Operations Working Group Report

February, 2013

The Operations Working Group (OWG) met on January 28, 2013 and considered the following:

**October OWG Meeting Minutes Review –**

The working group reviewed and approved the December 2012 meeting notes with one correction.

**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 February 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 February |
| **107NOGRR Smiley.png** |
| **Delegation of Firm Load Shedding Responsibility** |
| **Disturbance Monitoring Requirements Clarification** |
| Language Review |
| **OWG Action**: OWG Recommends for ROS ApprovalSmiley.png |
| Discussion:  This NOGRR clarifies disturbance monitoring requirements.  Kris from LCRA made some edits (clarifications) SPWG |

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| **108NOGRR Smiley.png** |
| **QSE and TSP Hotline responsibilities** |
| Language Review |
| **OWG Action**: OWG Recommends for ROS ApprovalSmiley.png |
| Discussion:  This NOGRR adds the requirement for Qualified Scheduling Entities (QSEs) and Transmission Operators (TOs) to have a touchtone keypad on their Hotline phone.  ERCOT Impact analysis showed no Impact.  OWG agreed to move it to ROS with recommendation to approve. |
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**Operations Report –**

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

**Operations Task Force Report –**

Ross requested that OTF work on a reactive scorecard that shows, who is passing, who is not, who has not tested. Stan (OTF Chair), agreed to work with ERCOT on that.

OTF also has additional action items that were assigned in December:

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. OTF is to review the language in the Operating Guides.
2. 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. OTF is to review the language in the Operating Guides.

**Seminar Task Force Report**

Dry run of the 2013 Operations training Seminar will start at 1 PM today.

**Texas RE Update Report –**

Mark mentioned that PRC-004, PRC-024, and PRC-025 are out for comment. John Warren is working on a draft NPRR to clean up the emergency notification language in the protocols, and Texas RE will work with ERCOT on updating the SW Outage action item list.

**System Operations Report –** A market notice will be sent out as a reminder that Back-up plans are due March 15, 2013.

**Other –**

Ross Owen presented results from some voltage reduction tests done by Oncor. He said eventually VR could be used during EEAs to lower the demand. Also mentioned that some TOs already use VR to shave the peak.

**Future Meeting Dates –**

* Wednesday, February 20th 2013 at ERCOT Met Center room 168. This meeting will be a joint meeting with NDSWG to work on Sept 2012 ROS Directives.