Critical Infrastructure Protection Working Group

Report to

ERCOT Reliability Operation Subcommittee

February 18, 2011

The CIPWG met on January 11. The February meeting was cancelled due to icy conditions.

Attendance generally averages around 25 with participants divided across a wide range on market participants and government agencies. At each of the meetings a portion of the meeting is devoted to discussions with TRE to discuss issues with TFE filings with TRE or clarification on data we need to support certain requirements. At each of the meetings a discussion is also held, without TRE present, on how different market participants interpret requirements and new issues that have been discovered at various organizations.

At the January 11, 2011 CIPWG meeting discussions were held on:

1. The WG discussed TFE Issues with Bill Beaver of TRE. The discussion also covered how to submit TFEs, TFE amendments and self-reports since the TRE portal has been down for several weeks.
2. The WG also discussed procedures for updating TFEs and when amendments are required.
3. The WG discussed the PUCT NIST Interagency Report (NISTIR) 7628, Guidelines for Smart Grid Cyber Security Conference, February 23, 2011 at ERCOT Met Center.
4. Details of the December, 2010 NERC CIPC meeting were discussed and the formation of the Severe Impact Resilience TF at NERC.
5. Several members of the NERC CIP version 4 Standards drafting team were present. They provided information on the status of the CIP version 4 standards as well as the status of the CIP-010 and CIP-011 standards and CIP-005-X.
6. Several NERC CANs were discussed and possible comments that members might choose to make to NERC about the CANs including:

* CAN-0005 – Remote Operator - Rescinded for rewrite 12/8/2010
* CAN-0007 – Revoking Access - Final 12/2/2010
* CAN-0010 – Definition of Annual - Draft for Comments due January 21, 2011

1. The WG discussed the implications of the Aurora NERC Alert and possible ways the members planned to respond to NERC. It appears the members are taking the required response to NERC very seriously and are planning fairly detailed actions and responses.
2. A discussion on the current status of the Stuxnet NERC Alert and potential implications to the ERCOT Grid.
3. Various Federal Issues were discussed including:

• Wikileaks Impact

• DoD Strategic Island Strategy

• Other Federal Issues

1. Members discussed issues related to CIP compliance within their organizations and discussed possible solutions.
2. The WG proposed by consensus to recommend to ROS that David Grubbs by reappointed as Chair and Scott Rosenberger be reappointed as Vice-Chair for 2011
3. The WG discussed the possible dates for the 2011 meetings. It was agreed to request the first Friday of each month from ERCOT for a possible meeting date.
4. It was noted that Energy Sec, a contractor to DOE, will make a presentation to the WG at its February meeting.
5. Other issues and open discussion by members

The March CIPWG meeting will be held on March 4 at the ERCOT offices.