Operations Working Group Report

April, 2014

The Operations Working Group (OWG) met on March 19, 2014 and considered the following:

**OWG Meeting Notes Review –**

The working group reviewed and approved the February 2014 meeting notes with minor changes.

**Revision Request Review –**

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| **124NOGRR Smiley.png** |
| **Additional VRT Requirement for IRRs.** |
| Language Review |
| **OWG Action**: OWG Recommends 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. **OWG consensus was to recommend approval of NOGRR124 as amended by 2/12/13 EDF comments as revised by OWG, with the exception of endorsing any grandfathering date.**  (ERCOT). |
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| **130NOGRR Smiley.png** |
| **Alignment with NPRR555** |
| Language Review |
| **OWG Action**: OWG Recommends Smiley.png |
| Discussion:  This Nodal Operating Guide Revision Request (NOGRR) aligns the Nodal Operating Guides with the Protocols as revised by NPRR555, which was approved by the ERCOT Board on September 17, 2013 and NPRR434, which was approved by the ERCOT Board on February 12, 2012. (ERCOT) **OWG recommended approval** |
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**Operations Report –**

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

**Operations Task Force Report**

* No items to report.

**Seminar Task Force Report**

* No items to report.

**Texas RE Update Report**

* New NERC standard revisions focusing on SPSs. The proposed definition changes would introduce four categories with some exclusion that would be different from current definitions. Everyone should review and comment.

**System Operations Report**

* No report given.

**Other –**

* ERCOT is currently in the process of updating the MIS-NDCRC Reactive Testing Forms. It is anticipated these changes will likely affect members of the Operations Working Group. **Two phases of changes coming to Reactive Test form. First is formatting and updated help files. Second adds fields and VSS Validation module. ERCOT personnel gave a presentation and answered questions/comments.**
* For group discussion - John Warren brought up PRC values and the makeup of PRC. The question on the table is do we need to look at what we procure or the change the levels of PRC associated with each level of EEA. **Current agenda items reviewed. No action taken pending further revisions to workshop agenda.**
* ROS directive - Voltage support requirement for all Generation Resources greater than 20 MVA. (See Protocol Section 3.15, paragraph 2) Update on offline discussions. **Discussions reviewed. No action needed at this time. Isabell with ERCOT is reviewing language submitted by Walter!**
* ROS directive - New assignment OWG to evaluate concerns that ERCOT has to bring RUC units earlier than required because of unit start-up failures; review need for ERCOT Operating procedures for RUCing units. **Joint discussions with CMWG scheduled to start at 10:30, delayed until 11:00. Presentation given by ERCOT personnel and questions/comments were fielded. Will have another joint meeting at the regular scheduled CMWG meeting in April.**
* Voltage Control Workshop – was held from 1pm – 3:30pm.
  + **Bill Blevins gave a presentation on voltage control challenges in CREZ. Bill also gave an update on the timeline for VSS deployment through SOTE.**
  + **Reviewed OTF recommendations and VAR-001 impacts with the new requirements.**
  + **Reviewed ERCOT questions to SSWG regarding the process for maintaining voltage limits in NMMS systems for SOL Methodology. To be discussed at NDSWG in more depth.**
  + **Discussed the development of a task list for a small group to research and report back at the next OWG meeting.**

**Future Meeting Dates –**

* Wednesday April 23, 2014 – at the ERCOT Met Center room 206A.