

Minutes

Standards Committee Meeting

October 19, 2022 | 1:00—3:00 p.m. Eastern

Amy Casuscelli, chair, called to order the meeting of the Standards Committee (SC or the Committee) on October 19 at 1:00 p.m. Eastern. A. Oswald, secretary, called roll and determined the meeting had quorum. The SC member attendance and proxy sheets are attached as Attachment 1.

NERC Antitrust Compliance Guidelines and Public Announcement

The Committee secretary called attention to the NERC Antitrust Compliance Guidelines and the public meeting notice and directed questions to NERC's General Counsel, Sonia C. Mendonça.

Introduction and Chair's Remarks

Amy Casuscelli welcomed the committee, guests, and proxies to the meeting. S. Kelly remarked that the NERC Board of Trustees has an open meeting on October 26, 2022 to consider the draft cold weather standards from Project 2021-07. In addition, the Board of Trustees is seeking policy input on the standards process improvements to help streamline the pace of development without sacrificing ANSI standards for open development.

Review October 19, 2022 Agenda (agenda item 1)

The committee approved the October 19 meeting agenda.

Consent Agenda (agenda item 2)

The committee approved the September 21, 2022 SC Meeting Minutes.

Projects Under Development (agenda item 3)

C. Yeung reviewed the Project Tracking Spreadsheet. L. Harkness reviewed the Projected Posting Schedule.

Project 2021-06 Modifications to IRO-010 and TOP-003 (agenda item 4)

J. Mallory provided an overview. S. Rueckert made a motion to authorize initial posting of proposed Reliability Standards IRO-010-5 and TOP-003-6 and the associated Implementation Plan for a 45-day formal comment period, with ballot pool formed in the first 30 days, and parallel initial ballots and non-binding polls on the Violation Risk Factors (VRFs) and Violation Severity Levels (VSLs), conducted during the last 10 days of the comment period.

The committee approved the motion with no objections or abstentions.

Project 2021-02 Modifications to VAR-002-4.1 (agenda item 5)

L. Harkness provided an overview. P. Winston made a motion to authorize initial posting of proposed Reliability Standard VAR-002-5 and the associated Implementation Plan for a 45-day formal comment

period, with ballot pool formed in the first 30 days, and parallel initial ballot and non-binding polls for the Violation Risk Factors and Violation Severity Levels, conducted during the last 10 days of the comment period.

The committee approved the motion with no objections or abstentions.

Project 2016-02 Modifications to CIP Standards (agenda item 6)

L. Harkness provided an overview. S. Rueckert stated that the reduced final ballot could end on a weekend. L. Harkness stated that NERC staff does not allow ballots to end on a weekend and if the schedule fell like that it would be extended to end the following week. L. Oelker asked what the need was for the reduced comment periods. L. Harkness stated that this project has had four ballots with an improved approval rate on each ballot with much industry vetting. The team is making targeted changes based on industry feedback and therefore NERC believes that industry could review those changes in a shorter time period allowing the project to complete and allocate NERC and industry resources to other projects. C. Yeung and P. Winston state that they do not see this explanation as a reason to shorten the comment and ballot periods as stated in the waiver. J. Johnson stated a concern that a shortened comment period could actually result in more negative votes. M. Jones stated he shared these concerns, but thinks the SC should trust the team and NERC developers as this is the course of action that is being recommended. He also states he does not believe that the team would go as low as a 20-day comment period but advocates for approving the waiver and letting the team make that decision. P. Winston stated he could support a reduced additional comment and ballot period, but does not support the reduced final ballot period. P. Winston made a motion to approve the following waiver of provisions of the Standard Processes Manual (SPM) for Project 2016-02 Modifications to CIP Standards: additional formal comment and ballot period(s) reduced from 45 days to no less than 20 calendar days with ballot(s) conducted during the last 10 days of the comment period. M. Hostler stated his primary concern is with CIP-010 and asked what changes are going to be made to that standard. In addition, he asked if final ballots for the standards would occur together or separate. L. Harkness stated that each standard has been balloted individually thus far and they will continue to be balloted individually for final ballot. In addition she stated that the changes being made to CIP-010 by the drafting team are a technical issue and not a subject the SC should be discussing. M. Hostler asks if this waiver will shorten the time the drafting team has to do revisions to prepare for the next comment and ballot. L. Harkness stated it will not.

The committee approved the motion. J. Johnson objected and C. Yeung abstained.

2023-2024 Term Elections (agenda item 7)

A. Oswald notified the committee that the nomination period for the 2023-2024 SC term elections are currently open. Anyone interested in submitting a nomination should do so before the end of the of the nomination period.

Registered Ballot Body Update (agenda item 8)

M. Hecht provided an overview on the changes to the Registered Ballot Body.

Legal Update and Upcoming Standards Filings (agenda item 9)

M. Hecht provided the legal update regarding recent and upcoming filings.

Adjournment

A. Casuscelli adjourned the meeting at 1:55 p.m. Eastern.

Standards Committee 2022 Segment Representatives

Segment and Terms	Representative	Organization	Proxy	Present (Member or Proxy)
Chair 2022-23	Amy Casuscelli Manager, Reliability Assurance & Risk Management	Xcel Energy		X
Vice Chair 2022-23	Todd Bennett Managing Director, Reliability Compliance & Audit Services	Associated Electric Cooperative, Inc.		X
Segment 1-2022-23	Michael Jones Manager, Reliability Standards & Policy	National Grid		X
Segment 1-2021-22	Troy Brumfield Regulatory Compliance Manager	American Transmission Company		X
Segment 2-2022-23	Jamie Johnson Compliance Analyst Lead – RC Operations	California ISO		X
Segment 2-2021-22	Charles Yeung Executive Director Interregional Affairs	Southwest Power Pool		X
Segment 3-2022-23	Kent Feliks Manager NERC Reliability Assurance – Strategic Initiatives	American Electric Power Company, Inc.		X
Segment 3-2021-22	Linn Oelker Manager – Market Compliance	LG&E and KU Services Company		X
Segment 4-2022-23	Marty Hostler Reliability Compliance Manager	Northern California Power Agency		X
Segment 4-2021-22	Alice Wright Senior Director, Compliance Services	Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corporation		X
Segment 5-2022-23	Terri Pyle Utility Operational Compliance and NERC Compliance Office	Oklahoma Gas and Electric		X
Segment 5-2021-22	Jim Howell Markets Compliance Manager	Southern Company Generation		X

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Segment 6-2022-23	Sarah Snow* Manager of Reliability Compliance	Cooperative Energy		x
Segment 6-2021-22	Justin Welty Senior Manager, NERC Reliability Standards	NextEra Energy	Silvia Parada-Mitchell	x
Segment 7-2022-23	Kristine Martz Industry Specialist, Power & Utilities	Amazon Web Services		x
Segment 7-2021-22	Venona Greaff* Senior Energy Analyst	Occidental Chemical Corporation		x
Segment 8-2022-23	Robert Blohm ¹ Managing Director	Keen Resources Ltd.		n
Segment 8-2021-22	Philip Winston* Retired (Southern Company)	Independent		x
Segment 9-2022-23	Sarosh Muncherji Cyber Security Specialist	British Columbia Utilities Commission		x
Segment 9-2021-22	William Chambliss General Counsel	Virginal State Corporation Commission		n
Segment 10-2022-23	Tony Purgar Manager, Operational Analysis & Awareness	ReliabilityFirst		x
Segment 10-2021-22	Steven Rueckert Director of Standards	WECC		x

¹ Serving as Canadian Representative

*Denotes SC Executive Committee Member