PARALLEL FLOW VISUALIZATION PROJECT UPDATE

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The Wholesale Electric Quadrant’s Business Practices Subcommittee has been working on the Parallel Flow Visualization Project for some time. The BPS had developed draft standards and posted for informal comments in February 2013. BPS has been working to address informal comments that were received in March. In addition to comments on the draft standards, several issues were raised. These issues included developing additional documents, testing, implementation and funding, and coordination with NERC and IDC Association, which was formed earlier this year.

After addressing the previous comments and updating the White Paper that describes at high level what and how various issues are being addressed in these standards, BPS has decided in its meeting earlier this month that revised standards need to be again posted for informal comments. These have been posted for second round of informal comments on January 8th and these are due on January 31st. Based on comments that we may receive, finalizing these standards and submitting them to Executive Committee is expected by the second quarter of 2014, or possibly the third quarter of 2014.

Coordination is occurring with NERC Standards development efforts and Interchange Distribution Calculator Working Group (IDCWG) which is now not a part of NERC but reporting to the IDC Association. The IDCWG will be developing the application requirements for the IDC tool which will support the NAESB PFV Business Practice Standards and also full staffing/parallel test before standards are filed with FERC. Close coordination between NAESB and IDCWG and IDC association is critical for this project.

In addition coordination with NERC is also going on at NAESB leadership level which is necessary for implementing the PFV project.

The Business Practices Subcommittee plans to recommend the NAESB Executive Committee utilize a Full Staffing approach when approving PFV standards that will provide for a field test for 12 – 18 months to study the impact of these standards before these are filed with FERC.