Operations Working Group Report

July, 2012

The Operations Working Group (OWG) met on June 13, 2012 and considered the following:

**May OWG Meeting Minutes Review –**

The working group reviewed and approved the May meeting minutes.

**Revision Request Review –**

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| **Criteria for the Selection of Operators.** |
| Impact Analysis Review |
| **OWG Action**: OWG Recommends ROS Approval Smiley.png |
| Discussion:  This Nodal Operating Guide Revision Request (NOGRR) adds clarification to the criteria for the selection of operators in the ERCOT Region. Removes ambiguous wording, but retains important criteria specific for operators. [ERCOT] Language Review.  On 5/16/12, OWG agreed that the criteria for selection of operators in Section 1.5.5 does not comply with the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) Reliability Standards and instead should be determined by the individual Entity. Participants and ERCOT Staff agreed to delete section 1.5.5 in its entirety. After review of the Impact Analysis, OWG recommends ROS approval. |

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| **Synchronization with NPRR365** |
| Impact Analysis Review |
| **OWG Action**: OWG Recommends ROS Approval Smiley.png |
| Discussion:  This Nodal Operating Guide Revision Request (NOGRR) synchronizes the Nodal Operating Guides with Nodal Protocol Revision Request (NPRR) 365, Change in Resource Outage Approvals from Eight to 45 Days, which was approved by the ERCOT Board on 9/20/11 and revised the deadline for ERCOT approval of Resource Outages from an eight-day notice to a 45-day notice while aligning the new Resource Outage timelines to match those of Transmission Outages. [OWG] After review of the Impact Analysis, OWG recommends ROS approval.  \*\*Note\*\*  OWG recommends a Project Implementation Priority of year 2013 with a rank of 750. This revision will require a change to the Enterprise Information Services (EIS). |

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| **Clarification of RRS Obligation.** |
| Language Review |
| **OWG Action**: OWG calls for an Impact Analysis Smiley.png |
| Discussion:  The Other Binding Document, Methodologies for Determining Ancillary Service Requirements, describes a process that may be used to procure additional Responsive Reserve Service (RRS). This Nodal Operating Guide Revision Request (NOGRR) references that Other Binding Document and also adds clarifying language affirming that the minimum RRS obligation remains unchanged (2300 MW), but that additional RRS may be procured if there is a reliability need. [NPGRTF] This revision request will return to OWG in July for Impact Analysis review.  \*\*NOTE\*\*  OWG is recommending a change to the language of the Methodologies for Determining Ancillary Service Requirements document to read “can procure additional Ancillary Services...” |

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| **New Section 8I, Black Start Resource Availability Test Form.** |
| Language Review |
| **OWG Action**: OWG calls for an Impact Analysis Smiley.png |
| Discussion:  This Nodal Operating Guide Revision Request (NOGRR) adds a Black Start Resource availability test form to the Nodal Operating Guide. [ERCOT] This revision request will return to OWG in July for Impact Analysis review.  \*\*NOTE\*\*  Revised by OWG |

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| **Change of Facility Submission Time Lines to Align with Protocols.** |
| Language Review |
| **OWG Action**: OWG calls for an Impact Analysis Smiley.png |
| Discussion:  This Nodal Operating Guide Revision Request (NOGRR) clarifies the submission time line for facility reactive capability and other modeling information. [ERCOT] This revision request will return to OWG in July for Impact Analysis review. |

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| **SPS Procedure Changes for Consistency with NERC Reliability Standards.** |
| Language Review |
| **OWG Action**: OWG files comments Smiley.png |
| Discussion:  This Administrative Nodal Operating Guide Revision Request (NOGRR) updates the ERCOT Load Shed Table for 2012. Administrative change to update the ERCOT Load Shed Table as allowed by Section 1.3, Process for Operating Guide Revision. [ERCOT] OWG filed comments supporting the Oncor comments. |

**Operations Task Force Report –**

* Hurricane Drill was successful. OTF to file a detailed summary.

**Nodal Protocol and Guides Resolution Task Force Report –**

* Did not meet, will report in July.

**TRE Update Report –**

* There was no report available this month.

**System Operations Report –**

* There was discussion about when to push constraints that cause a 2% generation shift factor to SCED.
  + Colleen Frosch to follow-up next meeting.

**Other –**

* The group entered into a discussion about compliance with load shed totals during a rotating outage where the amounts change.
  + The group asked Brad Calhoun to request the Texas RE provides load information from the February 2nd event that the group could review.
* Ross Owen wanted to move the ERCOT Operations Training Seminar to the fall. The group did not reach a resolution on this matter.
* Brad Calhoun talked to Walter Reid about wind generation concerns about reactive capability requirements and testing procedures. Walter expressed his thought that those concerns had already been addressed adequately.

**Future Meeting Dates –**

July 18th, 2012