

Final Meeting Minutes
New York State Reliability Council, L.L.C. (NYSRC)
Reliability Compliance Monitoring Subcommittee
Meeting No. 127 – August 12, 2010
NYSERDA Offices – Albany, NY

Voting Participants or Alternates:

Steve Fanning, Chairman	National Grid
Joharath Kutty	New York Power Authority - phone
Anie Philip, Secretary	LIPA - Phone
Leyvi Gelman	Consolidated Edison Co. of NY - phone
Jeff May	Central Hudson

Non-Voting Participants:

Alan Adamson	NYSRC Consultant
Paul Kiernan	NYISO
Scott Brennan	NYISO – part time

1. Introduction & Request for Additional Agenda Items

Mr. Fanning opened the meeting with introductions. Discussions of PRR104, PRR105, J-M3 report and committee protocols are added as additional agenda items under item # 10.

2. Approval of Minutes for Meeting #126

The minutes (2nd draft) of RCMS Meeting #126 held on July 8, 2010 were approved. The approved minutes will be distributed to RCMS members and sent to Carol Lynch for posting on the NYSRC website, with a copy to P. Don Raymond. During the discussion of minutes, Mr. May raised some concerns on July 8th meeting discussion of fault duty assessment. Mr. May raised the question of compliance issue if a TO doesn't resolve the constraints identified in the fault duty assessment within a proper time frame. RCMS concluded that this can be discussed as Part B of the E-M6 compliance, which is scheduled for October compliance meeting.

3. Review of Action Items List

RCMS added an action item for September meeting to conduct a general discussion of the process that assesses the compliance with NYISO tech bulletin 160. This is related to the RCMS measure C-M9 (*AI# 127-1*).

The following open action items were reviewed:

- Action Item # 103-3: remains open
- Action Item # 121-3: closed
- Action Item # 123-1: remains open
- Action Item # 125-1: complete
- Action Item # 125-2: remains open

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- Action Item # 125-6: complete; to be discussed in agenda item # 6
- Action Item # 126-1: complete
- Action Item # 126-2: complete; to be discussed in agenda item # 4.3
- Action Item # 126-3: complete: to be discussed in agenda item # 5.3
- Action Item # 126-4: complete
- Action Item # 126-5: complete

With regard to the discussion action item # 121-3, Mr. Adamson asked NYISO the reason for posting the revised emergency restoration manual on NYISO website. Mr. Kiernan stated that following RWG approval, OC reviews and approves the report. Mr. Kiernan was requested to inform RCMS of any changes proposed by OC following the review of the revised emergency restoration manual and the date of the OC approval of this document (*AI# 127-2*). Mr. Adamson will review the revised emergency restoration manual and provide comments to RCMS by next meeting (*AI# 127-3*). Mr. Adamson was requested to update the e-mail list to reflect the latest RCMS roster (*AI# 127-4*). With respect to action item # 126-5 Mr. Kiernan updated RCMS on the assumptions for the loss of gas requirement study and Mr. Gelman was satisfied with the response from NYISO.

4. NERC/NPCC/NYISO Activities

4.1 NYISO 2009/2010 NERC/NPCC Compliance Program Status

Mr. Kiernan reviewed the latest NYISO 2010 NERC/NPCC/NYSRC Program Schedule and Compliance Program Status, dated July 29, 2010. Mr. Adamson indicated that the NYISO statement regarding the F-M4 compliance in the NYISO compliance tracker is not consistent with the wording of F-M4 compliance in the RCMS score card. Mr. Adamson added that a non compliance letter would not be sent by RCMS and there would not be a permanent non-compliance for F-M4.

4.2 NERC Standards Development Update

Mr. Kiernan briefed RCMS with updates on NERC standards under development and the standards that are posted for comments. Mr. Kiernan indicated that NERC held a conference call on August 10 with the topic of planning the system with consequential and non-consequential load.

4.3 NPCC Compliance Committee Report

Mr. Kiernan provided a report on the NPCC Compliance Committee meeting. Mr. Kiernan indicated that there was a discussion about BES and the general comment from NPCC was that the 100kV bright line will be accepted. Since there is an accusation that NERC and FERC is concentrating more on fines than on reliability, there will be more meetings in future with NERC, FERC and industry to define the reliability of the system. Mr. Kiernan summarized on TO, TOP registration discussion, and informed RCMS of an upcoming

NPCC Compliance workshop. This workshop is scheduled for November 9-10 at Albany.

4.4 Other NERC, NPCC and NYISO Activities

Mr. Kiernan indicated that NERC is planning to move its location to Atlanta.

5. NYSRC 2010 Reliability Compliance Monitoring Program

5.1 2010 Compliance Monitoring Program Summary

Mr. Adamson reviewed the 2010 Compliance Program Summary.

5.2 NYISO Operations Report for July 2010

Mr. Kiernan reviewed the Operating Report for July 2010 with RCMS. Upon the RCMS review of the NYISO Operations Report for July 2010, Mr. Kiernan was requested to submit a report on the July 21st Major Emergency (*AI# 127-5*). Mr. Kiernan was also asked to submit supplemental information to RCMS on Emergency Actions as per the requirements of measure K-M2d (*AI# 127-6*). *RCMS found the NYISO in full compliance for Measure K-M2d for July 2010.*

5.3 Procedures for Reporting & Reviewing Generating Unit Availability Data – GADS Screening Tool Status Report -C-M4

RCMS reviewed the final GADS screening and recommendation report submitted by NYISO. In the final recommendation of the report, NYISO recommends to replace the suspect EFORD value of one unit with the proxy data for IRM studies. Mr. Adamson clarified that the proxy data will only be used for the IRM studies, but not for any market studies. Based on the review, *RCMS found the NYISO in full compliance for measure C-M4.*

5.4 TO Load Shedding Capability – F-M4

Related to the RCMS decision of F-M4 compliance on July 8th RCMS meeting, Mr. May asked NYISO about their change in process with respect to NPCC D12 implementation plan. Mr. May pointed out that RCMS should have provisions to accommodate the modified NPCC D12 implementation plan with respect to the NYSRC rule compliance documentation due date, since the overall goal is to improve the reliability of the system. Mr. Adamson commented that RCMS has always had a provision that the NYISO may request due date changes under certain unforeseen circumstances. In this case, the NYISO failed to request such a change until after the F-M4 compliance documentation due date of July 1, 2010. The required F-M1 compliance documentation was received within the 30-day lateness policy grace period. RCMS reviewed the F-M4 self certification form, withdrew its Level 1 non-compliance finding, and *found the NYISO in full compliance for Measure F-M4*

5.5 Voltage Reduction Testing – F-M6

RCMS reviewed the voltage reduction table submitted by NYISO from summer 2010 capability period and found the NYISO in full compliance for measure F-M6. Ms. Philip commented that going forward; it will be helpful to indicate a note in the table with reference to the cumulative calculation of voltage reduction percentages. Mr. Kiernan will pass this recommendation to Mr. Ravalli (AI# 127-7).

5.6 Procedures Ensuring Adequacy of Operating Reserves – D-M2

NYISO submitted the D-M2 self-certification form for compliance with measure D-M2. Mr. Adamson asked the meaning of running order which is mentioned in the D-M2 self certification form and Mr. Kiernan answered that “running order” relates to detailed instructions to operators. RCMS reviewed the D-M2 self certification form and found the NYISO in full compliance with measure D-M2.

5.7 Procedures for Supporting NYISO/MP Communications – J-M1

RCMS reviewed the J-M1 self certification form and found the NYISO in full compliance with measure J-M1.

5.8 Control Center Communications Interface Performance Data - J-M2

Mr. Scott Brennan, Supervisor, Networks and Service Desk at NYISO gave a presentation to RCMS on Control Center Communications Interface Performance Data. Mr. Fanning asked the reason for significantly higher outbound traffic than the inbound traffic. Mr. Brennan agreed to follow up on this question (AI# 127-8). Mr. Brennan also summarized the anticipated changes to the ICCP network. Mr. May asked about the capital project process for these anticipated changes and Mr. Brennan replied that there are planned upgrades, and if needed, NYISO can provide this information to RCMS. Mr. May also asked about spare inventories to the ICCP network. Mr. Brennan responded that depending on the type of the device, either spare inventories are available or a service contract is in place. Since the presentation covered the performance data for the past six weeks, Mr. Fanning asked whether there were issues found outside of this window and Mr. Brennan responded that there were no issues outside of the six week window shown in the presentation. RCMS was satisfied with the presentation and found the NYISO in full compliance with measure J-M2.

5.9 Review of September 2010 Compliance Assessments – C-M5, E-M9

Mr. Adamson reviewed the September 2010 Compliance assessments with NYISO.

6. NYSRC Policy 7 – Procedure for NYCA Transmission Reviews

RCMS discussed Mr. Adamson’s NYSRC Policy 7 preliminary draft. Mr. Kiernan was asked to obtain comments from NYISO staff on the Policy 7 document, which entails a

procedure for New York Control Area transmission reviews, within two weeks and provide to RCMS (*AI# 127-9*). All RCMS members are also requested to comment on this document within two weeks to Mr. Adamson (*AI# 127-10*). Mr. Adamson also asked Mr. Kiernan to invite Mr. Zach Smith to next RCMS meeting for the discussion of this document (*AI# 127-11*). Mr. Adamson also suggested that if NYISO feels that NPCC or NERC requirements adequately addresses the N-1-1 assessment previously required by the NYSRC, then this assessment may not have to be explicitly required by NYSRC.

7. Compliance Template Format Changes - Status

Mr. Adamson stated that EC approved the PRR 103 and the revised compliance format changes are now reflected as part of C-M9 and C-M11 compliance templates. Mr. Adamson suggested that the NYSRC Compliance Template Manual needs to be revised to reflect the compliance template format changes, and that the introduction to the compliance template manual also needs to be revised to reflect these changes. Mr. Adamson took an action item to conduct this revision by next month (*AI# 127-12*). RCMS members are also requested to review compliance template manual and provide any additional revisions to Mr. Adamson within two weeks (*AI# 127-13*). RCMS also agreed to remove the compliance review form (figure 1) from the compliance template manual since this form is not being used currently due to the existence of minutes, score card and the self certification forms. Mr. Adamson also suggested that a revision to Policy 4 needs to be undertaken as a future project.

8. PRR 106 – Proposed Blackstart G-M3 Revision

RCMS reviewed the PRR 106, which is the proposed Blackstart G-M3 revision by Mr. Sasson of ConEdison. Mr. Clayton will be discussing this in August EC meeting. Mr. Adamson noted that there is a reliability concern on this proposed PRR, since the PRR allows the delayed testing of Conedison black start units beyond the capability period due to the NYISO tariff and procedures. Since the reliability concern will be discussed in the August EC meeting, RCMS concluded to take no action on this item.

9. Review of July 9, 2010 Executive Committee Meeting

Mr. Fanning briefed RCMS that the July compliance and non compliance findings were reported to the EC meeting.

10. Other Business

PRR 104

RCMS reviewed the PRR 104 and agreed with a minor wording change in the PRR 104. This PRR with the suggested change will be sent to EC for their August 13 meeting.

PRR 105

RCMS reviewed PRR 105 and suggested to add the word “recommendation” under section 7, 8 and E-M9.2. This PRR will also be sent to the EC with the suggested changes for the August EC meeting.

J-M3

Mr. Kiernan provided a J-M3 report with respect to the Orange and Rockland event on June 17. RCMS reviewed the report and *found the NYISO to be in compliance with measure J-M3.*

Committee Protocols

Mr. Kiernan asked RCMS about subcommittee protocols, specifically about the quorum which is required to reach a decision while voting, and also about the rotation for the chairman and the secretary. Mr. Adamson responded that the RCMS Work Scope states that a consensus is required to pass a measure. There is no provision in the RCMS Work Scope for rotation of the chairman and secretary. Instead, for RCMS, it has been its policy to appoint the newest member to become the secretary, and as with all subcommittees, it recommends chairmanship changes to the EC. Mr. Kiernan mentioned that it is beneficial to have written subcommittee protocols. RCMS suggested to Mr. Kiernan, that if the NYISO wishes to pursue this matter, that he could ask the NYISO EC participant to raise the issue at a future EC meeting.

11. Next RCMS Meeting

The next monthly RCMS Meeting is scheduled for September 9, 2010. The meeting will be held in the NYC conference room in the basement of the NYSERDA offices at 17 Columbia Circle starting at 09:30.

Anie Philip prepared the minutes of Meeting #127.