Operations Working Group Report

January, 2013

The Operations Working Group (OWG) met on December 19, 2012 and considered the following:

**October OWG Meeting Minutes Review –**

The working group reviewed and approved the November meeting notes.

**Revision Request Review –**

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| **104NOGRR Smiley.png** |
| **Removal of Transmission Operator Definition from the Nodal Operating Guide** |
| Language Review |
| **OWG Action**: OWG agreed to Table till January Smiley.png |
| Discussion:  This NOGRR proposes deleting the definition of Transmission Operator from the Nodal Operating Guides.  ERCOT owes comments on this NOGRR to PRS by December. ERCOT proposed to table the NOGRR.  OWG agreed to table NOGRR 104 till January |
| **106NOGRR Smiley.png** |
| **Delegation of Firm Load Shedding Responsibility** |
| Language Review |
| **OWG Action**: BTU has submitted Withdrawal Smiley.png |
| Discussion:  This NOGRR clarifies that a Distribution Service Provider (DSP) may make an agreement with another Entity that delegates the responsibility for managing both automatic and Energy Emergency Alert (EEA) firm Load shed. (BTU)  OWG agreed to table NOGRR 106 as it is related to NOGRR 104 which has been tabled till January and also give time for BTU to discuss with LCRA/Oncor. |

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| **105NOGRR Smiley.png** |
| **105NOGRRGeneration Resource Frequency Response Test Procedure, submitted by the Performance** |
| Language Review |
| **OWG Action**: OWG Recommends for ROS Approval Smiley.png |
| Discussion:  This NOGRR adds a Governor Test form for Controllable Load Resources and proposes minor corrections to calculations.  (PDCWG) Language review and ERCOT comments  OWG recommends approving the NOGRR with ERCOT comments and OWG revisions  **OWG endorsed the IA and forwarded to ROS with a recommended priority of 2013 and rank of 840.** |
| **107NOGRR Smiley.png** |
| **Disturbance Monitoring Requirements Clarification** |
| Language Review |
| **OWG Action**: OWG Recommends for IASmiley.png |
| Discussion:  This NOGRR clarifies disturbance monitoring requirements.  Kris from LCRA made some edits (clarifications) SPWG |
| **108NOGRR Smiley.png** |
| **QSE and TSP Hotline responsibilities** |
| Language Review |
| **OWG Action**: OWG Recommends for IA Smiley.png |
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**Operations Report –**

* VJ Betanabhatla gave the Operations Report. , no comments or questions were received.

**Operations Task Force Report –**

* No report given.

**Seminar Task Force Report**

* Frank gave a short update on behalf of Alan, NERC originally confirmed they would support all sessions for their presentation on the SW Blackout event and recently backed out and will only support the dry-run. Texas RE will present for NERC; sessions 1-6. The dry-run was re-scheduled for 1/28 to 1/31. I am currently receiving the presentations and expect to have them all by the end of December.

**Texas RE Update Report –**

* Shirley Mathew was in attendance from Texas RE and inquired about the suggestions from the San Diego event about SPS interactions. ERCOT responded that some changes have been made to the procedure while developing MPs/TOAPs. During the development of the MP/TOAP, ERCOT checks with the TO whether the plan will impact any relay operations.

The group then discussed EEA/OCN language clarifications and Emergency Notice language in sections of OG. Jimmy stated Colleen sponsored NPRR480 to remove the issue raised in Section 6.5.9.1 Emergency and Short Supply Operation.  He said that NPRR480 was approved by the board in December. The group decided to review the previous work on EEA/OCN language and discuss it again in January.

**System Operations Report –**

* No new procedures.

The Substation break-ins and cooper theft notifications sent to the System Security Response Group members was discussed. A TO thought that it was too much information and that only suspected sabotage should be reported. The group discussed and decided that this was valuable information and that they want to continue to receive this information from ERCOT.

**Other –**

Nick Henery from FERC addressed the group. He was very appreciative of the work done at OWG and ERCOT. He said he will follow the meetings closely and participate in the meetings if he sees any agenda items that interest him. He said he will be looking for inputs while making new standards.

**Nominees for 2013 OWG Leadership and Vote**

Frank Owens was elected for chair

John Warren was elected for vice chair

**Action Items:**

**Texas RE recommendations**

1. David Penny mentioned that language in the Protocols indicates real -time data for reliability purposes must be accurate within 3% percent. Language in the Operating Guides indicates voltage is to be maintained within 2% of the voltage profile. These requirements appear to conflict with each other, even though by the hierarchal process, the Protocols supersede the Operating Guides in this case. Additionally, language in ERCOT’s Steady State Voltage Control Procedure states that transmission voltage should not exceed 105% nor fall below 95% of the nominal voltage during normal operation of the system and that transmission voltage during emergencies (including contingency events) should not exceed equipment over excitation ratings

**OWG assigned this as an action item for OTF to review the language**

1. David Penny mentioned that based on data provided by the TOs, there appeared to be instances during cycling of feeders the TOs were not meeting their load-shed obligation for brief periods of time.

**OWG assigned this as an action item for OTF to review the language of the operating guides**

**Future Meeting Dates –**

Tuesday, January 15th, 2013 joint meeting with NDSWG to work on ROS directive. Location ERCOT Taylor facility. 1pm – 3:30pm.

Monday, January 28th, 2013 meeting prior to dry-run Operations Training Seminar. 8am – 12noon