Operations Working Group Report

October, 2013

The Operations Working Group (OWG) met on September 18, 2013 and considered the following:

**OWG Meeting Notes Review –**

The working group reviewed and approved the August 2013 meeting notes with minor changes.

**Revision Request Review –**

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| **111NOGRR Smiley.png** |
| **Synchronization with NPRR527, Required Combined Cycle Telemetry for Operational Awareness and PDCWG Analysis.** |
| Language Review |
| **OWG Action**: OWG recommend approval to ROSSmiley.png |
| Discussion:  This Nodal Operating Guide Revision Request (NOGRR) synchronizes the Nodal Operating Guide with NPRR527, Required Combined Cycle Telemetry for Operational Awareness and PDCWG Analysis, requires Combined Cycle Generation Resources to telemeter individual High Sustainable Limits (HSLs) for gas and steam turbines.  The HSLs for combustion and steam turbines were previously submitted in zonal and ERCOT requests this practice be resumed in the nodal.[ERCOT]**.** |
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| **ERCOT Operator Certification Program and ERCOT Fundamentals Manual.** |
| Language Review |
| **OWG Action**: OWG reviewed will return with IA Smiley.png |
| Discussion:  This Nodal Operating Guide Revision Request (NOGRR) describes ERCOT’s responsibilities with respect to the ERCOT operator certification program and ERCOT Fundamentals Manual. (ERCOT) |
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| **CRR Network Model Clarification for Accepted Outages.** |
| Language Review |
| **OWG Action**: OWG reviewed will return with IA Smiley.png |
| Discussion:  This Nodal Operating Guide Revision Request (NOGRR) aligns the Operating Guides with current practice by clarifying that “approved” as well as “accepted” Transmission Outages in the Outage Scheduler are utilized in ERCOT’s Congestion Revenue Rights (CRR) Auction at the time of building the CRR Network Model. ( ERCOT ) |
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| **Revisions to Misoperations Reporting Requirements.** |
| Language Review |
| **OWG Action**: OWG reviewed will return with IA Smiley.png |
| Discussion:  This Nodal Operating Guide Revision Request (NOGRR) clarifies the reporting requirements for misoperations to ERCOT and Texas Reliability Entity (OWG). |
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| **Additional VRT Requirement for IRRs.** |
| Language Review |
| **OWG Action**: OWG tabled for one month Smiley.png |
| Discussion:  This Nodal Operating Guide Revision Request (NOGRR) clarifies the reporting requirements for misoperations to ERCOT and Texas Reliability Entity (OWG). |
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**NPRR556 Resource Adequacy during Transmission Equipment Outage** This Nodal Protocol Revision Request (NPRR) adds a requirement for the Network Operations Model so that Resources that are being served by temporary equipment can participate in the ERCOTmarket as innormal operations**. OWG endorsed the concept of NPRR556 and deferred to NDSWG on its implementation.**

**Operations Report –**

Reviewed the report; comments/questions were answered by ERCOT personnel. Bill Blevins gave an update on the status of the VSS tool.

**Operations Task Force Report – No report given**

* OTF is still working on the pending assignment. OWG would like a timeline of when action items assigned to OTF would be addressed, particularly the following:
* *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.*

**Seminar Task Force Report**

* No update for seminar.

**Texas RE Update Report**

* David Penney gave a presentation that outlined the South Texas load loss that occurred in August.

**System Operations Report –**

* No report

**Other –**

* Group discussed a possible joint workshop with QMWG to occur twice a year.

**Future Meeting Dates –**

* Wednesday, October 16th 2013 at the ERCOT Met Center room 168.