**Meeting Notes**

**Call to Order & Antitrust Admonition** – John Blackwell initiated the meeting at 9:35am, reviewed the antitrust admonition and confirmed all attendees have NDA reaffirmations on file.

**BSWG Organization Updates – new schedule reminder** – Dates on ERCOT BSWG webpage; meetings 2nd Mondays of the month; will cancel during months when the schedule is light

**ROS Update** – no new assignments from ROS

**Approval of Meeting Notes – January Meeting** – reviewed notes; no changes

**NPRR Update** – Felicia submitted proposed changes as one combined NPRR; going to business plan meeting on 3/11/15; NPRR ###

**Nexant Recommendation Review** – Last summer, consultant reviewed ERCOT’s Black Start Plan and provided several recommendations; Felicia provided an update on ERCOT’s response to recommendations received; several closed or WIP; others brought to meeting participants for preliminary discussion:

* Recommendation that distribution entities develop and document their Black Start Plans; ERCOT effort underway for training distribution entities (CBT); Felicia asked how TOs interact with distribution entities now
  + Some companies have operators that control both transmission and distribution; some have both types of operators in the same control room and all attend ERCOT Simulation; another company has a separate control room for distribution operators, who have their own plan and internal training/simulation exercise; some companies have multiple distribution entities that they coordinate with and rely on to control distribution
* Recommendation that Black Start Plans document periodic maintenance or confirmations that certain items are functional: communications systems, battery systems that support critical systems, etc.
  + Participants noted existing NERC rules that cover these areas; no need to add to Black Start Plans
* Recommendation that TO plans address staffing levels for various contingencies of SCADA and traffic congestion in larger metropolitan areas
  + Participants generally expressed concern about the plans becoming filled with details not directly related to restoration; Losing value for system operators; Others concerned with creating requirements and thus, compliance risk; Some address these topics in training
* Recommendation to address SPS in Black Start Plans
  + Participants noted existing NERC rules that cover these areas; no need to add to Black Start Plans
* Recommendation that Black Start Plans address coordination with industrial customers with self-gen (PUNs)
  + Some already include this in their plans; believe this one is generally informational

ERCOT will consider feedback and decide on next steps; will communicate with BSWG as things move forward

**Comms – Satellite Phones for QSEs and Lose of Communication NERC Guidelines** – Reviewed updated NERC Guideline regarding Generating Units during Loss of Communications

Also discussed thoughts on satellite phones for QSEs; some noted that during system restoration, communications will be directly between TOs and generators; communication with QSEs becomes more important during the transition back to normal operations

**Black Start Gas Coordination Group Update** – Camden shared that communication was discussed at the January meeting; some pipeline companies have satellite phones, others rely on cell phones; BSGCG discussion included gas facilities needed at any point of the restoration; further discussion expected at this afternoon’s meeting

**Black Start Training Update** – respectable dry run; in weeks 4 & 5, built to a single island; special session scheduled for next week

**Other**

* Black Start Resource RFP expected April 1, 2015
* Question about lessons learned from others’ experience with black start restoration during actual events
* Stan announced his retirement from TNMP

**Adjourn** – John Blackwell closed the meeting at 11:15am

**Future Meeting Date April 14, 2015 TCC1 Rm 253**