

Agenda

Project Management and Oversight Subcommittee Meeting

August 5, 2020 | 1:00–3:00 p.m. Eastern

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Introduction and Chair's Remarks

NERC Antitrust Compliance Guidelines and Public Announcement NERC Participant Policy

Agenda Items

1. **Consent Agenda – Approve** (C. Yeung)
 - a. June 16, 2020 Project Management and Oversight Subcommittee Meeting Minutes*
2. **Prior Action Items – Review** (E. Prince)
 - a. Covid-19 Update: NERC Travel and Meeting Policy
 - b. Updates to the Project Tracking Spreadsheet (PTS)
3. **Project Tracking Spreadsheet (PTS) – Review**
 - a. Standards Efficiency Review Phase II – **Update** (M. Brytowski or L. Lynch)
 - b. 2015-09 (Phase I) – Establish and Communicate System Operating Limits – **Update** (K. Lanehome)
 - c. 2016-02 – Modifications to CIP Standards (K. Lanehome, A. Mayfield, or K. Rosener)
 - i. (2016-02c) TO Control Centers performing TOP obligations (CIP-002) – **Archived**
 - ii. (2016-02d) Version 5 TAG, Cyber Asset and BES CA (BCA) definitions, Network and Externally Accessible Devices (ESP, ERC, IRA), Virtualization, and CIP Exceptional Circumstances – **Update**
 - d. 2017-01 – Modifications to BAL-003-1 (L. Lynch or Mark Pratt)
 - i. 2017-01 (b) (Phase II) – **Update**

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- e. 2019-02 – BES Cyber System Information Access Management (CIP-004 and CIP-011) – **Update** (C. Bellville or K. Rosener)
 - f. 2019-03 – Cyber Security Supply Chain Risks – **Update** (L. Lynch, M. Bussey, or K. Rosener)
 - g. 2019-04 – Modifications to PRC-005 – **Update** (M. Pratt or L. Lynch)
 - h. 2019-05 – Modifications to PER-003 – **Update** (C. Bellville or C. Yeung)
 - i. 2019-06 – Cold Weather – **Update** (Q. Morrison or M. Brytowski)
 - j. 2020-01 – Modifications to MOD-032-1 – **Update** (L. Lynch or Q. Morrison)
 - k. 2020-02 – Transmission-connected Resources – **Update** (L. Lynch)
 - l. 2020-03 – Supply Chain Low Impact Revisions – **Update** (M. Bussey)
 - m. 2020-04 – Modifications to CIP-012-1 – **Update** (C. Bellville or A. Mayfield)
- 4. Other**
- a. Next meeting
 - i. Conference call on Wednesday, September 23, 2020 from 2:30-4:30 p.m. Eastern
 - b. Other
- 5. Adjournment**

*Background materials included.

NERC Antitrust Compliance Guidelines

I. General

It is NERC's policy and practice to obey the antitrust laws and to avoid all conduct that unreasonably restrains competition. This policy requires the avoidance of any conduct that violates, or that might appear to violate, the antitrust laws. Among other things, the antitrust laws forbid any agreement between or among competitors regarding prices, availability of service, product design, terms of sale, division of markets, allocation of customers or any other activity that unreasonably restrains competition.

It is the responsibility of every NERC participant and employee who may in any way affect NERC's compliance with the antitrust laws to carry out this commitment.

Antitrust laws are complex and subject to court interpretation that can vary over time and from one court to another. The purpose of these guidelines is to alert NERC participants and employees to potential antitrust problems and to set forth policies to be followed with respect to activities that may involve antitrust considerations. In some instances, the NERC policy contained in these guidelines is stricter than the applicable antitrust laws. Any NERC participant or employee who is uncertain about the legal ramifications of a particular course of conduct or who has doubts or concerns about whether NERC's antitrust compliance policy is implicated in any situation should consult NERC's General Counsel immediately.

II. Prohibited Activities

Participants in NERC activities (including those of its committees and subgroups) should refrain from the following when acting in their capacity as participants in NERC activities (e.g., at NERC meetings, conference calls and in informal discussions):

- Discussions involving pricing information, especially margin (profit) and internal cost information and participants' expectations as to their future prices or internal costs.
- Discussions of a participant's marketing strategies.
- Discussions regarding how customers and geographical areas are to be divided among competitors.
- Discussions concerning the exclusion of competitors from markets.
- Discussions concerning boycotting or group refusals to deal with competitors, vendors or suppliers.
- Any other matters that do not clearly fall within these guidelines should be reviewed with NERC's General Counsel before being discussed.

III. Activities That Are Permitted

From time to time decisions or actions of NERC (including those of its committees and subgroups) may have a negative impact on particular entities and thus in that sense adversely impact competition. Decisions and actions by NERC (including its committees and subgroups) should only be undertaken for the purpose of promoting and maintaining the reliability and adequacy of the bulk power system. If you do not have a

legitimate purpose consistent with this objective for discussing a matter, please refrain from discussing the matter during NERC meetings and in other NERC-related communications.

You should also ensure that NERC procedures, including those set forth in NERC's Certificate of Incorporation, Bylaws, and Rules of Procedure are followed in conducting NERC business.

In addition, all discussions in NERC meetings and other NERC-related communications should be within the scope of the mandate for or assignment to the particular NERC committee or subgroup, as well as within the scope of the published agenda for the meeting.

No decisions should be made nor any actions taken in NERC activities for the purpose of giving an industry participant or group of participants a competitive advantage over other participants. In particular, decisions with respect to setting, revising, or assessing compliance with NERC reliability standards should not be influenced by anti-competitive motivations.

Subject to the foregoing restrictions, participants in NERC activities may discuss:

- Reliability matters relating to the bulk power system, including operation and planning matters such as establishing or revising reliability standards, special operating procedures, operating transfer capabilities, and plans for new facilities.
- Matters relating to the impact of reliability standards for the bulk power system on electricity markets, and the impact of electricity market operations on the reliability of the bulk power system.
- Proposed filings or other communications with state or federal regulatory authorities or other governmental entities.
- Matters relating to the internal governance, management and operation of NERC, such as nominations for vacant committee positions, budgeting and assessments, and employment matters; and procedural matters such as planning and scheduling meetings.

Public Meeting Notice

REMINDER FOR USE AT BEGINNING OF MEETINGS AND CONFERENCE CALLS THAT HAVE BEEN PUBLICLY NOTICED AND ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Conference call/webinar version:

As a reminder to all participants, this webinar is public. The registration information was posted on the NERC website and widely distributed. Speakers on the call should keep in mind that the listening audience may include members of the press and representatives of various governmental authorities, in addition to the expected participation by industry stakeholders.

Face-to-face meeting version:

As a reminder to all participants, this meeting is public. Notice of the meeting was posted on the NERC website and widely distributed. Participants should keep in mind that the audience may include members of the press and representatives of various governmental authorities, in addition to the expected participation by industry stakeholders.

For face-to-face meeting, with dial-in capability:

As a reminder to all participants, this meeting is public. Notice of the meeting was posted on the NERC website and widely distributed. The notice included the number for dial-in participation. Participants should keep in mind that the audience may include members of the press and representatives of various governmental authorities, in addition to the expected participation by industry stakeholders.

NERC Participant Conduct Policy

General

Consistent with its Rules of Procedure, Bylaws, and other governing documents, NERC regularly collaborates with its members and other stakeholders to help further its mission to assure the effective and efficient reduction of risks to the reliability and security of the grid. Many NERC members and other bulk power system experts provide time and expertise to NERC, and the general public, by participating in NERC committees, subcommittees, task forces, working groups, and standard drafting teams, among other things. To ensure that NERC activities are conducted in a responsible, timely, and efficient manner, it is essential to maintain a professional and constructive work environment for all participants, including NERC staff; members of NERC committees, subcommittees, task forces, working groups, and standard drafting teams; as well as any observers of these groups. To that end, NERC has adopted the following Participant Conduct Policy (this “Policy”) for all participants engaged in NERC activities. Nothing in this Policy is intended to limit the powers of the NERC Board of Trustees or NERC management as set forth in NERC’s organizational documents, the NERC Rules of Procedure, or under applicable law. This Policy does not apply to the NERC Board of Trustees or the Member Representatives Committee.

Participant Conduct Policy

All participants in NERC activities must conduct themselves in a professional manner at all times. This Policy includes in-person conduct and any communication, electronic or otherwise, made as a participant in NERC activities. Examples of unprofessional conduct include, but are not limited to, verbal altercations, use of abusive language, personal attacks or derogatory statements made against or directed at another participant, and frequent or patterned interruptions that disrupt the efficient conduct of a meeting or teleconference.

Additionally, participants shall not use NERC activities for commercial purposes or for their own private purposes, including, but not limited to, advertising or promoting a specific product or service, announcements of a personal nature, sharing of files or attachments not directly relevant to the purpose of the NERC activity, and communication of personal views or opinions, unless those views are directly related to the purpose of the NERC activity. Unless authorized by an appropriate NERC officer, individuals participating in NERC activities are not authorized to speak on behalf of NERC or to indicate their views represent the views of NERC, and should provide such a disclaimer if identifying themselves as a participant in a NERC activity to the press, at speaking engagements, or through other public communications.

Finally, participants shall not distribute work product developed during the course of NERC activities if that work product is deemed Confidential Information consistent with the NERC Rules of Procedure Section 1500. Participants also shall not distribute work product developed during the course of NERC activities if distribution is not permitted by NERC or the relevant committee chair or vice chair (e.g., an embargoed report), provided that NERC, or the committee chair or vice chair in consultation with NERC staff, may grant in writing a request by a participant to allow further distribution of the work product to one or more specified entities within its industry sector if deemed to be appropriate. Any participant that distributes

work product labeled “embargoed,” “do not release,” or “confidential” (or other similar labels) without written approval for such further distribution would be in violation of this Policy. Such participants would be subject to restrictions on participation, including permanent removal from participation on a NERC committee or other NERC activity.

Reasonable Restrictions on Participation

If a participant does not comply with this Policy, certain reasonable restrictions on participation in NERC activities may be imposed as described below.

If a NERC staff member, or committee chair or vice chair after consultation with NERC staff, determines, by his or her own observation or by complaint of another participant, that a participant’s behavior is disruptive to the orderly conduct of a meeting in progress or otherwise violates this Policy, the NERC staff member or committee chair or vice chair may remove the participant from a meeting. Removal by the NERC staff member or committee chair or vice chair is limited solely to the meeting in progress and does not extend to any future meeting. Before a participant may be asked to leave the meeting, the NERC staff member or committee chair or vice chair must first remind the participant of the obligation to conduct himself or herself in accordance with this Policy and provide an opportunity for the participant to comply. If a participant is requested to leave a meeting by a NERC staff member or committee chair or vice chair, the participant must cooperate fully with the request.

Similarly, if a NERC staff member, or committee chair or vice chair after consultation with NERC staff, determines, by his or her own observation or by complaint of another participant, that a participant’s behavior is disruptive to the orderly conduct of a teleconference in progress or otherwise violates this Policy, the NERC staff member or committee chair or vice chair may request the participant to leave the teleconference. Removal by the NERC staff member or committee chair or vice chair is limited solely to the teleconference in progress and does not extend to any future teleconference. Before a participant may be asked to leave the teleconference, the NERC staff member or committee chair or vice chair must first remind the participant of the obligation to conduct himself or herself in accordance with this Policy and provide an opportunity for the participant to comply. If a participant is requested to leave a teleconference by a NERC staff member or committee chair or vice chair, the participant must cooperate fully with the request. Alternatively, the NERC staff member or committee chair or vice chair may choose to terminate the teleconference.

At any time, a NERC officer, after consultation with NERC’s General Counsel, may impose a restriction on a participant from one or more future meetings or teleconferences, a restriction on the use of any NERC-administered listserv or other communication list, or such other restriction as may be reasonably necessary to maintain the orderly conduct of NERC activities. Before approving any such restriction, the NERC General Counsel must provide notice to the affected participant and an opportunity to submit a written objection to the proposed restriction no fewer than seven days from the date on which notice is provided. If approved, the restriction is binding on the participant, and NERC will notify the organization employing or contracting with the restricted participant. A restricted participant may request removal of the restriction by submitting a request in writing to the NERC General Counsel. The restriction will be removed at the reasonable discretion of the NERC General Counsel or a designee.

Upon the authorization of the NERC General Counsel, NERC may require any participant in any NERC activity to execute a written acknowledgement of this Policy and its terms and agree that continued participation in any NERC activity is subject to compliance with this Policy.

Guidelines for Use of NERC Email Lists

NERC provides email lists, or “listservs,” to NERC stakeholder committees, groups, and teams to facilitate sharing information about NERC activities. It is the policy of NERC that all emails sent to NERC listservs be limited to topics that are directly relevant to the listserv group’s assigned scope of work. NERC reserves the right to apply administrative restrictions to any listserv or its participants, without advance notice, to ensure that the resource is used in accordance with this and other NERC policies.

Prohibited activities include using NERC-provided listservs for any price-fixing, division of markets, and/or other anti-competitive behavior. Recipients and participants on NERC listservs may not utilize NERC listservs for their own private purposes. This may include lobbying for or against pending balloted standards, announcements of a personal nature, sharing of files or attachments not directly relevant to the listserv group’s scope of responsibilities, or communication of personal views or opinions, unless those views are provided to advance the work of the listserv’s group. Any offensive, abusive, or obscene language or material shall not be sent across the NERC listservs.

Any participant who has concerns about this Policy may contact NERC’s General Counsel.

Version History		
Version	Date	Revisions
1	February 6, 2019	Initial version
2	February 22, 2019	Clarified policy does not apply to Board or MRC Address participants speaking on behalf of NERC

Minutes

Project Management and Oversight Subcommittee

June 16, 2020 | 2:30–4:30 p.m. Eastern

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Introduction and Chair's Remarks

Chair C. Yeung called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. Eastern. The meeting was announced via the PMOS email distribution list on June 9, 2020, as well as, being publicly posted on the www.nerc.com website. The chair provided the subcommittee with opening remarks and welcomed members and guests.¹ The secretary held roll call for members and identified other attendees that were in attendance. Those in attendance included a quorum of voting members, (i.e. ten of ten).

NERC Antitrust Compliance Guidelines, Public Announcement, and Participant Conduct Policy

The NERC Antitrust Compliance Guidelines, Public Announcement and Participant Conduct Policy were presented and reviewed by the secretary. The secretary noted the full antitrust guidelines and public announcement were provided in the agenda package to each member via email and posted on the PMOS webpage. There were no questions.

1. Review of Agenda

Chair Yeung reviewed the agenda with members and attendees.

2. Consent Agenda

The May 6, 2020 Meeting Minutes were reviewed, motioned by K. Rosener, seconded by M. Pratt, and approved by unanimous consent.

3. Prior Action Items

The prior action items were reviewed and updated.

4. Project Tracking Spreadsheet (PTS) and Project Review

- a. **2015-09** – Establish and Communicate System Operating Limits (SOL) – K. Lanehome reported the following:
 - i. **Phase I (2015-09)** – The Standards Committee did not authorize TOP-001 and IRO-008 for posting and initial ballot. As a result of the Standards Committee feedback, the drafting team will be making minor revisions to the standards. The IRO-008 and TOP standards will be submitted to the June 17, 2020 SC meeting and a posting is scheduled for June 19, 2020.

¹The PMOS is composed of industry stakeholders where the chair or vice chair must be a member of the Standards Committee (SC) and the SC leadership are non-voting members of the PMOS.

- b. **2016-02** – Modifications to Critical Infrastructure Protection (CIP) Standards – K. Lanehome reported the following:
- i. **(2016-02c)** CIP-002-5.1a: The standard was approved by the board. A petition to FERC was filed on June 12, 2020. The project is ready to be archived.
 - ii. **(2016-02d)** The CIP Virtualization V5TAG drafting team is still meeting each week with a focus on industry outreach. Industry webinars are continuing every other week with good feedback from attendees. The SDT is listening to industry and making adjustments as issues are discussed. The next step is to wait on the Supply Chain project. If it passes the current ballot, CIP-005, 007 and 010 will go to the SC in July or August to request an initial posting. If Supply Chain does not pass, the initial ballot will likely be pushed out to November or December 2020. Conforming changes to any other standards will wait for the BCSI team to complete their updates.
- c. **2017-01** – Modifications to BAL-003-1.1 – L. Lynch reported the following:
- i. **Phase II (2017-01b)**: The drafting team is working on a white paper/technical justification document to provide additional insight to industry and to help form next steps in potential changes to the Standard.

Issues: Due to the changing work environments as a result of COVID-19, the drafting team is taking the opportunity to develop and draft a white paper/technical justification document. The drafting team will look at revising the project timeline for Phase II to align it with the changing environment. Schedule: There is a weekly conference working meeting call that will be conducted from 1:00 to 3:00 PM Eastern-time on every Thursday to develop and draft the white paper/technical justification document for posting and industry comment.

So far, the drafting team have held working group calls on March 19th, April 2nd and 9th to work on development of a White Paper for Phase II of this project. The technical whitepaper will assist the team to determine whether Phase II should propose revisions and/or additional requirements. The team has scheduled a weekly working group calls on Thursdays from 1:00 to 3:00 PM (eastern-time) through the end of June. The goal is to have the technical whitepaper endorsed by the RS Committee at its October 2020 meeting.
- d. **2019-02** – BES Cyber System Information Access Management – C. Bellville and L. Harkness reported that a 45-day comment period and additional ballot is scheduled for July 13. A SDT meeting is scheduled for June 17 and 18 to review feedback from the quality review.
- e. **2019-03** – Cyber Security Supply Chain Risk – M. Bussey reported that the Standards Drafting Team has finalized the responses for the initial ballot comments. Also, the SDT reviewed changes to the TR and IG documents based on standard modifications and response to comments. The last conference call was on April 7th, 2020. The upcoming expectations are that the team will conduct a Quality Review during April 15 – 22nd and review the comments. The team plans to have an additional ballot and comment period during April 30th – June 16th. The next scheduled meetings are on June 26 and during the week of June 29th.

- f. **2019-04** – Modifications to PRC-005-6 – M. Pratt reported that the revised SAR currently posted for formal comment 6/2/20 – 7/8/20 [Note: Delayed from original posting schedule due to resource constraints associated with COVID-19]. The project baseline schedule has been developed and entered into the Project Tracking Spreadsheet.
- g. **2019-05** – Modifications to PER-003-2 – C. Bellville reported that the project will revise PER-003-2 to address one credential is required, not the current four credentials. This better serves reliability by ensuring all System Operators, regardless of their company's registration or credential of choice, have the same base knowledge.

There is no update on this project since the May 2020 PMOS meeting, this project is still on hold pending additional review of the PCGC on how many continuing education hours should be required for the new one System Operator credential. The drafting team will pick back up where it left off once the PCGC has finished its review.

- h. **2019-06** – Cold Weather – Q. Morrison and J. Mallory reported that the SAR drafting team posted for an additional informal comment on the SAR. The comment period closes May 21 and the team plans to meet by June 26 to review and respond to comments. The drafting team will approach the Standards Committee to add a member, the team needs an SME from a small entity. The next full drafting team conference call is scheduled for July 14.
- i. **2020-01** – Modifications to MOD-032-1 – The Standards Committee authorized the SAR for a 30-day informal posting on March 18, 2020, and authorized solicitation for a SAR drafting team. The comment and nomination period concluded on April 24, 2020. The Standards Drafting Team members have been selected by NERC Staff and will be presented to the Standards Committee during the June 17th meeting. The first SDT meeting will be scheduled in July.
- j. **2020-02** – Transmission-connected Resources to MOD-032-1 – L. Lynch reported that the Industry comments for the SAR, and NERC SAMS Whitepaper “Transmission Connected Dynamic Reactive Resources and HVDC Equipment – Assessment of Applicability in Reliability Standards” closed on May 13, 2020. Regarding the SAR, NERC staff is holding off on selecting the Standards Drafting Team (SDT) members for this SAR, since there are IRPTF SARs for MOD-026 and MOD-027 that have been submitted to the RSTC for approval. This Project is expected to be renamed and involve less Standards in its scope. A new Project will be established to cover the remaining Standards in this SAR. Selection of the SDT members for the revised Projects will probably occur in the fall of 2020, at which time the project schedules will be updated. The intent is to have the Projects cover more specific, narrower scopes, and allow for the selection of SDT members with qualifications that align more closely with the scope of each Project.
- k. **2020-03** – Supply Chain Low Impact Revisions – Nominations are being sought for the drafting team members, and the due date has been extended through June 3. The informal comment period has also been extended, and is open through June 3, 2020. The date extensions are to help alleviate any scheduling issues that have occurred and are a result of COVID-19.

- I. **2020-04** – Modifications to CIP-012-1 –The SAR comment and drafting team nomination periods ended on June 11. The drafting team recommendations are scheduled for the August SC meeting.

5. Action Items

The secretary updated the PMOS action log.

6. Adjournment

Chair Yeung adjourned the meeting at 4:10 p.m. Eastern by consent.

7. Attendees

PMOS Attendees		
Members	Attended	Absent
Charles Yeung (PMOS Chair)	X	
Michael Brytowski (PMOS Vice-chair)	X	
Colby Bellville	X	
Ken Lanehome	X	
Kirk Rosener	X	
Quinn Morrison	X	
Masuncha Bussey	X	
Mark Pratt	X	
Linda Lynch	X	
Ash Mayfield	X	
Amy Casuscelli (non-voting member)	X	
Observers		
Rebecca Moore Darrah (ACES)	X	
Todd Bennett (AECI)	X	
Linn Oelker (LGE)	X	
Mike Johnson (PGE)	X	
Deborah Currie (SPP)	X	
Rachel Coyne (TRE)	X	
Holden Mann (RTO Insider)	X	
NERC		
Elsa Prince (Secretary)	X	
Thomas Coleman	X	
Scott Barfield-McGinnis	X	
Wendy Muller	X	
Chris Larson	X	
Soo Jin Kim	X	
Marisa Hecht	X	

*Background materials included.