response to comments stage of the project.

4. **Future Meetings**

A meeting is tentatively scheduled for 2:00-4:00 p.m. ET, October 14, 2011. Members of the project team should email Steven Noess with conflicts or suggested alternatives.