



**FINAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**MIDWEST RELIABILITY ORGANIZATION**  
**Standards Committee**

Midwest Reliability Organization Corporate Office – Roseville, MN  
June 14, 2010 – 10:00 am

**1. Call to Order**

Chair Acton called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

*a. Determination of Quorum*

Chair Acton determined that a quorum was present at 10:03 am.

The following members, guests and staff were present:

<b>Members:</b>	
Dave Acton, Chair, Alliant Energy	Jason Shaver, ATC (phone)
Mike Garton, DRS	David Rudolph, BEPC (phone)
Lloyd Linke, WAPA	Tim Noeldner, WPPI
Wayne Guttormson, Sask Power	
Gerry Steffens, RPU	

<b>Guests:</b>	
Chuck Lawrence, ATC (phone)	Kenneth Hubona, FERC
Tim Mielnik, MidAmerican (phone)	
Joe DePoorter, MGE (phone)	

<b>MRO Staff:</b>	
Carol Gerou, Secretary	
Jennifer Matz	

<b>Members Absent:</b>	
Kavita Maini, WIEG	Larry Larson, OTP
Joe Knight, Vice Chair, GRE	

*b. Additions to the Agenda*

No requests made for additions to the agenda.

*c. Standards of Conduct and Anti-Trust Guidelines*

Chair Acton reviewed the Standards of Conduct and Anti-Trust Guidelines with the meeting attendees.



## 2. Consent Agenda

### a. Approve Meeting Minutes from March 8, 2010 Meeting

Chair Acton asked the committee for any concerns with the March 8, 2010 meeting minutes as written. Since there were no concerns raised, Chair Acton asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes as written.

*Upon motion duly made by Mr. Steffens and seconded by Mr.Noeldner, the Standards Committee unanimously approved the March 8, 2010 meeting minutes as written.*

### b. Approve Meeting Minutes from May 20, 2010 Meeting

Chair Acton asked the committee for any concerns with the May 20, 2010 meeting minutes as written. Since there were no concerns raised, Chair Acton asked for a motion to approve the May 20, 2010 meeting minutes as written.

*Upon motion duly made by Mr. Linke and seconded by Mr.Garton, the Standards Committee unanimously approved the May 20, 2010 meeting minutes as written.*

## 3. Revised Report - Dave Acton

Chair Acton briefed the committee on the development of drafting the implementation plan, and requested their input on the draft in order to present it to the board on June 24, 2010. Chair Acton and Ms. Gerou reviewed the presentation of the plan with the committee, which broke down the proposed organizational flow of the Standards Committee into more detail. MRO sectors will now have a direct tie to the Standards Committee and Board of Directors to incorporate a clear line of communication and improve participation from the sectors. The committee discussed the importance of contacting companies within the industry to find Subject Matter Experts (SME) who could provide their comments on particular standards/topics under review. A company would identify an employee as the SME based on the subject matter at hand. Lastly, the committee reviewed the responsibilities of the proposed Ad-hoc SME groups (Non-binding Application Guide Task Forces (ANAGTF) and Standards under Development Task Forces (ASUDTF)) and agreed upon some revisions. The committee agreed to move forward with presenting the ANAGTF adhoc group to the board, and defer the ASUDTF adhoc group until the comments process can be better defined.

**Action: Ms. Gerou will correct arrow between BOD and the standards Committee on slide 5 of the presentation.**

**The committee recessed for lunch at 11:50 am.**

**The committee reconvened at 12:20 pm**

## 4. Standards

### a. Sector Reports

Each member on the Standards Committee informed his or her sector about the regional standards under development to be discussed at the MRO Standards Committee meeting on June 14, 2010. Ms. Gerou asked each member to provide feedback on any comments received back from their sector.

- i. Transmission System Operator (TSO) – Jason Shaver  
Mr. Shaver informed the committee that the responses received from the sector resulted in an indecisive vote on the standards. He stated he would probably withhold his vote based on the feedback.
  - ii. Cooperative Utility – Joe Knight/Dave Rudolph  
Mr. Rudolph stated that the majority of responses from the Cooperative sector prefer the standards be accomplished through guidelines versus standards. As a result, Mr. Rudolph mentioned that his sector’s vote would be to suspend the Reliability Standards.
  - iii. Investor Owned Utility – Larry Larson/Dave Acton  
Chair Acton discussed that the majority of responses from the Investor Owned Utility sector favored to suspend the Reliability Standards.
  - iv. Federal Power Marketing Agency – Lloyd Linke  
Since WAPA is the only company in the sector, Mr. Linke informed the committee that his company’s vote is to suspend the work on the standards and wait to see what occurs to the National Standards.
  - v. Large End-Use Electricity Customer – Kavita Maini  
Ms. Gerou did not receive any responses from any members of the sector.
  - vi. Municipal Utility – Tim Noeldner/Gerry Steffens  
Mr. Noeldner mentioned to the committee that no responses were received from the sector other than Rochester Public Utilities and Wisconsin Public Power Inc. He stated that both companies agree to suspend the work on all standards.
  - vii. Canadian Utility – Wayne Guttormson  
Mr. Guttormson informed the committee that Sask Power supports the standards as technical guidelines. Sask Power wants expectations for technical guidelines and best utility practices spelled out. Manitoba Hydro sees the need for the PSS standard as a standard that should be submitted to NERC and FERC for approval.
  - viii. Generator and/or Power Marketer – Mike Garton  
Mr. Garton highlighted that he received no feedback from the sector. He stated that he recommended suspending the development of the standards.
- b. Open forum on standards  
Chair Acton opened the floor for discussion on the standards. Due to the feedback from the sectors, the committee agreed to look at voting on the standards as an aggregate. In order to realign with the MRO Strategic Initiatives and due to the state of flux in the industry with standards, the committee agreed to suspend all current work on the Regional Standards. As a result, the Standards Committee came to agreement to vote on two motions.



c. Vote on standards

**Motion #1** (This motion was approved.)

Suspend all activity on the five regional standards, currently under development effective June 18, 2010:

RES-501-MRO-02 (PRAA)

PRC -502-MRO-02 (PSS)

TPL-503-MRO-02 (SP)

TPL-504-MRO-02 (SSR)

PRC-006-MRO-01 (UFLS)

Note: Any action distribute notice to mro-all or sectors.

*Upon motion duly made by Mr. Linke and seconded by Mr. Steffens, the Standards Committee approved to suspend all activity on the five regional standards currently under development effective June 18, 2010.*

**Motion #2:** (This motion to be done in the future.)

Initiate a SAR to withdraw the following existing standards:

MBAL- 002-0 (OR)

RES-501-MRO-01 (PRAA)

PRC-502-MRO-01 (PSS)

TPL-504-MRO-01 (SSR)

Note: Ask Morgan & Lewis about version 1 standards and their withdraw since the BOD approved them? Convey Morgan & Lewis's response and then vote on Motion #2 electronically. (Chair Acton has indicated a 10 business-day comment period is acceptable.)

**The SC sidelined TPL-503-MRO-01:**

This TPL-503-MRO-01 (SP) standard will be decided upon in a later date due to the activities at NERC. This standard does allow MRO to have a 1-mile exemption (two circuits on a common structure). The NERC standard (TPL-001-2) is still being developed and may take longer due to the fact that FERC March 18, 2010 directives wanted a change to the footnote b of the consolidated table. As currently drafted, the new NERC standard (TPL-001-02) provides a 1-mile exemption across NERC.

**5. Administrative – Carol Gerou**

a. Motion to approve or disapprove SAR to Modify Standard Process Manual

Chair Acton asked for a motion from the committee to approve and post the SAR to Modify the Standards Process Manual.

*Upon motion duly made by Mr. Steffens and seconded by Mr. Garton, the Standards Committee unanimously approved the SAR and to post for comments.*



b. Motion to approve or disapprove new NSRS member – Mahmood Safi (OPPD)

Chair Acton asked for a motion from the committee to approve Mahmood Safi from OPPD to be a new member of the NSRS.

*Upon motion duly made by Mr. Linke and seconded by Mr. Steffens, the Standards Committee unanimously approved Mahmood Safi as a new member of the NSRS.*

c. Motion to approve or disapprove new non-attendance policy

A few committee members requested more information on the new policy proposed. As a result, the committee agreed to hold voting on the new non-attendance policy until the next quarterly meeting to allow more time to inform committee members.

d. Motion to request revision of the BOD Policy and Procedure #3

Due to a time constraint, the committee agreed to hold voting on this agenda item until the next quarterly meeting.

e. Are additional meetings necessary for the Standards Committee in 2010

Due to a time constraint, the committee did not discuss this agenda item.

**6. Standards Committee Report to Board of Directors – June 24, 2010**

Please see agenda item three for details.

**7. MRO Reports**

a. NSRS Report

The report is provided in the Agenda Packet under agenda item 7.a.

i. New Member

- MRO SC will be asked to discuss and approve Mahmood Safi's (OPPD) nomination for NSRS membership.

b. Standards Manager Report – Carol Gerou

The report is provided in the Agenda Packet under agenda item 7.b.

c. Compliance Committee Update – SC Member

Due to a time constraint, the committee was unable to visit this agenda item.

d. Reliability Assessment Committee Update – SC Member

Due to a time constraint, the committee was unable to visit this agenda item.

**8. NERC Reports**

a. Interchange Subcommittee – Shane Jenson

The report is provided in the Agenda Packet under agenda item 8.a.

b. Standards Committee – Carol Gerou

The report is provided in the Agenda Packet under agenda item 8.b.



- c. Compliance and Certification Committee – Terry Bilke  
The report is provided in the Agenda Packet under agenda item 8.c.
- d. Regional Reliability Standards Working Group – Carol Gerou
  - i. NERC’s Draft Template for Quality Review of Standards  
The report is provided in the Agenda Packet under agenda item 8.d.
- e. NERC Drafting Teams
  - i. Assess Transmission Future Needs Standards Drafting Team  
No report.
  - ii. Protection System Maintenance and Testing – Carol Georu  
The report is provided in the Agenda Packet under agenda item 8.e.ii.
  - iii. NERC Underfrequency Load Shedding Standard Drafting Team – Carol Gerou  
The report is provided in the Agenda Packet under agenda item 8.e.iii.
  - iv. Project 2009-01: Disturbance and Sabotage Reporting – Joe DePoorter  
The report is provided in the Agenda Packet under agenda item 8.e.iv.

**9. Next Meeting/ Future Locations**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Group</u>
June 24	MRO Board of Directors Meeting
September 13	Face-to-Face SC meeting at MRO
September 23	MRO Board of Directors Meeting
November 18	Face-to-Face SC meeting at MRO
December 2	MRO Board of Directors Meeting

**10. Adjourn**

Having no further business, Chair Acton requested a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:13 pm.

*Upon motion duly made by Mr. Steffens and seconded by Mr. Garton, the Standards Committee approved to adjourn the meeting.*