Critical Infrastructure Protection Working Group Report

to Reliability and Operations Subcommittee

March, 2010

The CIPWG meets on the Friday afternoon prior to the ROS meeting. The February meeting was held on February 5. The meeting is generally split into two sections. There is a closed meeting at the beginning that is open to Market Participants only that have executed a confidentiality agreement. The discussion is used to share security issues between companies and possible solutions.

The second portion of the meeting is open and is shared via a webex. This portion of the meeting is where possible issues at the NERC meetings, coordination of comments on the NERC standards or other issues are discussed.

During the last several meetings the primary topic was the implementation of the Technical Feasibility Exception (TFE) rule by NERC. When the NERC CIP Standards were approved the standards allowed for the Senior Manager to certify that certain requirements were not "technically feasible". FERC did not agree with this portion of the standards and required NERC to adopt a rule that required that any TFE be approved by NERC or the Regional Reliability Organization (TRE in ERCOT) not the individual market participants. NERC developed the rules over the past several months and these were implemented and the first round of filings were due on on January 31, 2010. At this time NERC has not developed the forms and procedures for the second round of filings.

One of the new issues that has been emerging in the past several month is the copper thefts. We are beginning work on developing a Copper Theft workshop for ERCOT market participants in cooperation with a number of law enforcement agencies including the Texas Department of Public Safety. The purpose of the workshop will be for the attendees (1) to share methods they have used to catch those involved and (2) to focus law enforcement attention on the level of the thefts statewide in order to increase awareness and (3) to get law enforcement to utilize some of the new laws to prosecute some of the persons caught with more severe charges than simply theft. Many of the working group members feel that their expertise is more in the cyber security area than in the physical security area. Therefore many of the persons participating in this effort are not the regular attendees at the CIPWG meetings. At this time a date for the workshop has not been determined.

The next meeting of the CIPWG will be held on March 5 at the ERCOT Met Center.

A copy of the February CIPWG agenda is attached.

ERCOT is represented at the NERC CIPC by Jim Brenton, ERCOT Staff, David Grubbs, CIPWG Chair and Scott Rosenberger, Vice-Chair.

Jim Brenton is also on the CIPC Executive Committee.

David Grubbs is expected to be added to the Substation Security Working Group and Scott Rosenberger will be added to the Business Continuity Task Forces that will be formed at the March CIPC meeting.

The draft agenda for the NERC CIPC meeting on March 17 and 18 is attached. Per the draft agenda there are currently no issues scheduled for a vote at the CIPC meeting.

**CIPWG AGENDA**

**February 5, 2010**

**Closed Meeting (Members with approved CAs)**

Antitrust Admonition

Determination that all present have Confidentiality Agreements in place

Approval of Agenda

TFE Submittals

Restrict VPN Access to CCAs

Mobile Media for CCAs

Escorted Cyber Access to CCAs related to the WECC interpretation request

Follow-up discussion of CIP portion of ERCOT TOP Audit

CIP compliance sharing

**Open Meeting**

Antitrust Admonition

Introductions

Approval of Agenda

High Level Review of selected topics from the closed meeting

NERC CIP-002 version 4 standards discussion

TFE submittals

Preview meeting schedule for remainder of 2010

Copper thefts and upcoming meeting

Government security clearances

Other Issues

Agenda

NERC Critical Infrastructure Protection Committee

March 17, 2010 | 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.

March 18, 2010 | 8 a.m. – noon

Phoenix Convention Center 100 N. 3rd Street Phoenix, Arizonia

**Administrative Matters**

**Antitrust Compliance Guidelines**

**Consent Agenda -- Approve**

1. **Approval Minutes** 30 min • December 9, 2009 Meeting

**Regular Agenda**

2. CIPC Executive Committee Report – Barry Lawson 30 min

a. Board of Trustees Highlights – Barry Lawson

b. Electricity Sector Coordinating Council and PCIS Update – Barry Lawson

c. Washington, D.C. Update – Barry Lawson

3. NERC / ES-ISAC Updates – Michael Assante 120 min

a. FERC Order 706B Update – Michael Assante

b. Technical Feasibility Exception (TFE) Process – Michael Assante

c. ESSG Activity – Michael Assante

d. Department of Homeland Security Advisory System (HSAS) Update – Michael Assante

e. HILF Update – Michael Assante / Robert McClanahan/David Baumken/Kelly Ziegler

f. FERC Order 706 Drafting Team Update – Scott Mix

g. Results-Based Standards Update – Michael Assante

h. Aurora Advisory Update – Michael Assante

i. NERC Organizational Changes – Michael Assante

j. ESCC Charter Update – Michael Assante

k. National Security Information Exchange Model & Standards – Michael Assante

4. CIPC Organization Issues and Creation of WG/TFs for Security 60 min Guideline Work – Barry Lawson

5. Control System Security Working Group – Mark Engels 15 min a. Security guideline work

6. Briefing Feedback Overview (on classified briefing in Atlanta) 30 min – Barry Lawson

7. Standards Drafting Team CIP 001 – Bob Canada 30 min

a. Provide updates on activities

8. Legislative update on Cyber security -- David Batz 30 min

9. Recent BPS Incidents – Scott Mix 10 min

10. Risk Assessment Working Group – Greg Fraser 30 min

a. Update on industry comments received on CCA guideline

b. Schedule and next steps for bringing CCA guideline back to CIPC for final vote

**Agency Reports** 20 min

11. Department of Homeland Security

12. Department of Energy

13. Public Safety Canada / Royal Canadian Mounted Police

14. Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

**Closing** 5 min

15. Follow-up Items and Future Actions – Barry Lawson

16. 2010 Future Meetings – Scott Mix

• June 16–17, 2010 (Vancouver, British Columbia)

• September 15–16, 2010 (Denver, CO)

• December 8–9, 2010 (Tampa, FL)