NERC Operating Committee December 7-9, 2010

Report to SPP RE Trustee Meeting

January 24, 2011

Meeting Highlights

1. Approved Version 2 of the Time Monitor Reference Document
2. Approved the Severe Impact Resilience Task Force scope
3. Approved the Cyber Attack Task Force scope
4. Directed the Resource Subcmte to develop a field trial to eliminate manual time error correction. The field trial could include an option to phase in the elimination. (BAL-004)
5. Requested comments on the proposed definition of Bulk Electric System concept document by December 30, 2010
6. Requested comments on two Integration of Variable Generation Task Force reports by January 30, 2011
7. Approved the revised scope of the Reliability Metrics Working Group and reliability metric ALR6-16 (Transmission System Unavailability)
8. Requested comments on the Reliability Metrics WG draft Integrated Risk Assessment Approach – Refinement to Severity Risk Index by January 8, 2011

Additional Agenda Item Information

- Event Analysis Working Group – Phase One field trial began on October 25, 2010 and has produced 17 events being analyzed, ends on January 31, 2011. Focus is on Lessons Learned and posting. The WG will continue to solicit further industry comment on the ERO Event Analysis Process Document before beginning a Phase Two field trial. The Process Document recently revised to include a section on how Lessons Learned become NERC Alert postings. The OC invites entities to bring examples of Event Analysis to future meetings.
- Gerry Cauley addressed the OC and explained the BOT has a high regard for its Technical Committees and is encouraged by the close relationship with them to establish and achieve NERC's goals. Ms. Janice Case, NERC BOT, agreed with Mr Cauley and together they challenged the OC to develop a list of priority issues to BOT. Mr Cauley also stated that in 2011 NERC would continue to focus on drafting clear and concise reliability standards that are performance based.
- Item 5 – Definition of Bulk Electric System – definition will be revised using the standards process. SAR will be drafted and sent to Standards Committee. (A SAR has been posted for comment due by January 21, 2011. An exemption process to the definition will also be developed.