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Reliability Assessment Program



SUMMARY REPORT

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Item	Name	Assignment	Completion Date:
CO-1	Control Performance Working Group	The Working Group insures coordination between adjacent control areas in establishing interchange schedules, reviews time error correction procedures, and monitors the conformance of the Areas with NPCC Control Performance Criteria and Operating Reserve Criteria. At the request of the Task Force on Coordination of Operation (TFCO), it conducts investigations of control performance problems.	December 2007
	Status/ Comments:	A proposed draft of NPCC Document A-06, “Operating Reserve Criteria,” incorporating the concepts of load as synchronized operating reserve, was presented by the Working Group to the Task Force on Coordination of Operation. This revision to NPCC Document A-06, together with a new definition of synchronized reserve proposed for NPCC Document A-07, “NPCC Glossary of Terms,” was considered by the TFCO at its meeting of January 11 and 12, 2006, and a revised Document A-06 incorporating these concepts was posted for public comment through the NPCC Open Process. All comments to the public posting have been addressed, and the subsequent draft of A-06, together with the proposed modifications to the definitions of A-07, will be presented to the NPCC Reliability Coordinating Committee at its meeting of May 23, 2007.	
	NPCC Inc. Contact: Reference:	Jerry Mosier NPCC 2007 Business Plan and Budget for NPCC Inc. and NPCC CBRE	



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Item	Name	Assignment
CO-2	System Operator Training Working Group	<p>The Working Group establishes a program for system dispatcher training relating to NPCC Inc. inter-Area matters, criteria, terminology, policies and operating instructions. It prepares and presents material at dispatcher training sessions, exchanges information on internal dispatcher training methods. The CO-2 Working Group also evaluates and propose new techniques and training aids as they become available.</p>
		<p>Next Seminar: Fall 2007</p>
	Status/ Comments:	<p>The CO-2 Working Group continues to coordinate the development of operator training programs among the NPCC Inc. Areas to ensure that the programs will meet the new NERC Program requirements for operator certification and re-certification. With the new program operator re-certification will come only through attainment of Continuing Education Hours (CEHs) and not through testing. CO-2 Working Group is also trying to maximize the benefits that can be obtained from shared training among NPCC Inc. Areas; opportunities are currently being identified and considered.</p> <p>The CO-2 Working Group will have hosted the semiannual Spring NPCC Inc. Operators Seminar, held on May 2 and 3, 2007, in Montréal, Québec.</p>
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CO-7	Operational Review Working Group	To assess, coordinate and evaluate regional operational issues and reliability concerns as directed by the TFCO. Periodically review the NPCC Inc. Regional Reliability Plan and the Registration and Certification of entities to achieve conformance with NPCC Inc. criteria and NERC Standards.		December 2007

Status/ Comments: The Working Group CO-07, at the direction of the TFCO, is in the process of replacing the NPCC Document B-09 “Guide for Rating Generating Capability,” with two new NPCC Type “A” criteria, NPCC Documents A-13 and A-14. Subsequently the new A-13 and A-14 criteria will be converted into a Regional Standard. The objective is to ensure compliance with both the NERC Standards MOD-024-1, “Verification of Generator Gross and Net Real Power Capability,” and MOD-025-1, “Verification of Generator Gross and Net Reactive Power Capability. The proposed draft of NPCC Document A-13 is now being balloted for approval by the NPCC Inc. membership. Following approval by the TFCO at its meeting of March 1-2, 2007, the new Document A-13 will be submitted to the RCC. A first draft of Document A-14 is scheduled for posting for comment through the NPCC Open Process in early May.

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CO-8	System Operations Managers Working Group	Provide a forum for the Managers of the NPCC control centers to identify and discuss security concerns in the operation of the interconnected bulk power supply system, and specific concerns related to the integration of operation between and among the evolving ISOs. The System Operations Managers Working Group will also assist the Task Force on Coordination of Operation in their work on issues related to system security and the operation of the ISOs, and provide advice to the TFCO, as requested.	December 2007
	Status/ Comments:	The Working Group has addressed those comments received through public comment through the NPCC Open Process to NPCC Document C-40, "Procedures for Inter-AREA Voltage Control," a conversion of NPCC Document B-03, "Guidelines for Inter-AREA Voltage Control." The Task Force on Coordination of Operation approved Document C-40 as an NPCC Inc. Type C Procedure at its meeting of April 26 and 27, 2007.	
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CO-10	Operational Tools Working Group	<p>The Operational Tools Working Group (CO-10) is responsible for taking a lead role in the development of NPCC and NERC operational tools (e.g. electronic tagging, the NERC Interchange Distribution Calculator and electronic scheduling), including hardware, software and integrated systems. The Operational Tools Working Group will define the need for operational tools, evaluate the cost benefits of operational tools, coordinate their implementation within NPCC and coordinate common training in the use of operational tools.</p> <p>Status/ Comments: No recent CP-10 Working Group meetings have been held. The CO-10 Working Group is completing its revisions to the NPCC Document C-17, “Procedures for Monitoring and Reporting Critical Operating Tool Failures,” document that was posted for public comment through the NPCC Open Process. Since the changes received through the Open Process review were significant, the document will need to be reposted.</p> <p>NPCC Inc. Contact Reference: Paul Roman NPCC 2007 Business Plan and Budget for NPCC Inc. and NPCC CBRE</p>	December 2007



Item	Name	Assignment
CO-11	Restoration Working Group	The Restoration working Group addresses the issue of ensuring appropriate operation of key system restoration facilities and their critical components.
		Completion Date: December 2007
	Status/ Comments:	Additional issues brought out in the public comment period, particularly the breadth of the basic minimum power system, will be discussed further by the TFCO during a conference call to be held on May 15, 2007.
	NPCC Inc. Contact Reference:	Jerry Mosier NPCC 2007 Business Plan and Budget for NPCC Inc. and NPCC CBRE

Item	Name	Assignment
CO-12	Operations Planning Working Group	Review the overall reliability of the generation and transmission system in the NPCC Region for the Summer and Winter Seasonal conditions.
		Completion Date: December 2007
	Status/ Comments:	The 2007 Summer Assessment in has been completed by the Working Group and approved by the Reliability Coordinating Committee. The results of the assessment will have been released electronically and presented through a media teleconference on May 4, 2007 CO-12 has developed a draft “C” document for review of operational readiness for the new facilities being added and has added the Reliability Assessment Methodology to its scope.
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CO-13	Available Transfer Capability Working Group	Review the procedures developed by the Regions (or sub-regions) for determining ATC to ensure that the procedures are in concert with the ATC Principles in NERC's June 1996 Available Transfer Capability Definitions and Determination report.
	Status/ Comments:	The CO-13 Working Group has developed a draft "C" document (C-44) from its white paper, "Whitepaper on Regional Methodology and Guidelines for Forecasting TTC and ATC," which satisfies the NERC requirement for a methodology document. Following its addressing of public comments received through its posting via the NPCC Open Process, the Working Group will present the document to the Task Force on Coordination of Operation for approval at its meeting of June 14 and 15, 2007.
	NPCC Inc. Contact:	Paul Roman/Jim Hartwell
	Reference:	NPCC 2007 Business Plan and Budget for NPCC Inc. and NPCC CBRE

Completion Date: December 2007



Item	Name	Assignment	Completion Date:
CP- 8	Working Group on Review of Resource and Transmission Adequacy	Review the overall reliability of the NPCC Inc. Areas and perform pre-seasonal resource adequacy assessments.	December 2007
	Status/ Comments:	The Quebec Interim Review of Resource Adequacy and the Maritimes Area Interim Review of Resource Adequacy were approved by the TFCP in February 2007, and approved at the March 2007 RCC meeting.	
	NPCC Inc. Contact Reference:	Phil Fedora NPCC 2007 Business Plan and Budget for NPCC Inc. and NPCC CBRE	

Item	Name	Assignment	Completion Date:
CP- 2007S	Summer 2007 Multi-Area Probabilistic Reliability Assessment	Assess NPCC Inc. Area reliability for the year 2007 by estimating the annual Loss of Load Expectation (LOLE) and projected use of Area Operating Procedures designed to mitigate resource shortages for the summer (May through September) period.	May 2007
	Status/ Comments:	A presentation of the preliminary results was given at the March 14, 2007 RCC meeting. The report was finalized by the TFCP on April 20, 2007. A summary of the results was given at the April 24, 2007 NPCC CBRE BOD meeting, and presented at the May 4, 2007 Media event.	
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CP- 2007W	Winter 2007-08 Multi-Area Probabilistic Reliability Assessment	Assess NPCC Inc. Area reliability by estimating projected use of Area Operating Procedures designed to mitigate resource shortages for the winter (November 2007 through March 2008) period.	Nov. 2007
	Status/ Comments:	Work is scheduled to start on the NPCC Inc. Multi-Area Probabilistic Reliability Assessment in September 2007.	
	NPCC Inc. Contact Reference:	Phil Fedora NPCC 2007 Business Plan and Budget for NPCC Inc. and NPCC CBRE	

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CP - TIE	Review of Interconnection Assistance Reliability Benefits	On a consistent basis, estimate the amount of interconnection assistance available to the NPCC Inc. Areas for today's system and for the near term.	December 2007
	Status/ Comments:	Work is scheduled to start on the Review of Interconnection Assistance Reliability Benefits study in May 2007.	
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CP-9	Review of NERC Reliability Standards Working Group	Review the Standards Authorization Requests and Reliability Standards as well as participate in the NERC process. Educate and inform NPCC Inc./CBRE Membership of developments, Develop ballot recommendations. Develop Regional Standards Process.		December 2007

Status/ Comments: The CP-9 Working Group is focusing on the review of the Version 1 and 2 NERC Reliability Standards (as they are developed). CP-9 is currently reviewing the FERC Order 693on approved Reliability Standards. The CP-9 Working Group is developing recommendations for the membership on ballots as they transpire. CP-9 has also commented on increased reporting requirements proposed by the DOE/Energy Information Administration 411 and 860 Forms. CP-9 also developed a process to coordinate commenting and participating in adjacent Regions’ criteria development, as well as promoting NPCC criteria in adjacent regions. CP9 has developed a CBRE Regional Reliability Standards Development Process which has been filed with the FERC as part of the Regional Delegation Agreement. Upon acceptance of this by FERC, the CP-9 Working Group will be involved with implementation until such time as the NPCC CBRE RSC Regional Standards Committee is in place. The Scope for the RSC has been approved by the NPCC CBRE BOD at their April 24, 2007 meeting.

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CP-11	<i>NPCC Inc. Basic Criteria For Design and Operation Of Interconnected Power Systems Review Working Group</i>	This Working Group is charged with the revision of the NPCC Inc. Basic Design Criteria Document A-02 and the NPCC Glossary of Terms Document A-07. In addition, the TFCP charged CP11 with the development of the A-10 Classification of BPS Elements document.	December 2007
	Status/ Comments:	The CP-11 Working Group met on February 12, 2007 to review the comments received during the last posting and to develop a final draft of the A-10 Criteria Classification of Bulk Power System Elements. The CP-11 Working Group finalized a revised draft incorporating the comments and submitting it to the Task Forces for their final review and approval. The CP-11 Working Group has received RCC approval by email ballot on April 25, 2007 and Full Member Rep. Committee Approval on April 27, 2007. CP11 will be reposting the A-10 Criteria for some minor refinements and also be working on the A-2 and A-7 documents over the coming months	
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Item	Name	Assignment	Completion Date:
SEDRWG (SP-6)	Synchronized Event Data Reporting Working Group	Investigate the area of synchronized event reporting and make recommendations for improvements to NPCC criteria and other NPCC documents so that NPCC might better be able to quickly establish the sequence of events after any future wide area disturbance.	December 2007
	Status/ Comments:	NPCC Guide to Time Synchronization of Substation Equipment was approved at the November 2006 RCC meeting SEDRWG has developed the requirements in the proposed new NPCC Inc. Disturbance Monitoring Equipment Criteria, Document A-15 that addresses the NERC Standard PRC-002. New Document A-15 will be submitted for RCC approval at their May 23, 2007 meeting. SP-6 is also planning to conduct another Disturbance Monitoring Equipment Survey in 2007.	
	NPCC Inc. Contact Reference:	Quoc Le NPCC 2007 Business Plan and Budget for NPCC Inc. and NPCC CBRE	

Item	Name	Assignment	Completion Date:
SS-37	Base Case Development Working Group	On an annual basis, develop a library of solved load flow cases and associated dynamic data.	December 2007
	Status/ Comments:	Year 2007 development effort is currently underway and on schedule to coordinate with MMWG.	
	NPCC Inc. Contact Reference:	Donal Kidney NPCC 2007 Business Plan and Budget for NPCC Inc. and NPCC CBRE	



Item	Name	Assignment	Completion Date:
SS-38	Inter-Area Dynamic Analysis Working Group	Assigned to analyze dynamic phenomena, which may affect interconnected system reliability, especially in the area of low frequency oscillations.	December 2007
Status/ Comments:		SS-38 is currently conducting an UFLS study paying close attention to the occurrences of the August 14 blackout. Work on the TFSS Blackout 2003 Study is on-going. TFSS is currently conducting an on-going governor response survey; a status report will be provided to the RCC at its May 23, 2007 meeting. The UFLS Final Report will be sent to the RCC for review/approval at their May 23, 2007 meeting. Following completion of the UFLS Study, SS-38 will continue follow-up on NPCC Blackout Recommendation Task 5.	
NPCC Inc. Contact Reference:		Donal Kidney NPCC 2007 Business Plan and Budget for NPCC Inc. and NPCC CBRE	

Item	Name	Assignment	Last Workshop:
IST-1	Infrastructure Security and Technology Workshop	Periodic workshops to address timely issues and update member system personnel associated with the provision of on-line computer systems for operation of the power system.	June 2006
Status/ Comments:		TFIST held a Cyber Security Workshop on June 7-8 2006 in Toronto. The focus was the NERC Cyber Security Standards.	
NPCC Inc. Contact Reference:		Brian Hogue NPCC 2007 Business Plan and Budget for NPCC Inc. and NPCC CBRE	



Item	Name	Assignment	Completion Date:
IST-2	TFIST Telecommunication Working Group	Provide a forum to identify, discuss and advance the technology of Telecommunications Infrastructure for the reliable operation of the NPCC Inc. Bulk Power System. The Telecommunications Working Group (IST-2) will also support TFIST in their work on issues related to Telecommunications.	December 2007
Status/ Comments: While responding to the Inter-Control Area Restoration Working Group (CO-11), the Telecommunications Working Group (IST-2) discovered that telecommunications do not retain their priority status across the international border. IST-2 is investigating alternative shorter term solutions, and seeking assistance on longer term solutions with coordination from the TFCO and the appropriate governmental/regulatory officials.			
NPCC Inc. Contact:		Brian Hogue	
Reference:		NPCC 2007 Business Plan and Budget for NPCC Inc. and NPCC CBRE	

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IST-3	TFIST EMS-SCADA Working Group	Provide a forum to identify, discuss and advance the technology of EMS-SCADA for the reliable operation of the NPCC Bulk Power System. The EMS-SCADA Working Group (IST-3) will also support TFIST in their work on issues related to EMS-SCADA.	December 2007
Status/ Comments: The EMS-SCADA Working Group held its initial meeting. They have responded to a question from CO-11, Inter-Control Area Restoration Working Group regarding control center and telecommunication center facilities.			
NPCC Inc. Contact:		Brian Hogue	
Reference:		NPCC 2007 Business Plan and Budget for NPCC Inc. and NPCC CBRE	



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IST-4	TFIST Cyber Security Working Group	Provide a forum to identify, discuss and advance the technology of Cyber Security for the reliable operation of the NPCC Bulk Power System. The Cyber Security Working Group (IST-4) will also support TFIST in their work on issues related to Cyber Security.	December 2007
	Status/ Comments:	The Cyber Security Working Group is in the process of being formed. The 2007-2008 TFIST Work Plan has defined the following possible action items for this Working Group: 1) support the CO-10 Working Group on their real-time operating tools project; 2) monitor the Homeland Security Information Network (HSIN) and share information with the CO-8 Working Group; and, 3) write a Regional Risk Methodology Guide to assist in the determination of NERC CIP0002 Requirement R1 - Critical Assets.	
	NPCC Inc. Contact: Reference:	Brian Hogue NPCC 2007 Business Plan and Budget for NPCC Inc. and NPCC CBRE	

Item	Name	Assignment	Completion Date:
IST-5	TFIST Physical Security Working Group	Provide a forum to identify, discuss and advance the use of Physical Security for the reliable operation of the NPCC Bulk Power System. The Physical Security Working Group (IST-5) will also support TFIST in their work on issues related to Physical Security.	December 2007
	Status/ Comments:	The Physical Security Working Group is in the process of being formed. The 2007-2008 TFIST Work Plan has defined the following possible action items for this Working Group: 1) review infrastructure security & technologies and provide recommendations to the RCC to enhance physical and cyber security compliance with NERC guidelines/standards; and, 2) develop a list of concerns and issues unaddressed by existing NERC Standards and NPCC Inc. Criteria which affect infrastructure security and reliability.	
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RFC-NPCC	RFC-NPCC Working Group	The RFC-NPCC Operating Studies Working Group, under the direction of the RFC-NPCC Steering Committee, conducts appraisals of the RFC-NPCC interconnected systems for expected summer and winter periods.	December 2007
Status/ Comments:		The Eastern Interconnection Reliability Assessment Group (ERAG) Management Committee now oversees all the interregional assessment studies in the eastern and western portions of the Eastern Interconnection, including RFC-NPCC. ERAG also has assumed responsibility for the Multi-regional Modeling Working Group (MMWG) and the inter-regional assessment. Base case development now comes under the MMWG. A draft 2007 summer report is under review and will be finalized by the end of May.	
NPCC Inc. Contacts: Reference:		Donal Kidney/Paul Roman NPCC 2007 Business Plan and Budget for NPCC Inc. and NPCC CBRE	

Item	Name	Assignment	Completion Date:
LESPWG	Lake Erie Security Process Working Group	The Lake Erie Security Process Working Group was formed to address the charge stemming from the Northeast Power Coordinating Council Security Process Plan. The Lake Erie Security Process has established Lake Erie line loading relief procedures developed by representatives from Ontario, the New York ISO, the Pennsylvania-New Jersey-Maryland Interconnection Association and the Michigan Electric Coordinated Systems.	December 2007
Status/ Comments:		The group has been dormant and presently has no Chairman. Retirement of the existing LEER process is being considered.	
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DCWG	Data Collection Working Group	Serve as the electric utility industry’s coordinator with the Department of Energy (DOE) and the Energy Information Administration (EIA) in submitting yearly data and in negotiating the requirements for data submission to the EIA.	December 2007
	Status/ Comments:	The EIA instituted its Form 411 internet based data collection system. NPCC Area’s reporting requirements are being collected, due March 30, 2007 to NERC. The TFCP, at its February 21, 2007 meeting, agreed to a recommendation from its CP-8 Working Group that this activity be coordinated through CP-8.	
		All NPCC Area’s (New York, New England, Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward Island) have completed and submitted the necessary data request for the EIA 411 effort. The data was reviewed by NPCC to ensure completeness before it was forwarded to NERC. All the submissions were made on or before the March 30 due date. NPCC will have to respond to any issues discovered after the data is the put through NERC’s error checking program.	
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