Critical Infrastructure Protection Working Group

Report to

ERCOT Reliability Operation Subcommittee

January 12, 2012

The CIPWG has held one meeting since the last report in December

**December 2, 2011 Meeting**

In attendance were 36 persons from 15 companies.

At the October 7, 2011 CIPWG meeting discussions were held on:

1. We had the "Stump the Auditor" discussion with Bill Beaver of TRE.
2. Discussion with 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 version 5 standards.
3. We discussed the status of the NOGRR0074, pertaining to NERC Standard CIP-001-1a, as passed at TAC the previous day.
4. The draft agenda and potential topics for discussion to come up at the NERC CIPC meeting in Atlanta was discussed.
5. Several NERC CANs were discussed including:

     Final CANs Affecting CIP

          CAN-0012 - Periodic Reports (Revised 11/16/11)

          CAN-0016 - CIP-001 - Applicability to non-BES (Revised 10/14/11)

          CAN-0017 - CIP-007 - Passwords (Revised 11/11/11) (Still requires a TFE)

     Draft CANs for Comment

          None for CIP

     Draft CANS affecting CIP - Comments Closed

         CAN-0005 - CIP-002 - System Operator Laptops

         CAN-0007 - CIP-004 - Revocation of Access to CCAs

         CAN-0024 - CIP-002 - Data Diodes

         CAN-0031 - CIP-005/CIP-006 - Access Points across ESP/PSP

         CAN-0039 - DOE-417 Forms

     In Development CANS affecting CIP

         CAN-0019 - CIP-007 - Patches

         CAN-0023 - CIP-005/CIP-006/CIP-007 - Logging System Failures

1. A discussion was held on the status of various NERC Task Forces including, SIRTF, Substation Guidelines TF, Business Continuity TF, Cyber Attack TF, and the Information Protection TF.
2. Recent NERC Alerts were discussed. It was noted that the next Aurora filing is due December 13.
3. Ryan Breed from ERCOT discussed the threats he has been working on.
4. The members discussed the DOD study within ERCOT, NERC Grid Ex National Exercise in November and items discussed on the ES-ISAC conference call.
5. The working group is recommending David Grubbs for Chair and William Whitney as Vice Chair to ROS for 2012. Selection of recommendations to TRE for CIPC representatives was postponed until the January meeting.
6. It was agreed to maintain the current meeting schedule of the first Friday for all meetings in 2012.
7. Members discussed issues related to CIP compliance within their organizations and discussed possible solutions.
8. The members held a long roundtable discussion on their interpretation of various CIP requirements and how they were implementing those requirements in their own companies.

The next CIPWG meeting is scheduled for January 6 in Room 206 in Austin.