



NORTH AMERICAN ELECTRIC RELIABILITY COUNCIL

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NERC-NAESB-ISO/RTO Council Joint Interface Committee

September 21–22, 2004

MINUTES (Draft)

Attendance

NERC Members/Alternates

Mark Fidrych, WAPA*
Scott Henry, Duke Power*
Ed Schwerdt, NPCC*
Ed Tymofichuk, Manitoba Hydro [Phone]*
Gerry Cauley, NERC (Secretary)

NAESB Members/Alternates

Michael Desselle, AEP (JIC Co-Chair)*
Sydney Berwager, BPA *
Barry Green, OPG *
Alan Johnson, Mirant [Phone]*
Lou Oberski, Dominion Resources*
Mary Ellen Paravalos*
Ed Davis, Entergy [Phone]
Andy Dotterweich, Consumers (Alternate) [Phone]
Walt Yeager, Cinergy [Phone]

IRC Members/Alternates

Karl Tammar, NYISO (JIC Co-Chair)*
Charles Yeung, SPP*
Kent Saatoff, ERCOT [Phone]*

Observers/Guests/Staff

Delores Chezar, Keyspan
Laura Kennedy, NAESB [Phone]
Rae McQuade, NAESB
Todd Oncken, NAESB [Phone]
Andy Rodrigez

* Indicates voting members for this meeting.

Introductions

Co-Chair Michael Desselle called the meeting to order and led introductions of those present and on the conference line.

Quorum

Secretary Gerry Cauley determined a quorum of the JIC was available to conduct business.

Antitrust

Todd Oncken of NAESB read the antitrust guidelines for conduct of the meeting.

Agenda

Co-Chair Desselle reviewed the meeting agenda. The agenda was approved by consent.

Minutes

The minutes of the August 16, 2004, JIC meeting were approved without objection.

NAESB Standard Request R04016 — Standard Energy Day

Michael Desselle presented the standard request for consideration of the JIC.

Lou Oberski moved, and Barry Green seconded the motion, that the JIC assign R04016 — Standard Energy Day to NAESB for development as a business practice standard. The motion was approved without objection.

The following issues were noted in discussion:

- NAESB provides a forum for joint participation of the natural gas and electric industry stakeholders that would participate in the development of this standard.
- The standards developers should consider the effects of a standard energy day on electric system operations and reliability.
- The JIC is concerned that a lack of depth and specificity in the description of the scope makes evaluating where the project should be assigned more difficult. This issue was added to the end of the agenda, as it applies to other standards as well.
- Several members noted historical difficulties encountered in trying to standardize the energy day.
- It was noted that jurisdictional issues could arise if some entities are required to revise their tariffs to accommodate a different energy day.

NAESB Standard Request R04020 — Electric Transaction Scheduling and Timelines

Michael Desselle presented the standard request for consideration of the JIC.

Lou Oberski moved, and Barry Green seconded the motion, that the JIC assign R04020 — Electric Transaction Scheduling and Timelines to NAESB for development as a business practice standard. Following discussion, the motion was withdrawn by consent.

Some of the comments noted in discussion include:

- It is unclear from the request whether the scope is intended to address day-ahead markets or same-day operational scheduling.
- It is unclear from the request whether the scope is intended to address inter-RTO transactions or to set business practice standards for transaction scheduling within an RTO or operating entity.
- It is unclear if this request is already being addressed by several standards projects, including NERC and NAESB Version 0 standards and the work on Version 1 standards of the Coordinate Interchange drafting teams as NERC and NAESB. These scopes have already been assigned by the JIC.
- The proposed scope needs to be clarified and made more specific. The affected working groups should work together to determine if there is a gap in the ongoing transaction scheduling standards work that is addressed by this request and clarify what that gap is.

Following this discussion, it was agreed to add discussion of the Seams Matrix to the agenda.

NAESB Standard Request R04021 — Operational Communications between Pipelines and Power Plants

Michael Desselle presented the standard request for consideration of the JIC.

Lou Oberski moved, and Syd Berwager seconded the motion, that the JIC assign R04021 — Operational Communications between Pipelines and Power Plants to NAESB for development as a business practice standard. The motion was approved by roll call vote as follows:

*Michael Desselle — Approve
Syd Berwager — Approve
Mark Fidrych — Approve
Barry Green — Approve
Scott Henry — Not Approve
Alan Johnson — Approve*

*Lou Oberski — Approve
Mary Ellen Pravalos — Approve
Kent Saathoff — Approve
Ed Schwerdt — Approve
Karl Tammar — Approve
Charles Yeung — Approve*

The following issues were noted in discussion:

- Once again, the request was not sufficiently explicit to fully understand the intended scope with verbal explanation. The scope should be clearly defined in writing.
- The JIC considers that the scope is not intended to address communications between gas pipeline operators and power plant operators as suggested. The scope appears to be intended to address communications between gas supply operations, or gas providers, and electric power producers who are users of gas.
- There is some concern that operational communications about fuel supply are reliability issues.
- It was noted that on June 15, 2004, the NERC Board approved a report of the Planning Committee's Gas/Electricity Interdependency Task Force. The board approved a recommendation in that report to assign the NERC Reliability Coordinators to propose standards for gas-electric operational communications affecting reliability. The concern is that such an assignment could be duplicative of the proposed NAESB standard. Others noted that the NERC initiative could work closely with, and take credit for, the work at NAESB and fill in any reliability gaps as needed.
- NAESB provides a joint forum for standards development that includes both gas and electric stakeholders involved with this issue.

NERC SAR on Vegetation Management

Gerry Cauley provided an overview of the SAR on Vegetation Management.

Syd Berwager moved, and Mark Fidrych seconded the motion, that the JIC assign the SAR on Vegetation Management to NERC for development as a reliability standard. The motion was approved without objection.

The following issues were noted in discussion:

- NERC should coordinate this standard development with the Canadian Standards Association.
- NERC has already initiated discussions with IEEE for development of a joint standard and will explore adding sponsors of the National Electrical Safety Code and the Canadian Standards Association.

Work Plan Coordination

Michael Desselle provided an overview of preliminary thoughts on the 2005 work plan for the NAESB WEQ. This plan largely follows the 2004 plan with several updates. The NAESB 2005 work plan will be considered at the NAESB Board meeting in December 2004 and finalized in March 2005.

Gerry Cauley reviewed the SAC's prioritized list of standards projects. The SAC will be finalizing its 2005 work plan on November 12, 2004.

Karl Tammar reviewed the IRC standards work. The IRC is developing market extensions to data exchange protocols and regional market web services protocols.

Quality Preparation of Standards Requests for Consideration of JIC

The JIC is concerned with the quality and completeness of some of the standards requests being presented. In these cases, it is difficult to understand the intended scope of the standard and therefore where the standard should be assigned.

Differences were noted in the process NERC and NAESB use to develop a standards request. Before coming to the JIC, a NERC SAR has typically been reviewed by the SAC, posted for public comment and revised based on those comments. This vetting process requires the request to have a clearly documented scope.

Typically NAESB requests that are received from a subcommittee have a fleshed out scope statement. However, requests from individuals may be thin on details. Requests are submitted to inter-quadrant triage. It is in triage that discussion takes place to flesh out the scope of a standard. What the JIC received at this meeting was original requests from individuals. NAESB representatives committed to reviewing what can be done to present more complete and polished standards requests to the JIC in the future.

The JIC agreed that standards requests presented to the JIC for assignment should be posted 30 days prior to scheduled action, along with the agenda. This would allow NERC, NAESB, and IRC groups affected by the request sufficient time to provide comments to their JIC representatives.

The JIC agreed that in the future the JIC should state any factors or assumptions it considered in assigning a request to NERC or NAESB.

Seams Matrix

The JIC discussed the status of the Seams Matrix. It was agreed that the Seams Matrix served as a useful guidepost for reviewing proposed new standards but was not intended to be used as a checklist of standards to be developed. Although several members suggested the Seams Matrix should be reviewed and updated, it was agreed that the matrix was just approved in February 2004 and required substantial industry input. It was confirmed that the JIC should review the Seams Matrix periodically to assess progress, as was contemplated when the matrix was approved in February 2004.

Future Meetings

The JIC agreed to schedule a conference call for November 22, 2004 at 11 a.m. EST to consider a NERC SAR on Operating Personnel Training.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.