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**WECC Registration Meeting Notes  
3/12/08, WECC Offices, Salt Lake City**

***Participants:***

Will Lutgen, NWPPA	Steve McCoy, WECC	Richard Mabry, WECC
David Reynolds, NCPA	Brian Silverstein, BPA	Lorissa Jones, BPA
Richard Damiano, Inland	Rick Paschall, PNGC	Mark Maher, WECC (phone)
Bill Dearing, Consultant		

***Introductions / General:***

Will gave a general introduction of our work, and Bill, Richard and Rick discussed the goals of the subcommittee and the context and content of the proposal. Steve McCoy said they liked the proposal in general, but had some suggestions and questions. He is assuming the results will be available to all west-wide, and that eventually, all regions would adopt a similar approach. He said most regions are understaffed and have this work on the list for 2009 or 10, and appreciated the subcommittee stepping up to make the first cut at the work and speeding up the process here in the west.

Later we discussed whether there should be a threshold (say, 250 MW) above which a utility could not use the list, or if they were also a TO or PSE. The consensus was that any that would qualify could use the procedure, and as a utility grows they naturally progress to the point where all the standards apply.

Steve noted he was under some pressure from Paul Barber as head of the NERC Compliance Committee to get these registration appeals cleared up prior to hitting the one-year mark, which will occur in May. As a result, he set May 31 as the point where he hoped we would have a finished proposal.

***Agreement between WECC and LSE/DP:***

Steve explained that there will be an agreement between WECC and the LSE/DP that will specify which of the categories of standards and case by case options apply for that utility. Basically, it will be a requirement by requirement registration. He said WECC has the authority to do the agreement with no further approval from NERC or FERC, and that this will be filed as a change in registration status for each utility with NERC. BPA noted that they expected to perform somewhat of an intermediary role in the Northwest, but WECC said the agreement itself has to be direct with the LSE/DP.

The form of the agreement will be a boilerplate cover, a copy of the matrix checked as appropriate, with an additional comment column for the case by case group. Then any additional documentation or information would be attached to the back. This documentation could include agreements where the owner or host BA has taken full

responsibility for UFLS and UVLS, so the LSE/DP would not even register in that category, even if they had relays on their system, but document who was responsible.

***WECC changes to the matrix:***

1. PRC-007 – Assuring consistency with a UFLS program

Steve said his view of this is that it is the DP/LSE's responsibility to make sure their load is counted and integrated into the program of the Balancing Authority who owns the program, even if the BA does not elect to place any relaying in the DP/LSE's territory. As a result, he wanted to move PRC-007 to the "Applicable to all column". After discussion about some of Rick's concerns of utilities with three different BAs, and lack of response of the BAs to inquiries, *the group agreed to move it to the "applicable to all"*.

2. EOP-002-2 Capacity and energy emergencies

Steve noted this standard was associated with Eastern Interconnect Transmission Loading Relief issues, and was not being enforced in the west. *It was deleted from the matrix.*

3. EOP-004-1 Disturbance reporting

The discussion centered on whether the reporting or data collection was related to whether a utility had 24 hour monitoring and control capability. Several scenarios were discussed where a BA may ask an LSE for information on load loss as part of a larger disturbance for reporting purposes. This information would be asked for and collected later, and would not be dependent on the 24 hour issue, but more on the utilities own configuration in the system. As such, *it was moved to the "case by case" category.*

4. IRO-004 Reliability Coordination

Steve noted that if a BA needs and requires daily information, the LSE would be required to provide it. A BA may not need anything daily (full requirements customers, etc.), in which case it would not be applicable. *It was moved to the "case by case" category.*

5. MOD-019, 20, 21 Interruptible Demand and Load Control

Steve cited occasions where utilities had interruptible load or load control, but no 24 hour coverage or SCADA, so wanted to move these items. *It was moved to the "case by case" category.*

### ***Implementation and Updates***

The process to get this implemented will involve the initial agreement between WECC and the utility, and Steve proposed an annual update process to the agreement. He wanted to be sure everyone understood that if new standards are adopted effective mid-year, they are still auditable for the period they are in effect, even if the agreement has not been updated to include them. BPA discussed their plan to use the Customer Service Engineers as the point of contact with each utility. This would be both for agreeing on initial categorizing, as well as an annual check-off/ update meeting probably in October to note any changes.

It was noted that if a utility opts into this process, that it would necessarily have to accept all the standards under the “applies to all” column. This still results in a better outcome, in that with no agreement, the utility would be subject to the entire set of standards and have to re-justify at every audit why individual standards didn’t apply. Along those lines, the subcommittee let Steve know that they could not officially agree to the changes discussed at today’s meeting without consulting with the groups that signed onto the initial proposal.

Next it was discussed where to have the group that updates the matrix for changes. The subcommittee suggested that the WICF (Western Interconnect Compliance Forum) would be a good organization to host the continuance of the subcommittee. Both Lorissa and Rick are on the steering committee for WICF, and said they would add a discussion of this topic to the next meeting in April. In the meantime, they are somewhat resource short, and Will noted NWPPA would be willing to assist in interim until the committee and structure was fully functional.

### ***Action Items:***

- WECC will produce the pro-forma boilerplate for the agreement and circulate
- The subcommittee will update the matrix and take a shot at developing the standard for additional documentation, including a template with drop down selections for standard answers in the case by case comment column, as well as evaluation criteria.
- First drafts are due the week of April 14-18.
- A conference call will be scheduled the week of April 21-25
- Drafts finalized by the first week in May
- The subcommittee and representatives were tasked with going back and selling the revised proposal, especially since the expected WECC agreement is wider in scope than most anticipated. BPA said they would hold a customer forum around May 10 after drafts were available for circulation.