Operations Working Group Report

September, 2012

The Operations Working Group (OWG) met on August 15, 2012 and considered the following:

**June OWG Meeting Minutes Review –**

The working group reviewed and approved the July meeting minutes.

**Revision Request Review –**

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| **100NOGRR Smiley.png** |
| **Extending Manual Time Error Correction Threshold.** |
| Impact Analysis Review |
| **OWG Action**: OWG Recommends ROS Approval 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. [ERCOT] After review of the Impact Analysis, OWG recommends ROS approval. |

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| **101NOGRR Smiley.png** |
| **Market Transparency for DC Tie Outage Information.** |
| Language Review |
| **OWG Action**: OWG calls for an Impact Analysis Smiley.png |
| Discussion:  This Nodal Operating Guide Revision Request (NOGRR) provides that ERCOT shall produce a detailed report regarding any outage of a Direct Current Tie (DC Tie) in a timely manner. Outages of interconnection points between the ERCOT and non-ERCOT Control Areas have market implications on both the ERCOT market and the interconnected market. Detailed information regarding such outages is necessary for Market Participants on both sides of the interconnection point to be able to manage risk associated with such outages. [Tenaska] OWG requests ERCOT perform an Impact Analysis. |

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| **102NOGRR Smiley.png** |
| **Synchronization with NPRR454, Removal of Unfunded Project List Language.** |
| Language Review |
| **OWG Action**: OWG calls for an Impact Analysis Smiley.png |
| Discussion:  This Nodal Operating Guide Revision Request (NOGRR) aligns the Nodal Operating Guides with Nodal Protocol Revision Request (NPRR) 454 (approved by the ERCOT Board on July 17, 2012) which removed language regarding the Unfunded Project List.  This NOGRR also aligns the Nodal Operating Guides with the Protocols by requiring ERCOT’s opinion in the TAC Report for any NOGRR requiring an ERCOT project for implementation; and includes administrative alignment changes. [ERCOT] OWG requests ERCOT perform an Impact Analysis. |

**Operations Report –**

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

**Operations Task Force Report –**

* Stan Morris gave a brief update.

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

* Frank Owens stated that the NPGRTF would reveal their findings and make recommendations on the subject of voltage profile set points and SCADA accuracy to ROS.

**TRE Update Report –**

Curtis Crews and Dave Penny questioned whether or not RAPs took relay trip settings into account during the approval process. Texas RE felt that the body of information used to determine whether or not a RAP should be approved belonged be on the form. OWG’s opinion was that such information did not need to be on the form but rather possibly in a methodology for approving RAPs.

**System Operations Report –**

* Colleen gave a brief report

**Other –**

* The group considered questions from the Texas RE about some perceived inconsistencies in the descriptions of OCNs, Advisories, Watches and Emergency Notifications. Examples of non-capitalized uses of defined terms and the use of undefined terms gave the impression that the meanings of the language varied from the Guides to the Protocols. Chair, Brad Calhoun took on the action item to research the issue and deliver the findings of his research to the members of OWG so that they could decide whether or not any Revision Requests needed to be drafted.
* Ross Owen made the group aware of resource biennial reactive testing requirements that were not being made and wanted OWG to report such to ROS for consideration and direction. The NDCRC site where the information is hard to get into and needs to be available to TOs to update their EMS tools and keep track of available dynamic reactive reserves.

**Future Meeting Dates –**

September 19th, 2012