Operations Working Group Report

July, 2013

The Operations Working Group (OWG) met on June 19 & 27, 2013 and considered the following:

**OWG Meeting Notes Review –**

The working group reviewed and approved the May 2013 meeting notes with minor 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 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 pending NPRR490** |
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| **109NOGRR Smiley.png** |
| **Revisions to Definition of Credible Single Contingency for Operations Planning** |
| Language Review |
| **OWG Action**: OWG recommend to ROSSmiley.png |
| Discussion:  This Nodal Operating Guide Revision Request (NOGRR) revises the definition of Credible Single Contingency for Operations Planning to align with actual practice. [OWG] **Recommended for approval as amended by the 5/14 CenterPoint comments and as revised by OWG.** |
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| **110NOGRR Smiley.png** |
| **Synchronization with NPRR529, Congestion Management Plan.** |
| Language Review |
| **OWG Action**: OWG recommend to ROSSmiley.png |
| Discussion:  This Nodal Operating Guide Revision Request (NOGRR) synchronizes the Nodal Operating Guide with revisions proposed by NPRR529, Congestion Management Plan. [ERCOT] **ERCOT and Luminant comments were reviewed. Recommended approval as amended by CNP 061713 comments and revised by OWG.** |
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| **113NOGRR Smiley.png** |
| **Synchronization with NPRR536, ERS Time Obligation Certainty** |
| IA Review |
| **OWG Action**: OWG recommend to ROS Smiley.png |
| Discussion:  This Nodal Operating Guide Revision Request (NOGRR) synchronizes the Nodal Operating Guide with revisions proposed by NPRR536, ERS Time Obligation Certainty, by clarifying that, upon deployment, Qualified Scheduling Entities (QSEs) shall instruct Emergency Response Service (ERS) Resources to perform at contracted levels consistent with the criteria described in Protocol Section 8.1.3.1.4, Event Performance Criteria for Emergency Response Service Resources, until ERCOT releases the ERS deployment or the ERS Resources have reached their maximum deployment time. [DSWG] **Reviewed and endorsed the IA and forwarded to ROS** |
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| **114NOGRR Smiley.png** |
| **Synchronization with NPRR540, Clarification of Credible Single Contingency** |
| Language Review |
| **OWG Action**: OWG recommend to ROS Smiley.png |
| Discussion:  This Nodal Operating Guide Revision Request (NOGRR) revises the use of Credible Single Contingency to align with actual practice and with NPRR540. [OWG] **Recommended approval as amended by CNP 061413 comments and revised by OWG. IA was endorsed.** |
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| **115NOGRR Smiley.png** |
| **Update to List of CREZ Circuits and Stations** |
| Language Review |
| **OWG Action**: OWG recommend to ROS Smiley.png |
| Discussion:  This Nodal Operating Guide Revision Request (NOGRR) updates the list of Competitive Renewable Energy Zone (CREZ) circuits and stations to align with installed 345kV circuits and stations.  Non-substantive revisions are also proposed to 7.1. [OWG] **Endorsed IA and forwarded to ROS.** |
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| **116NOGRR Smiley.png** |
| **Synchronization with NPRR542, Clarification of the Use of Emergency Condition** |
| Language Review |
| **OWG Action**: OWG recommend to ROS Smiley.png |
| Discussion:  This Nodal Operating Guide Revision Request (NOGRR) clarifies the use of Emergency  Condition and synchronizes the Nodal Operating Guides with NPRR542. [OWG] **Recommended approval as revised by OWG. IA was endorsed.** |
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| **118NOGRR Smiley.png** |
| **Hydro Responsive Test Reporting** |
| Language Review |
| **OWG Action**: OWG recommend for IA Smiley.png |
| Discussion:  This Nodal Operating Guide Revision Request (NOGRR) revises the requirement for ERCOT to develop a monthly report related to hydro responsive tests to a quarterly report. [ERCOT] **Recommend for IA review next meeting.** |
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| **119NOGRR Smiley.png** |
| **Revisions to Load Shed Table** |
| Language Review |
| **OWG Action**: OWG endorsed for request for Urgent Status Smiley.png |
| Discussion:  This Nodal Operating Guide Revision Request (NOGRR) updates the ERCOT Load Shed Table for 2013. **OWG** **Endorsed request for Urgent status and endorsed as submitted.** |

**528NPRR Clarification of Assessment of Chronic Congestion.**

This Nodal Protocol Revision Request (NPRR) consolidates into one section, the steps ERCOT will take when active or binding transmission constraints are identified. [ERCOT] **Luminant comments were reviewed. This NPRR is endorsed as amended by ERCOT 051513 comments and revised by OWG.**

**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. **CNP and Luminant comments were reviewed. This NPRR is endorsed as amended by CNP 061413 comments and revised by OWG.**

**536NPRR ERS Time Obligation Certainty**

This Nodal Protocol Revision Request (NPRR) strikes language which has the effect of creating an uncertain and indefinite obligation to provide ongoing Demand response capacity in an emergency. [DSWG] **Reviewed – No action taken**

**540NPRR Clarification of Credible Single Contingency**

This Nodal Protocol Revision Request (NPRR) revises the use of Credible Single Contingency to align with actual practice. [OWG **CNP comments were reviewed. This NPRR is endorsed as amended by CNP 061313 comments and revised by OWG.**

**541 NPRR SPS and RAP Modeling Clarification.**

This Nodal Protocol Revision Request (NPRR) clarifies that ERCOT models all new Special Protection Systems (SPSs) and Remedial Action Plans (RAPs) and all changes to SPSs and RAPs via the Network Operations Model Change Request (NOMCR) process. [ERCOT] **CNP comments were reviewed. This NPRR is endorsed as amended by CNP 061413 comments and revised by OWG.**

**542NPRR Clarification of the Use of Emergency Condition**

This Nodal Protocol Revision Request (NPRR) clarifies the use of Emergency Condition in the Nodal Protocols.  [OWG] **This NPRR is endorsed as amended by CNP 061713 comments.**

**Operations Report –**

* Jian Chen reviewed the May report, no comments or questions were received.

**Operations Task Force Report –**

* OTF is still working on the pending assignment.

**Seminar Task Force Report**

* No update for seminar.

Liz Jones from ONCOR suggested ERCOT provide some feedback regarding recent PUC decision on notice of violation filed against CPS energy.

**Texas RE Update Report –** Nothing to report.

**System Operations Report –**

* No Report Given.

**Other –**

1. **Draft review of proposed ERCOT Fundamental Task Force**

Kelly Blackmer from ERCOT reviewed the proposal to form ERCOT fundamental Task Force. The focus of this task force is to improve ERCOT fundamental test. It will be brought back to OWG next month for recommendation.

1. **Draft Subsynchronous Resonance Requirements.** This Nodal Operating Guide Revision Request (NOGRR) adds Subsynchronous Resonance (SSR) study and protection requirements for Generation Resources, Transmission Service Providers (TSPs), and other facility owners. Isabel Flores reviewed the NOGRR. Referred to the 6/26 PDCWG Meeting.
2. **SCR774 Enhancement to Outage Scheduler and Reports**. This System Change Request (SCR) adds fields to the Outage Scheduler in order to provide information on changes to approved Outages, and adds a report on cancelled Outages. [Edison Mission] Woody Rickerson reviewed the SCR. Recommended PRS to table SCR774 and to refer it to ROS/NDSWG

**Future Meeting Dates –**

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