**B**lack **S**tart **W**orking **G**roup

**Report to ROS**

**AUGUST 15th, 2013 Meeting**

**NO BSWG meeting in July. Meeting canceled due to light agenda.**

**Information below is from the June, 2013 meeting.**

**Primary Topic:** Revision to the Black Start Template.

BSWG is recommending changes to the current TO Black Start Template. This template provides Transmission Operators with guidance in developing their Black Start Plans. This guidance helps direct Black Start authors in meeting required ERCOT and NERC standards. The template also develops standardization of all TO Black Start Plans. This standardization assists ERCOT in the review and incorporation of all TO Black Start Plans into the ERCOT Black Start Plan. The TO Black Start Template is posted in Section 8; Attachment E of the ERCOT Nodal Operating Guide.

Changes to the TO Black Start Template incorporate new NERC Reliability Standards, improve effectiveness by regrouping, adding, and removing items, and correcting language. The BSWG has approved these changes and wish to implement these changes in 2014. Dylan Preas (LCRA) has submitted a Nodal Operating Guide Revision Request for the Black Start Template revisions.

These revisions will require ROS approval. ROS should receive these changes in the next couple of months.

**Additional Topic:** Enforcement of New NERC Standard Affecting Black Start

Stephen Solis (ERCOT) discussed the 5 year enforcement requirement for EOP-005-2 R6. This requirement becomes effective July 1st, 2013. The NERC implementation plan does not state proof of compliance is required prior to implementation. In development of your 2014 Black Start Plan, meet this requirement. If your Black Start Plan changes year-to-year, re-verify your plan under EOP-005-2 R6. If your Black Start Plan does not change, EOP-005-2 R6 requires compliance once every five years.

**ERCOT Items:**

* Christine Hasha (ERCOT) presented information regarding Black Start CIP requirements.
* Kelly Blackmer (ERCOT) presented information regarding the set points of the ERCOT Black Start simulator.

**Next BSWG Meeting: September 10, 2013**