Call to Order was made by Chair Ron Maki at 1302 and agenda was approved.

Attendees:
Ron Maki, Chair – Aquila*
Dick Appel, SECI*
John Kerr, Vice-Chair- GRDA*
Doug Callison, GRDA
Tony Harris, WRI
Bo Jones, WRI
Mike Wech, SPA*
Ron Green, AEP*
Mike Crouch, OGE*
John Taylor, SPP
Bob Kierborz, NPPD
Pat Budler, NPPD
Mark MacDonald, CLECO*
Fred Meyer, EDE*
Carl Stelly, SPP
Dave Millam, Staff Secretary, SPP
* voting member


Status of Previous Action Items
- Mike Gammon to follow up with NERC to see they will provide interpretation and training on NERC PER-005 when available. Mike Gammon unavailable for update.
- OTWG members will solicit feedback from operators on training topics of interest for future training sessions in 2009 and system operator conferences. See agenda item 7.
- John Taylor to research a cost breakdown on the QTS in order to get more information on the tool. See agenda item 10.
- John Taylor will check to see if a multiple site license is still a possibility although he didn’t think it was an option offered to SPP. See agenda item 10.

MOPC/ORWG Reorganization Update
Ron Maki, Chair (Aquila) gave an update that he spoke with ORWG officers and they felt the OTWG would remain status quo under the ORWG. The ORWG will continue to support the OTWG’s efforts to provide quality training to the SPP operators and participants. It was indicated by John Kerr that the ORWG does not have an up to date charter for the OTWG.
Action Item: Dave Millam will get most recent revision to Rachel Hulett for the ORWG to review. OTWG members will also receive a copy before the June teleconference.
Agenda Item: OTWG will discuss any updates that need to be made to the OTWG charter during the June teleconference.
Discussion of Possible Summer Face-to-Face Meeting
It was discussed and agreed to by members of the OTWG to have a Face-to-Face meeting immediately following the summer Train-the-Trainer session on July 16th in Little Rock. The meeting will begin at approximately 1300 on the 16th and may continue into the 17th if necessary. Action Item: Dave Millam to cancel the regularly scheduled teleconference for July and replace with Face-to-Face meeting on the SPP Calendar.

Discussion of Possible Third System Operations Conference for 2009
Much discussion was offered on the possibility of a 3rd SOC. Fred Meyer moved to have a 3rd SOC and the motion was seconded by Dick Appel. Motion passed unanimously. Mike Wech moved to have Carl Stelly contact Edgar Rivera at LUS to possibly host a 2009 conference with the other two locations to be determined at the July Face-to-Face meeting. Motion was seconded by Vice-Chair, John Kerr. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item: For July, OTWG will discuss locations and dates for 2009 System Operations Conferences.
Action Item: Carl Stelly to contact Edgar Rivera at Lafayette Utility Systems to see if LUS would still be interested in hosting a system operations conference for 2009. Carl will report at July Face-to-Face meeting.
Action Item: Ron Green, Mike Crouch and John Kerr to research and consider sites for 2009 system operations conferences in their areas.
Action Item: OTWG members to ask operators for feedback in topics they would like to see covered in 2009 system operations conference series and Net Conferences.
Action Item: Carl Stelly will discuss budget allocation with Jim Gunnell for feasibility of motion to allow $25,000 per conference. Report to be available at June teleconference.
Action Item: Carl Stelly to contact Doug Harrington of Team Formations to check availability for 2008 fall SOC. Report to be available at June teleconference.
Action Item: Carl Stelly to have evaluation summary regarding spring system operations conference available at June teleconference.

Topics to be considered for 2009 EOPS and SOC
EOPS/Net Conference – SPP Criteria and EEA-3
SOC – Lessons Learned (Weather problems-flood, hurricane, fires, etc.)
Wind Generation problems
PER-005/Other Standards Updates
Human Performance Factors
CDM Exercises
System Dynamics with Mike Terbruggen

Discussion of Emergency Communications/MCN
Ron Maki shared MAPP MCN and WECC NET electronic communications with the OTWG group. Ron said that Mike Gammon is taking this information to try and revive the ECTF to provide alternate emergency communications to voice communications.
Action Item: Fred Meyer will follow up with Mike Gammon and ORWG to request development of alternate electronic communication paths possibly through SPP NET.

System Operator EOP Exchange and Communication
John Kerr presented the idea of having a session where members would share restoration plans in accordance with NERC Standard EOP-001 which directs BA’s and TO’s to share plans. John suggested a conference to share and review system restoration and emergency operations plans each year.
Action Item: John Kerr to contact Robert Rhodes (SPP) to discuss sharing EOPs plans in a regional basis and planning a conference to share these plans. Report at June teleconference.
QTS Information
John Taylor shared the QTS pricing matrix with the group and explained the basis of the pricing.
**Action Item:** John Kerr to research alternatives to QTS and report at June teleconference with possible alternatives.

System Restoration Drill Requirements
Mike Gammon (KCPL) requested that the OTWG discuss requirement of participants to see if they were having difficulty meeting the requirements to show full participation in the drill and receive credit. Mike Wech felt that it was a little difficult for his schedulers because they wouldn’t be performing these types of operations during an actual emergency, but other than that, there were no other concerns noted. For the most part, the OTWG felt the requirements are adequate and will not need to be changed for 2009. Ideas for changes are always appreciated and can be submitted to Dave Millam at any time.

NPPD Training
Guests from Nebraska Public Power inquired about pricing in regard to training from SPP. Since the OTWG does not set the pricing for non-members, the question will be forwarded to SPP personnel who would be better able to answer the question of pricing.
**Action Item:** Dave Millam will follow up with Carl Monroe (SPP) and Jim Gunnell (SPP) about pricing questions from NPPD for fall training. Carl or Jim will get back with NPPD to discuss pricing issues.

Joint Inter-regional Training Task Force
John Taylor gave an update regarding the Joint Inter-regional Training Task Force which John is trying to start. The task force formation has interested parties from other RTOs and will have its next meeting in Chattanooga, TN on May 29th at the TVA facilities. The discussion at this meeting will involve a possible 2009 inter-regional system operations conference with system operators from various RTOs. John will update the OTWG at the June teleconference.
**Agenda Item:** Joint Inter-regional Training Task Force Update by John Taylor.

Future Calls/Meetings
June 2, 2008 Teleconference
July 16, 2008 Face-to-Face (Little Rock, AR)
Attendees must register to receive dial-in numbers for calls.

Adjournment
Chair Ron Maki moved to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Fred Meyer. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 1720.

Submitted Respectfully,

Dave Millam
OTWG Staff Secretary