# JOINT MEETING OF THE NEW YORK STATE RELIABILITY COUNCIL (NYSRC) RELIABILITY RULES SUBCOMMITTEE (RRS) & RELIABILITY COMPLIANCE MONITORING SUBCOMMITTEE (RCMS) Thursday, March 3, 2016

#### Minutes of RCMS Meeting No. 193

#### **RCMS Members & Alternates**

Roger Clayton, Electric Power Resources, LLC, Chairman Dan Head, Con Edison, Vice-Chairman and Secretary Brian Gordon, NYSEG/RGE Zoraini Rodriguez, PSEG-LI Brian Shanahan, National Grid Sal Spagnolo, NYPA

#### **Non-Voting Participants**

Al Adamson, NYSRC Consultant Jim Grant, NYISO Martin Paszek, Con Edison

Mr. Clayton called RCMS Meeting #193 to order at 2:36 p.m.

#### 1.0 Introduction

Attendees introduced themselves on the telephone.

- 1.1 Executive Session Request No requests.
- 1.2 Requests for Additional Agenda Items One items was added to the agenda: 7.1. H.1 (R4) Report on the NYISO's Data Center Outage.

# 2.0 Approval of Minutes/Action Items

- 2.1 RCMS Draft Minutes #192 Approved with minor changes.
- 2.2 RCMS Action Items List

Roger Clayton noted during the minutes review that the committee has not been making use of its Action Items list. As such, two Action Items were added to the minutes and to the Action Items list as of the February meeting, items 192-1 and 192-2.

#### 3.0 NYSRC 2015 Reliability Compliance Monitoring Program

3.1 2015 Compliance Program Highlights Report
The report was approved with the editorial changes that had been submitted via email
over the course of the prior month. The report will now go to the Executive Committee
(EC).

# 4.0 NYSRC 2016 Reliability Compliance Monitoring Program

4.1 2016 Compliance Program

No changes were made to the overall program schedule.

## 4.2 IRM Study and Report [A.1 (R1, R2)]

Al Adamson noted that the IRM Study and Report are the only reliability items for which the NYSRC is itself responsible. The Installed Capacity Subcommittee (ICS) conducts the requisite studies and prepares the report, which it then submits to the EC. The NYSRC then self-certifies compliance with requirement A.1 to RCMS.

Brian Shanahan moved to find the NYSRC in compliance, and Dan Head seconded. The committee certified full compliance.

4.3 Real-Time Operations of the NYS Bulk Power System – January & February 2016 Operations Reports – [C.8 (R1)]

Jim Grant submitted the NYISO's January Operating Report with the meeting materials but noted that as of the meeting's start, the NYISO had not yet completed the February report. He further noted that the NYISO had five Major Emergencies in February and that it is required to report on these to RCMS, usually via the monthly report. He reported verbally on each of the Major Emergencies and committed to sending a written report along with the February Operations Report to both RRS and RCMS (Action Item 193-2).

4.4 Identification of Eligible Black Start Resources [G.4 (R2)]

This item was conducted at the start of the meeting to accommodate expected drive times for guest participants.

Jim Grant from the NYISO requested to move certification of requirement G.4 to September on technical grounds. He noted that as part of requirement G.4, Transmission Owner (TO) Con Edison is required to do a Restoration Study to identify eligible blackstart that can aid in execution of its restoration plan. Con Edison has done this study. However, one of the units it identified is not yet "eligible" to participate in the program since that Generator Owner (GO) is only now installing the equipment necessary to enable its units to blackstart. Mr. Grant informally estimated that another four to six weeks would be required before the GO was actually prepared to enter the program, and as a result, the NYISO feels that it would be procedurally incorrect to self-certify requirement G.4 despite the fact that the requisite planning is complete.

Martin Paszek from Con Edison noted that there are more developers that would like to enter the blackstart program, but that GOs want to be sure that Con Edison will choose their units once they become eligible before spending the money on equipment. GOs do not want to risk installing equipment for which they cannot later recover costs.

After discussion, the NYISO agreed to inform RCMS when the unit in question becomes blackstart capable and therefore eligible to participate in the program. The NYISO will certify requirement G.4 at that time. NYISO committed to contacting the

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GO to ensure that the committee is notified as soon as possible once work on this issue has been completed (Action Item 193-1).

## 5.0 NYISO/NPCC/NERC Activities

5.1 NYISO 2016 NERC/NPCC Compliance Program Status

Mr. Grant noted that the NYISO's NPCC compliance program spreadsheet was submitted with the meeting materials. He further noted that NERC compliance items are no longer included on this spreadsheet. This is because NERC has gone to a "guided" certification process with expanded requirements. Once NERC notifies the NYISO of how it plans to expand its certification requirements, these items will once again be added to the NYISO's tracking spreadsheet.

- 5.2 NPCC Standards/Criteria Development Update No update.
- 5.3 NERC Standards Development Update No update.
- 5.4 NPCC Compliance Committee Report No update.
- 5.5 Other NYISO, NPCC and NERC Activities No update.

# 6.0 Reports

- 6.1 NYSRC EC Meeting Report No update.
- 6.2 NYSRC ICS Meeting Report No update.

## 7.0 Additional Agenda Items

7.1. H.1 (R4) Report on the NYISO's Data Center Outage

This report was submitted with the meeting materials. Jim Grant then noted that the issues involved were discussed at length during the February meeting. No additional comments were made beyond noting that the written report had been submitted per requirement H.1 (R4).

## **8.0** Next Meeting #194

Thursday, March 31, 2016; 9:30 am @ NYSERDA, 17 Columbia Circle, Albany, NY The meeting was closed at 3:25 p.m.

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