



DRAFT MEETING MINUTES
MIDWEST RELIABILITY ORGANIZATION

Planning Committee

Holiday Inn Select, Bloomington, MN

November 17, 2010 - 8:30 am

1. Call to Order

Chair Mazur called the meeting to order at 8:35am.

2. Determination of Quorum

Chair Mazur asked for introductions from the committee members and guests.

Chair Mazur determined that a quorum was present at 8:38am.

The following PC members, guests, and staff were present:

Members:

Hoa Nguyen, MDU

Ron Mazur, Chair, MH

Dennis Florum, LES

Hamish Wong, WPS

Dale Burmester, ATC

Jay Porter, GRE

Dave Rudolph, BEPC

Gerry Steffens, RPU

Gayle Nansel, WAPA (phone)

Mike Wish, GSE

Guests:

Alan Burbach, LES (phone)

Amr Eldamaty, SPC (phone)

Dave Duebner, MISO

Terry Harbour, MEC (phone)

Dan Lenihan, OPPD (phone)

Lloyd Linke, WAPA

Staff:

John Seidel

Salva Andiappan

Jennifer Matz

Dan Schoenecker

Members Absent:

Kavita Maini, WIEG

3. Standards of Conduct and Anti-Trust Guidelines

Mr. Seidel reviewed the Standards of Conduct and Anti-Trust Guidelines with the meeting attendees.



4. Consent Agenda

a. Approve Meeting Minutes from September 8, 2010 Meeting

Chair Mazur asked the members if there were any requests for changes to the meeting minutes, and if not, request a motion to accept the minutes as written.

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Burmester and seconded by Mr. Nguyen, the Planning Committee unanimously approved the September 8, 2010 Planning Committee meeting minutes as written.

5. Chairman's Report - Ron Mazur

Chair Mazur briefly discussed the highlights from the last MRO Board Meeting. Mr. Bruce Scherr, Vice Chair of the NERC Board of Trustees spoke on endorsing strong reliability standards and supported NERC's direction to enhance the standards. Chair Landgren discussed the standards initiatives, and about NERC trustee's developing a group to review the effectiveness of the standards development process. The board announced Larry Larson's retirement and recognized his time and service to the region. Chair Mazur also highlighted on President Skaar's update on the Mis-op project, and his PC chair report to the board.

6. Planning Committee 2010 Membership

a. 2010 Membership

i. ERAG Steering Committee – New MRO Representative

Ms. Matz informed the committee that Scott Nickels from Rochester Public Utilities was elected to represent MRO on the ERAG Steering Committee.

ii. ERAG Near Term/Long Term and Seasonal Assessment Groups – New MRO Representative

Ms. Matz informed the committee that Kerry Marinar from ATC was elected to represent MRO on the ERAG Near Term/Long Term and Seasonal Assessment Groups.

iii. Annual Election – New Sector Representation on PC

Ms. Matz informed the committee that Mr. Florom, Mr. Mazur, Mr. Rudolph, and Ms. Nansel were all re-elected to serve another term on the PC. The Large End Use Electricity Customer sector seat will remain open due to no nominations received.

7. SPS Activities

a. Review Existing SPS Characteristics

Mr. Seidel directed the committee members to the summary of SPSs emailed out on October 21, 2010, to PC members only. MRO identified which existing SPSs could impact at a local versus a widespread level. The committee raised concern on what the definition is for widespread, and that certain language in the guideline may be sensitive and cause entities to have to comply with more than is necessary. Chair Mazur requested committee members inform Mr. Seidel of any questions or suggestions on the summary provided.

b. Next Steps

Chair Mazur reminded the committee of the board's request for an update by the PC, and asked for assistance in determining how the PC can come up with a guideline.



The committee recessed for a break at 10:15 am.
The committee reconvened from break at 10:35 am.

- c. SPS Review Items (Executive Session – Committee Members Only)
OC members Chair McMullen, and Dean Schiro joined the conference call.

Chair Mazur highlighted the purpose of the Executive Session amongst both committees. Since the PC was unclear of a direction on this topic, Mr. Schoenecker suggested the PC committee consider revisiting what their role is on this issue with the Board to find out what they say.

A motion was made to modify the SPS guideline by stating the entities obligations, and remove interpretations beyond the NERC's definition. The committee voted down the motion.

The committees' decided it is not appropriate for the PC or OC to pass judgment on whether the automatic scheme of another owner is or is not SPS. Per the NERC Standard, the scheme owner is responsible to decide for himself or herself whether it constitutes an SPS. Therefore, the committee decided to not develop a SPS guideline, and inform the board of their decision on December 2nd.

The committee recessed for lunch at 11:50 am.
The committee reconvened at 12:40 pm.

8. Operating Guide Summary for ALR 6-1

Mr. Seidel reviewed the NERC PC approved reliability metrics that the NERC RMWG is working on. MRO asked Reliability Coordinators in the region to provide a brief summary of all the Standing Operating Guides, in order for MRO to fulfill the obligation in Metric ALR 6-1. This metric is due by December 10th.

9. PC NERC Assessments

- a. Regional Boundaries for Future NERC Assessments

Mr. Seidel discussed the upcoming meeting in Charlotte and what he hopes will be accomplished for revising the ISO/RTO/PA footprints. Mr. Seidel further stated he would provide the committee with an update of the meeting results via email.

- b. Update on NERC Reliability Assessments

- 2011 LTRA
2010-2011 winter assessment was sent to NERC on October 19th; MRO staff is now waiting for NERC letters of instruction for 2010 post-summer, 2011 summer and LTRA assessments.

10. MRO UFLS Program Review

Mr. Schoenecker provided highlights on the status of the UFLS program review. FERC still needs to approve the standard that changes the responsibility over from the ERO to the Planning Authorities, but MRO would like to at least begin the process of transitioning the responsibility in prep for the next review study due in 2012.



11. Review Planning Committee Organizational Structure

a. Review Subcommittee Charters and Confirm Future Needs

Chair Mazur discussed the need for reviewing the subcommittee charters, and asked Model Building Subcommittee (MBS) Chair Alan Burbach for comments on the scope of the MBS.

MBS Chair Burbach stated that he is not aware of any concerns with the current charter, and is willing to revisit the charter with the subcommittee members if needed.

Chair Mazur asked Mr. Rudolph for his insight to the Resource Assessment Subcommittee (RAS). Mr. Rudolph stated the purpose for the subcommittee and that it has been inactive for a couple of years. Chair Mazur suggested Mr. Rudolph schedule a call with the subcommittee to review the charter and determine if there is any further need for the subcommittee. If there is no need, the PC will need to get board approval to disband the group.

Chair Mazur discussed the need for the Transmission Assessment Subcommittee (TAS) to have a call to review the charter and determine if there is a need for the subcommittee.

Action Item: Chair Mazur requested this agenda item be added for next PC meeting.

Chair Mazur and the PC agreed that we want to keep the Generator Testing Review Task Force (GTRTF).

Action Item: Chair Mazur will request Mr. Kral to provide his input on the status of the NERC Generations testing standards.

b. Discuss Subcommittee Work Plans

This was discussed under agenda item 11.a.

12. Midwest ISO Updates

Mr. Duebner briefly highlighted on the status of Midwest ISO's MTEP 10 plan completion, MTEP Study performed, MTEP 11 start up in December, and Short Circuit requests.

13. Compliance Committee Activity

Mr. Aldamaty updated the committee on key items discussed at the Compliance Committee meeting held on November 16. He informed that the Mid Continent Compliance Forum (MCCF) workshop is scheduled for December 1. The workshop will cover the NERC alert process, and understanding of expectations.

14. Standards Committee Activity

a. Standards Committee Update

Mr. Steffens informed the Standards Committee's progress for removal of the 5 SARS (Regional Standards), and the request to the PC for finding Subject Matter Experts for MOD/TPL standards. Mr. Steffens also provided his input and concern about the feedback he is hearing from the industry in regards to the Standards Committee's new charter and direction.



- b. PRC-023 Update
Mr. Seidel briefly highlighted on his concern about the language in the criteria that maybe removed from the standard and how it may cause issues.

Action Item: Mr. Seidel will invite Larry Brusseau to provide an update at the next PC meeting.

15. Subcommittee and Task Force Reports

- a. Model Building Subcommittee (MBS)
MBS Chair Burbach highlighted on items from his report in the Agenda Packet under agenda item 15.a.
- b. Resource Assessment Subcommittee (RAS)
The RAS has nothing new to report since the last PC meeting.
- c. Transmission Assessment Subcommittee (TAS)
The TAS had nothing new to report since the last PC meeting.

16. Eastern Interconnection Reliability Assessment Group Reports

- a. ERAG Management Committee
Ms. Nansel highlighted on the last ERAG meeting held in October 2010. A survey on assessment studies will be completed by the ERAG committee and sent out mid-December. The next committee meeting will be held in January 2011.
- b. Multiregional Modeling Working Group (MMWG)
Chair Mazur referred the committee to the report under agenda item 16.a. for the MMWG update.

17. NERC Reports

- a. Discussion of NERC Report Submittals
Chair Mazur requested this to be removed off the agenda.
- b. Reports
 - i. Data Coordination Working Group (DCWG)
There was nothing new to report since the last PC meeting.
 - ii. Demand Response Data Task Force (DRDTF)
The group did not meet since the last PC meeting; therefore, there is nothing new to report.
 - iii. Load Forecasting Working Group (LFWG)
Chair Mazur referred the committee to review the report in the Agenda Packet under agenda item 17.b.iii.
 - iv. Planning Committee (PC)
Mr. Burmester provided highlights from his report in the Agenda Packet under agenda item 17.b.iv.



- v. Reliability Assessment Subcommittee (RAS)
Mr. Nguyen's report is included in the Agenda Packet as agenda item 17.b.v.
- vi. Resource Issues Subcommittee (RIS)
No report provided.
- vii. Transmission Issues Subcommittee (TIS)
Mr. Andiappan's report is included in the Agenda Packet under agenda item 17.b.vii.

18. Other Business

- a. Proposed 2011 PC Meeting Dates
Ms. Matz provided a handout to meeting attendees with the 2011 proposed meeting dates for the committee. The committee requested to move the February 23rd meeting up to February 16th.

19. Next Meetings

<u>Date</u>	<u>Group</u>
December 1	MRO Reliability Workshop
December 2	MRO Board of Directors meeting

20. Adjourn

Having no further business, Chair Mazur asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:13 pm.

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Florum, and seconded by Mr. Wong, the Planning Committee unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting.