Operations Working Group Report

April, 2013

The Operations Working Group (OWG) met on March 20, 2013 and considered the following:

**OWG Meeting Notes Review –**

The working group reviewed and approved the February 2013 meeting notes with no changes.

**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 April Smiley.png |
| Discussion:  This NOGRR proposes deleting the definition of Transmission Operator from the Nodal Operating Guides. NPRR490 is also tabled at PRS.  OWG agreed to table NOGRR 104 till April |
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| **109NOGRR Smiley.png** |
| **Revisions to Definition of Credible Single Contingency for Operations Planning** |
| Language Review |
| **OWG Action**: OWG recommend for IA Smiley.png |
| Discussion:  This NOGRR revises the definition of Credible Single Contingency for Operations Planning to align with actual practice.  OWG recommended approval as revised by OWG and will return with IA next meeting. |
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**529NPRR Congestion Management Plan**

This Nodal Protocol Revision Request (NPRR) defines Congestion Management Plan (CMP) and several subcategories such as a Mitigation Plan and a Remedial Action Plan (RAP) and clarifies actions to be taken when Security-Constrained Economic Dispatch (SCED) is unable to resolve a constraint causing a security violation. **OWG requested that PRS table to allow time for OWG to review the NPRR along with the associated NOGRR110 in April.**

**Operations Report –**

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

**Operations Task Force Report –**

The Operations Task Force did not meet to discuss the pending assignments below. Ross Owen offered to host the meeting at Oncor.

* 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**.
  3. **OTF was asked** **to develop a sample scorecard to be used for Reactive Testing**; ie units that have been tested and passed, failed, have yet to test.

**Seminar Task Force Report**

No Report Given.

**Texas RE Update Report –**

David Penney stated that the COM-003 draft standard is posted for comment.

**System Operations Report –**

Colleen Frosch stated new procedures were posted March 1st. A Geo-magnetic Disturbance procedure was added to the T/S desk, a Large Ramp Event procedure was added to the Real-Time desk, and a Daily SASM procedure was added to the Resources desk.

**Other –**

1. Isabel Flores was not available at this meeting to discuss verifying RARF data vs. Real-time Reactive testing each calendar year. **ERCOT will coordinate this discussion for the next meeting**.
2. John Warren reviewed the draft NOGRR and NPRR that cleaned up the inconsistencies between the Operating Guides and Protocols regarding Emergency Notifications. These will be submitted as OWG comments.
3. Frank Owens reviewed draft language cleaning up the Credible Single Contingency language in the Protocols; this was a directive from ROS.

**Future Meeting Dates –**

* Wednesday, April 17th 2013 at the ERCOT Met Center room 168.