1. Introduction

- Jeff Mitchell hosted a conference call of RRO representatives to start drafting a proposal for the 2007 Summer inter-regional assessments under the ERAG for review and approval by the ERAG Management Committee later this year.
- Conference call participants included the following:
  - FRCC: No representation.
  - RFC: Jeff Mitchell (RFC), Bill Harm (PJM), Takis Laios (AEP).
  - NPCC: Paul Roman (NPCC).
  - SERC: Nelson Burks (DVP), Dennis Chastain (TVA), Curt Stepanek (AMRN).
  - MRO: John Seidel (MRO), Salva Andiappan (MRO).
  - SPP: No representation.
- Jeff Mitchell will draft and distribute the conference call minutes.
- Although the ERAG Management Committee has yet to be selected / seated, the RFC representatives have been chosen -- Jeff Mitchell (RFC) & Bill Harm (PJM).
- One universal agreement (ERAG) will be used instead of the previously proposed individual bilateral agreements between Regions.

2. Study Forums

- The group agreed to recommend the formation of four inter-regional Study Forums.
  - (1) RFC - NPCC.
  - (2) RFC - SERC East (VACAR, TVA).
  - (3) RFC - MRO - SPP - SERC West (TVA, Entergy, Gateway)
  - (4) SERC (Southern) - FRCC.
- The above study forums cover all five sub-regions of SERC, including VACAR, TVA (includes Associated), Entergy, Gateway (includes Ameren), and Southern.
- The group noted that the NPCC - MRO interface is already addressed under member studies, and thus, does not need to be addressed under an ERAG study forum.

3. Steering (Study) Committees and Working Groups

- The group agreed to recommend the formation of one Steering (Study) Committee (SC) and one Working Group (WG) under each Study Forum. The group noted that it may eventually be possible to combine the SC and WG under each Study Forum into one study group per Study Forum, but that should not be attempted from the start.
- The group noted that the SCs and WGs for MEN and VEM are still in place, and thus, all four should transition to their new counterparts as a starting point. The MEN would transition into the NPCC-RFC study forum, and the VEM would transition into the RFC-SERC East study forum. However, for the MET, MMS, and
MSw studies, only variations of the original WGs are in place, with the SCs having been disbanded when the MAIN Region was disbanded. This issue will be discussed further during the next conference call.

4. **Study Base Cases**

- The group agreed to the concept of having a single updated master study base case that would serve as the starting point for all Study Forum base cases.
- Although subject to confirmation, some participants noted during the conference call that the NERC MMWG is expected to report to the ERAG Management Committee rather than the NERC PC. As such, the MMWG base case development process should be used to update the master study base case rather than the separate study forum update processes that historically have been used. This issue will be discussed further during the next conference call.
- The group agreed to continue the present practice of including in the study base cases security-constrained dispatches provided by the RTOs, provided the TOs have been given an opportunity to review and approve those RTO-provided dispatches.

5. **Workload**

- The group agreed to recommend that all study work be equally shared among the study Regions either through rotating or slicing-up assignments. It will be left up to the SCs and WGs to work out the details.

6. **Seasonal / Near-Term / Long-Term Studies**

- The group agreed to limit the transitional assessments to the seasonal 2007 Summer studies, with the need and mechanics for conducting near-term and long-term studies to be addressed by the ERAG Management Committee / SCs / WGs after they have been selected / seated.
- NERC Standard TPL-005-0 requires inter-regional near-term and long-term assessments be performed.

7. **Next Meeting**

- The participants on this call will forward these minutes to their appropriate Regional and Inter-regional groups for discussion and comment, and bring any of those comments back to this group for discussion on the next conference call.
- Date: September 19, 2006
- Time: 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM (EDT)
- Place: Conference Call
- Dial: (866) 861-5236 Confirmation Code: 1778795610 #