Operations Working Group Report

August, 2012

The Operations Working Group (OWG) met on July 18, 2012 and considered the following:

**June OWG Meeting Minutes Review –**

The working group reviewed and approved the June meeting minutes.

**Revision Request Review –**

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| **Clarification of RRS Obligation.** |
| Impact Analysis Review |
| **OWG Action**: OWG Recommends ROS Approval 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] After review of the Impact Analysis, OWG recommends ROS approval. |

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| **New Section 8I, Black Start Resource Availability Test Form.** |
| Impact Analysis Review |
| **OWG Action**: OWG Recommends ROS Approval Smiley.png |
| Discussion:  This Nodal Operating Guide Revision Request (NOGRR) adds a Black Start Resource availability test form to the Nodal Operating Guide. [ERCOT] Impact Analysis Review. After review of the Impact Analysis, OWG recommends ROS approval as revised by OWG at the July 18th meeting. |

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| **Change of Facility Submission Time Lines to Align with Protocols.** |
| Language Review |
| **OWG Action**: OWG Recommends ROS Approval Smiley.png |
| Discussion:  This Nodal Operating Guide Revision Request (NOGRR) clarifies the submission time line for facility reactive capability and other modeling information. [ERCOT] Impact Analysis Review. After review of the Impact Analysis, OWG recommends ROS approval. |

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| **Extending Manual Time Error Correction Threshold.** |
| Language Review |
| **OWG Action**: OWG calls for an Impact Analysis Smiley.png |
| Discussion:  This Nodal Operating Guide Revision Request (NOGRR) extends the manual time error correction threshold from +/- 3 seconds to +/- 30 seconds. The increased threshold of +/- 30 seconds will provide a larger window for self-correction of the accumulated time errors. Language Review. |

**Operations Report –**

* VJ Betanabhatla gave the Operations Report. There were no significant events to report.

**Operations Task Force Report –**

* The group reviewed Kelly Blackmer’s detailed report of the Severe Weather Drill.
  + Highlights:
    - 2010 – 12 TOs and TDSPs participated
    - 2011 – 25 TOs and TDSPs participated
    - 2012 – 30 TOs and TDSPs participated
  + Doubled the number of participants from 2010 to 2012 (~250 to ~512)
* Kelly will develop a more condensed summary stating whether or not the drill objectives were met. The OWG will forward the report to ROS when available.

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

* The NPGRTF did not meet in July.

**TRE Update Report –**

* David Penny presented a comparison of Load shed obligation for different entities vs their actual performance. The overall obligation for Load shed was met across ERCOT. But there were some individual entities that failed the obligation but this did not cause major concerns as some of the other entities over performed.

General observation from the slides is that it is easier for larger entities to meet the load shed obligation while rotating feeders compared to the smaller entities.

No need to change any protocols or operating guides at this point.

**System Operations Report –**

* Colleen mentioned that the procedure changes listed in the monthly report were reviewed at the last OWG meeting. They were related to changing “EILS” to “ERS”. The ERCOT Operator procedure changes that occurred in July were adding the 30 minute ERS pilot project into the EEA levels. Updated the STP voltage table and added more information about TCEQ notifications.

**Other –**

* The group considered the need of a dedicated seminar group. OWG recognizes that the development of the annual seminar is a specialized and laborious process that requires the efforts of a dedicated task force. OWG unanimously recommends that ROS create a Seminar Task Force (STF) reporting to OWG for the specific purpose of developing and conducting an annual training seminar. OWG recommends that ROS further approve the Scope and Chair of the STF. OWG submitted these items for vote at the August ROS meeting.

**Future Meeting Dates –**

August 15th, 2012