NERC/NAESB Update

The North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) filed the first set of confirmed violations at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission on June 4. The majority of violations were documentation-related and did not include financial penalties. The total value of financial penalties assessed was $255,000. NERC will continue filing additional confirmed violations as Regional Entities finish processing them. NERC’s press release contains more information about these violations.

The North American Energy Standards Board (NAESB) is filing a comprehensive set of Wholesale Electric Quadrant (WEQ) “Version 1” Business Practices at FERC. These requirements update the initial set of WEQ Business Practices commonly known as “Version 0” approved earlier by FERC. The updates include changes to the OASIS Standards and Communications Protocols, Transmission Loading Relief procedures (Eastern Interconnection), and Interchange (E-Tagging). When approved, “Version 1” requirements will become mandatory for entities under FERC’s jurisdiction.

The Month In Review

Business Practices Working Group, 5/19: Business Practice 1.12 was amended to allow requests for emergency transmission service for entities in Energy Emergency Alert 2, instead of Alert 3. A change to Business Practice 1.1 was passed to allow yearly service without a full-year increment requirement, and Business Practices 2.14 and 2.15 were merged to become BP 2.14a.

Change Working Group, 5/1: The group reviewed the proposed revision to Section 16 of the Market Protocols, approved the proposed new language, and requested revisions be sent to the Market and Operations Policy Committee for approval.

Consolidated Balancing Authority Steering Committee, 5/22: The Technical Task Force and the Policy Task Force made presentations to the group, and the group discussed the proposed definitions, comments on the conceptual design document, and the emergency operating plan.

Cost Allocation Working Group, 5/28: In their regular meeting, the group heard a presentation from AEP on 765 kV systems, and updates were given on the Trapped Generation Task Force and Economic and Modeling Methods Task Force.

Market Working Group, 5/2, 20-21: The MWG discussed PRR 176 concerning demand response in the EIS market, external generation delay, and violation relaxation. PRRs 179 and 180 were approved, and PRRs 113, 157, 173-175 were sent to the Markets and Operations Policy Committee.

Model Development Working Group/Transmission Working Group, 5/15: In a special joint meeting, the MDWG and the TWG discussed differing compositions of the MDWG, the SPP Transmission Expansion Plan, and Transmission Service Request (TSR) models.

Operating Reliability Working Group, 5/28: The ORWG approved Transmission Working Group flowgate changes, Transmission Reliability Margin (TRM) values and revised calculation methodology, and Business Practice 1.12 concerning emergency transmission service. The group reviewed proposed changes to Criteria 6.3 concerning operating reserves and the Disturbance Control Standard (DCS) report.

Operations Training Working Group, 5/1-2: The group discussed an emergency communication tool, system operator emergency change and communication, a Quality Training System (QTS) pricing matrix, and system restoration drill requirements.

Regional State Committee, 5/28: While this teleconference was informational, the RSC reached agreement on major policy matters and will take final action during a meeting on June 16. Revisions were made to the policy for Base Plan funding of wind resources.

Regional Tariff Working Group, 5/29: Schedule 13 Tariff language was approved, along with Business Practice 1.12. Other topics of discussion included Tariff language for economic upgrade cost allocation, approved transmission upgrades deferred or displaced by economic upgrades, and NERC penalty allocation.
Transmission Working Group, 5/14-15: At their quarterly meeting, the TWG discussed Criteria 4 Assessments, including annual Available Transfer Capability (ATC) review, flowgate assessment, and TRM assessment. The group also discussed the EHV Overlay Updated Study results, short rage mitigation review, and interconnection reviews from the Interconnection Review Task Force.

This is a summary of recent SPP organizational group meetings. For complete minutes of a particular group meeting, please visit www.spp.org and select that committee on the Org Groups page. Meeting minutes are located in the left column.

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