

**Joint Meeting of the  
New York State Reliability Council, L.L.C. (NYSRC)  
Reliability Rules Subcommittee (RRS)/  
Reliability Compliance Monitoring Subcommittee (RCMS)  
at the NYSEERDA Offices  
17 Columbia Circle, Albany, NY  
Thursday, March 1, 2012**

**Final Minutes of RCMS Meeting No. 146**

**RCMS/RRS Members and Alternates:**

Roger Clayton, Electric Power Resources (Chairman)  
Zoraini Rodriguez, LIPA (Secretary)  
Patrick Hession, LIPA  
Larry Hochberg, NYPA  
Wayne Sipperly, NYPA  
Dan Head, Con Edison  
Roy Pfleiderer, National Grid (Phone)

**Non-Voting Participants:**

Alan Adamson, NYSRC Consultant  
Jim Grant, NYISO  
Paul Kiernan, NYISO

**Guests:**

Paul Gioia, Executive Committee  
John Adams, NYISO  
Kristin Bluvas, NYISO  
Jim D'Andrea, TransCanada (Phone)  
Jim Orosz, Con Edison (Phone)  
Liam Baker, US Power Generator (Phone)

## **1. Introduction**

Roger Clayton called the meeting to order at 10:40AM.  
There is a new RCMS member from NYPA, Wayne Sipperly replacing Joharath Kutty.

### 1.1. Executive Session

None requested.

### 1.2. Requests for Additional Agenda Items

9.1 Draft RCMS Meeting Minutes #144.

## **2. Approval of Minutes / Action Items**

### 2.1 Approval of RCMS Minutes #145

The meeting minutes were approved pending changes and comments from other RCMS members. Ms. Rodriguez will revise the draft minutes and issue the final minutes.

### 2.2 RCMS Action Items List

The following open action items were reviewed:

- Action Item 144-3 which requires all RCMS members to review and clarify Policy 4 in reference to NYISO actions to ensure compliance is still ongoing.
- Action Item 145-1 is complete. This item is on today's agenda.
- Action Item 145-2 is complete. This item is on today's agenda.
- Action Item 145-3 is complete.
- Action Item 145-4 is complete. Mr. Smith revised wording in item "1. Changes in Facilities (Existing and Planned)" in the "Interim Area Transmission Review of the NYISO System" report as per RCMS suggestions.
- Action Item 145-5 is complete. RCMS agreed that the situation of the inability to restore load without TC Ravenswood would continue for an indeterminate period. Mr. Baker noted that Con Edison interconnection rules relating to black start requirements have been revised to ensure new generators have blackstart capability. These revisions may be challenged.
- Action Item 145-6 is complete. NYISO asked this action item to be waived and RCMS agreed.
- Action Item 145-7 is complete. Mr. Clayton gave status of the NYISO and Con Edison responses on NYCA black start program at the next EC meeting.

*Due to time conflicts and availability of RCMS guests on the phone, the Chairman decided to jump into item 5 of the Agenda.*

## **5. NYCA Black Start Program Issues**

### 5.1 Discussion and RCMS Conclusions

Mr. Adamson discussed the "Evaluation of the NYCA Blackstart Program" report that was sent out for comments earlier and asked for RCMS to come up with draft recommendations.

NYISO made some comments regarding the report. NYISO pointed out that the Con Edison presentation on its evaluation of the impact of TC Ravenswood leaving the Black Start Program was based on Con Edison's restoration Plan 8 which assumed that delay described by Con Edison could occur only under specific circumstances, namely when (i) the TransCanada units were operating prior to a system disturbance and are therefore available to provide timely restoration assistance and (ii) the system configuration is such that Con Edison is relying the specific restoration plan - among several - that relies on the TransCanada units rather than power from external sources.

It was also pointed out that measurements G-M1 and G-M3 were mentioned in the report but G-M2 was absent.

Mr. D'Andrea (TC Ravenswood) suggested a meeting with very limited participants from NYISO, PSC, Con Edison and a representative from EC only; to discuss technical recommendations to remove or reduce the 5 hours restoration delay associated with Con Edison restoration plan 8.

NYISO reported that they continue to communicate with TransCanada regarding the current year's black start program, and that the NYISO is pursuing market based improvements to the blackstart program that are intended to procure and retain necessary black start resources. Mr. Clayton pointed out that the EC would want to know what the NYISO wanted to do before the EC ruled. This proposal will be closed to the public.

Mr. Gioia suggested reaching out to PSC at the next EC meeting to see what their plans for this issue are. RRS members were encouraged to review the report and give recommendations in time for the next month's meeting.

Mr. Adamson stated that the submittal deadline for this report is the next month's meeting. The report will then be presented to the EC on April 13.

*RCMS broke for lunch at 12:20 pm and resumed at 12:50 pm.*

## 5.2 RCMS Paper to the Executive Committee

See 5.3.

## **3. NYSRC 2011 Reliability Compliance Monitoring Program**

### 3.1 2011 Reliability Compliance Monitoring Program Summary

The program summary includes a footnote that the EC approved our recommendation to waived NYISO GM-3 non-compliance.

### 3.2 Black Start Provider Requirements (G-M3) – Report to the Executive Committee on G-M3 Non Compliance

Mr. Clayton stated the version posted on the website is not the final. Changes were made after it was posted. The final version has been sent to Wes Yeomans in accordance with the Policy 4. This item is considered closed.

### 3.3 RCMS Report to the EC on 2011 Compliance Program Highlights

Mr. Clayton stated that RCMS found the NYISO in full compliance for all 2011 Compliance Program measurements. This includes G-M3 for which the EC waived NYISO non-compliance at its last meeting. Mr. Clayton will send this report to the EC.

## **4. 2012 NYSRC Reliability Compliance Program Measurements**

### 4.1 January and February Operations Report

There were no comments on the January Operations Report. Mr. Grant informed the group that the February Operations report is not yet available.

### 4.2 2011 NYCA Transmission Review (K-M2a, B-M1,2,3; I-M4; K-M3) – Revised Report

RCMS found that the NYISO is in full compliance based on the revised “Interim Area Transmission Review” report updated and presented by Mr. Smith.

Mr. Adamson suggested that the NYSRC Procedure for NYCA Transmission Reviews should be changed such that complete NYSRC-required assessments in Interim Area Transmission Reviews are not required when conditions have not changed since the previous review. In such cases, the NYISO could summarize the previous Review’s findings for each assessment. Accordingly, Mr. Adamson will draft changes in the NYSRC procedure for the NYCA transmission review under NYSRC Reliability Rules: Measurement K-M2A (AI - 146-1).

### 4.3 Compliance Reviews Scheduled for Next Meeting

The compliance reviews scheduled for next meeting are C-M2 and C-M3.

## **6. Review of Proposed Compliance Template Changes [AI 144-2]**

Mr. Adamson questioned the word “has conducted” versus “conducted” in the proposed Compliance Template changes. Mr. Adamson will get Mr. Gioia’s counsel on this re-wording proposal. (AI 146-2)

## **7. NYISO/NPCC/NERC Activities**

### 7.1 NYISO 2011-12 NERC/NPCC Compliance Program Status

Mr. Grant reviewed the NYISO 2011-12 NERC/NPCC Compliance Program Status report and gave a brief summary of the report.

### 7.2 NPCC Standards/Criteria Development Update

Covered in RRS.

### 7.3 NERC Standards Development Update

Covered in RRS.

### 7.4 NPCC Compliance Committee Report

Nothing to report.

### 7.5 Other NYISO, NPCC, and NERC Activities

Nothing to report.

## **8. Reports**

### 8.1 NYSRC EC Meeting Report

Covered in RRS.

### 8.2 NYSRC ICS Report

Covered in RRS.

## **9. Additional Agenda Items.**

### 9.1 Draft RCMS Meeting Minutes from #144

Mr. Head stated that the Meeting Minutes for RCMS #144 have not been finalized and are still awaiting comments. Mr. Head will send the meeting minutes #144 to all RCMS members (AI 146-3) next week for comments due by Friday March 9, 2012 and will submit for posting if no changes is presented.

## **10. Next Meeting #147:**

The next RCMS meeting #147 is scheduled on Thursday, April 5, 2012, 9:30 am @ NYSERDA, 17 Columbia Circle, Albany, NY.

The meeting was closed at 1:15pm.