

Eastern Interconnection Reliability Assessment Group

**Management Committee
Conference Call
November 1, 2007
3:00 – 5:00 p.m. ET (2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Central)**

Meeting Minutes

- 1. Call to order and quorum** – there was a quorum for the call with the following in attendance:

FRCC – John Odom; Vince Ordax
MRO – John Seidel
NPCC – Paul Roman; Mike Falvo
RFC – Bill Harm; Jeff Mitchell
SERC – Carter Edge; Russ Schussler
SPP – Jay Caspary; Mak Nagle
Others – Harvey Schribner, MMWG chair

As an additional agenda item, the MC approved the percentages of NEL share for billing purposes in 2008. The final table will be sent out.

- 2. Discuss any issues pertaining to the contract with Powertech for the MMWG database project** – the MC agreed to the following discussions:

A) Ensure contract is clear that ERAG is only committing to Phase 1 - After reviewing the document again, it is very clear on page 4 of 4 - Attachment 'B' (attached) that this contract is only for Phase 1.

B) The cost for maintenance was not clearly defined in the contract. Attachment 'B' was revised to make it clear that we will not be charged annual maintenance unless we negotiate with them. The last paragraph of Attachment 'B', Statement of Work was changed to "User support beyond this period shall be available, as needed, for a fee mutually agreed to by both parties. The amount of this fee will be dependent on the level of service to be provided."

C) Formats for MOD and GE PSLF - After the MC discussions this week; it appears that Powertech was planning to import/export only raw data files. The MC agreed to modify page 5 of 16, Section 3.1 s) of the proposal to clearly state .raw and .sav is our expectation.

D) Proposal for MOD compatibility - Since this is now a future item, the MC agreed to sign this contract and get this project started and, ask Powertech to provide us a cost estimate at a later date. They may have a better handle on what is required after they begin their development work on this project.

- 3. Approve the MMWG base case and data release policy (power flow and dynamics) as presented at the Oct. 29-30 meeting** – the MC approved the power flow base case list for the 2008 Series development, but made one change to the dynamics case list. A 2009 fall case will replace the 2010/11 winter case in the draft case list. This was done primarily at the request by NERC staff to have dynamics-ready cases one year out into the future.

The MC made some minor changes to the release policy and directed the MMWG to incorporate the changes. The MC also directed the MMWG to name a single point of contact for release of the cases to the general public. It was suggested that a region who has not yet volunteered to perform an ERAG function could do this (MRO or SPP). The MC determined that that region could set a price and collect the fees, if so desired, without sharing among the ERAG regions.

- 4. Review issues related to the RFP for the MMWG power flow coordinator** – the MC decided to use the existing power flow coordinator for the 2008 Series case development. The MC thought that changing the power flow coordinator next year would make it too difficult to implement the new database at the same time. The MC did however direct the MMWG to keep working on the RFP, and bring it back to the MC for approval, next year.
- 5. Discuss generator data collection in MMWG process** – the MC provided direction for the MMWG to discuss issues and details related to the collection of generator data in the base case building process. The regional coordinators would be affected the most since they collect the data for the cases. Regions are all not collecting the data in the same manner, and the ERAG regions should have consistent processes, where feasible. This will be put on the MMWG agenda for discussion at its meeting next week.
- 6. Discuss GE involvement in MMWG base case building process regarding case solution in PSLF** – Jim Robinson of PPL had called Jeff to discuss how GE could be involved in the MMWG process in order to make case solution easier for GE PSLF users. Currently, due to the differing algorithms in the PSS/E and PSLF software, case solution in PSLF may be quite difficult. The MC directed the MMWG to discuss this issue at its meeting next week and perhaps include GE in the case development process or determine other means to address the issue.
- 7. Future Conference Call and Meeting Schedule** – no new conference calls or meetings were planned. The 2008 schedule is:
 - a. February 26 (8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.) – 27 (8:00 a.m.-noon), 2008; joint meeting with MMWG at the SERC office in Charlotte, NC

- b. April 23-24, 2008 (noon-noon); MRO office
- c. August 7-8, 2008 (noon to noon) – coincides with SERC pig roast
- d. October 21-22, 2008 (noon to noon) – Toronto, ON downtown
- e. Other meetings/calls as needed

Call was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

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