

# Minutes

## Standards Committee Meeting

A. Casuscelli, chair, called to order the meeting of the Standards Committee (SC) on August 23, 2023, at 1:02 p.m. Eastern. A. Oswald called roll and determined the meeting had a quorum. The SC member attendance and proxy sheets are attached as Attachment 1.

### **NERC Antitrust Compliance Guidelines and Public Announcement**

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

### **Introduction and Chair's Remarks**

A. Casuscelli welcomed the SC, guests, and proxies to the meeting.

### **Review August 23, 2023 Agenda (agenda item 1)**

The SC approved the August 23, 2023 meeting agenda.

### **Consent Agenda (agenda item 2)**

The SC approved the July 19, 2023 SC Meeting Minutes. The SC was informed about Project 2023-04 Modifications to CIP-003 SC Action without a Meeting.

### **Projects Under Development (agenda item 3)**

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

### **Project Management Posting Coordination (agenda item 4)**

M. Brytowski provided an overview of the Project Management Oversight Subcommittee (PMOS) posting coordination. C. Yeung provided insight into how liaisons could work with developers and drafting team (DT) leadership to coordinate schedules. S. Kim shared that Standard Development is looking to host a webinar that details the prioritization of projects and the risk registry update. Discussion will continue to the next SC meeting.

### **Legal Update and Upcoming Standards Filings (agenda item 9)**

L. Perotti provided an update.

### **Errata to Reliability Standard TOP-003-6 (agenda item 6)**

L. Harkness provided an overview of the errata changes. V. O'Leary motioned to accept the errata changes to TOP-003-6 to remove the word "using" from Requirement R5 and correct the grammar of the word "methods" in Requirement R2 Part 2.5.5.

*The SC approved the motion with no objections or abstentions.*

**Project 2023-03 Internal Network Security Monitoring (agenda item 5)**

J. Calderon provided an overview of the project background and standard authorization request (SAR). S. Rueckert made a motion to accept the revised Project 2023-03 Internal Network Security Monitoring Standard Authorization Request (SAR), authorize drafting of Reliability Standard(s) identified in the SAR, and approve a waiver of provisions of the Standard Processes Manual for Project 2023-03 Internal Network Security Monitoring (INSM) due to regulatory deadlines, as follows:

- Initial formal comment and ballot period reduced from 45 days to as few as 30 calendar days, with ballot pools formed in the first 20 days and initial ballot and non-binding poll of Violation Risk Factors (VRFs) and Violation Severity Levels (VSLs) conducted during the last five days of the comment period (Sections 4.9, 4.10);
- Additional formal comment and ballot period(s) reduced from 45 days to as few as 20 calendar days, with ballot(s) and non-binding poll(s) conducted during the last five days of the comment period (Sections 4.9, 4.10).
- Final ballot reduced from 10 days to as few as five calendar days (Section 4.13)

*The SC approved the motion with no objections or abstentions.*

**Project 2021-08 Modifications to FAC-008 (agenda item 7)**

J. Calderon provided an overview of the project background. V. O’Leary asked if the additional requirement nine aligned with the SAR’s scope. B. Wu shared that requirement nine complements requirement 6, which requirement 9 focuses on maintaining data to keep requirement six enforceable. V. O’Leary made a motion to authorize initial posting of the proposed Reliability Standard FAC-008-6 and the associated Implementation Plan for a 45-day formal comment period, with ballot pools formed in the first 30 days and parallel initial ballots and non-binding polls on the VRFs and VSLs, conducted during the last 10 days of the comment period.

*The SC approved the motion with no objections or abstentions.*

**Project 2021-07 Extreme Cold Weather Grid Operations, Preparedness, and Coordination (agenda item 8)**

L. Harkness provided an overview of the project’s background. S. Rueckert inquired when the SDT would have to respond to comments from the last formal comment period. A. Oswald mentioned that the SDT would have enough time to respond to comments. S. Rueckert made a motion to approve the following waiver of provisions of the Standard Processes Manual (SPM) for Project 2021-07:

- Additional formal comment and ballot period (s) reduced from 45 days to as little as 20 days, with the ballot conducted during the last 10 days of the comment period. (Sections 4.9 and 4.12)
- Final ballot reduced from 10 days to five calendar days. (Section 4.9)

*The SC approved the motion with no abstentions. William Chambliss, Kent Feliks, and Terri Pyle opposed.*

R. Blohm asked about the classifications of NERC membership sectors and, specifically, inquired about the "associate" category and how it is defined. L. Perotti explained how the NERC membership sectors differ from the registered body segments and provided a brief overview.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 2:29 p.m. Eastern.

## Standards Committee 2023 Segment Representatives

Segment and Terms	Representative	Organization	Proxy	Present (Member or Proxy)
<b>Chair 2022-23</b>	Amy Casuscelli* Manager, Reliability Assurance & Risk Management	Xcel Energy		X
<b>Vice Chair 2022-23</b>	Todd Bennett* Managing Director, Reliability Compliance & Audit Services	Associated Electric Cooperative, Inc.		X
<b>Segment 1-2022-23</b>	Michael Jones Manager, Reliability Standards & Policy	National Grid		X
<b>Segment 1-2021-22</b>	Troy Brumfield* Regulatory Compliance Manager	American Transmission Company		X
<b>Segment 2-2022-23</b>	Jamie Johnson Infrastructure Compliance Manager	California ISO		N
<b>Segment 2-2021-22</b>	Charles Yeung Executive Director Interregional Affairs	Southwest Power Pool		X
<b>Segment 3-2022-23</b>	Kent Feliks Manager NERC Reliability Assurance – Strategic Initiatives	American Electric Power Company, Inc.		X
<b>Segment 3-2021-22</b>	Vicki O’ Leary Director – Reliability, Compliance, and Implementation	Eversource Energy		X
<b>Segment 4-2022-23</b>	Marty Hostler Reliability Compliance Manager	Northern California Power Agency		X
<b>Segment 4-2021-22</b>	Patti Metro Senior Grid Operations & Reliability Director	National Rural Electric Cooperative Associate	Alice Wright	X
<b>Segment 5-2022-23</b>	Terri Pyle Utility Operational Compliance and NERC Compliance Office	Oklahoma Gas and Electric		X
<b>Segment 5-2021-22</b>	Jim Howell Markets Compliance Manager	Southern Company Generation		X

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

<sup>1</sup> Serving as Canadian Representative

\*Denotes SC Executive Committee Member