Operations Working Group Report

November, 2013

The Operations Working Group (OWG) met on October 16, 2013 and considered the following:

**OWG Meeting Notes Review –**

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

**Revision Request Review –**

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| **121NOGRR Smiley.png** |
| **ERCOT Operator Certification Program and ERCOT Fundamentals Manual.** |
| Language Review |
| **OWG Action**: OWG recommend approval to ROS 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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| **122NOGRR Smiley.png** |
| **CRR Network Model Clarification for Accepted Outages.** |
| Language Review |
| **OWG Action**: OWG recommend approval to ROS 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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| **123NOGRR Smiley.png** |
| **Revisions to Misoperations Reporting Requirements.** |
| 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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| **124NOGRR Smiley.png** |
| **Additional VRT Requirement for IRRs.** |
| Language Review |
| **OWG Action**: OWG reviewed will return with IA Smiley.png |
| Discussion:  This Nodal Operating Guide Revision Request (NOGRR) specifies new high Voltage Ride-Through (VRT) requirements for Intermittent Renewable Resources (IRRs) and prohibits IRRs from tripping for events that are less severe than the defined thresholds and occur for shorter time durations. Walter Reid asked that ERCOT do an outreach to the developers to make them aware of this NOGRR. Fred Huang agreed to send out an e-mail. Walter also stated that this NOGRR may conflict with PRC-024. (ERCOT). |
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| **Minimum Notice for Coordinated Reactive Testing.** |
| Language Review |
| **OWG Action**: OWG reviewed will return with IA Smiley.png |
| Discussion:  This Nodal Operating Guide Revision Request (NOGRR) changes the minimum advance notification for a coordinated reactive capability test of a Generation Resource from 48 hours prior, to 1700 the day prior to the day of the test. (ERCOT). |
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**Operations Report –**

Reviewed the report; comments/questions were answered by ERCOT personnel.

**Operations Task Force Report – Meeting scheduled for 10/29/13 to discuss:**

* *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 reported Standards that are currently in comment stage: GMD mitigation; PER-005-02; VAR-001; VAR-002.
* FERC has requested more information regarding 2/2/11 event – surveys will go out to generators requesting information on weatherization.
* Reactive testing scorecard nearing completion – data is being compiled and will possibly bring back next month to share.

**System Operations Report –**

* A few procedure updates mainly due to SCR 770 being put into place.

**Other –**

* John Warren brought up SOL methodology is out for review by ERCOT.

Discussion on draft calendar for OWG meeting in 2014 – to be put on agenda for next meeting.

**Future Meeting Dates –**

* Wednesday, November 20th 2013 at the ERCOT Met Center room 168.