

**Joint Meeting of the  
New York State Reliability Council, L.L.C. (NYSRC)  
Reliability Rules Subcommittee (RRS)/  
Reliability Compliance Monitoring Subcommittee (RCMS)  
NYSERDA, 17 Columbia Circle, Albany, NY  
Tuesday, December02, 2014**

**Draft Minutes of RCMS Meeting No. 179**

**RCMS Members and Alternates:**

Roger Clayton, Electric Power Resources (Chairman)  
Dan Head, Con Ed(Vice Chairman) (phone)  
Bria Gordon, NYSEG (phone)  
Zoraini Rodriguez, LIPA/PSEG (phone)  
Brian Shanahan, National Grid (phone)  
Wayne Sipperly, NYPA (Secretary)

**Non-Voting Participants:**

Al Adamson, NYSRC Consultant (phone)  
Jim Grant, NYISO  
Larry Hochberg, NYPA  
Aaron Markham, NYISO (phone)  
Jon Sawyer, NYISO (phone)

RCMS Meeting # 179 was called to order by Mr. Clayton at 10:36pm

## **1. Introduction**

### 1.1. Executive Session

None requested.

### 1.2. Requests for Additional Agenda Items

Mr. Clayton added the NYISO presentation on Emergency Transfer Criteria to the RCMS agenda as agenda item 7.1.

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

### 2.1 Approval of RCMS Minutes #178

The meeting minutes were approved with no modifications.

### 2.2 RCMS Action Items List

Action Item 160-1: No update was available.

Action Item 160-2: No update was available.

Action Item 173-1: Complete. To be discussed at this meeting.

Action Item 173-3: Ongoing. Mr. Grant reported that the Rate Schedule 5 changes related to PRR 116A have been sent to FERC and are awaiting FERC review/approval.

Action Item 178.1: Complete. To be discussed at this meeting.

Action Item 178.2: Complete. To be discussed at this meeting.

### **3. NYSRC 2014 Reliability Compliance Monitoring Program**

#### 3.1 2014 Scorecard Update

Mr. Adamson noted that the 2014 Scorecard was updated to include RCMS review dates and full compliance statements for measurements A-M3, C-M7, C-M8, G-M2, G-M3, and K-M2d completed last month.

#### 3.2 October Operations Report

Mr. Grant provided the NYISO October 2014 Operations Report and the report was accepted by RCMS. Mr. Clayton noted that there were three (3) emergency transfers for the month which is a decrease from the previous month. Mr. Grant noted that the NYISO will provide a presentation regarding the use of emergency transfers later in this meeting.

#### 3.3 List of NYS Bulk Power System Facilities (B-M4)

Mr. Grant submitted to RCMS the NYISO documentation certifying full compliance with measurement B-M4 for 2014. The NYISO follows the NPCC Criteria (Document A-10 Classification of Bulk Power System elements, 12/1/2009) for developing a list of NYS Bulk Power System facilities, called the A-10 List. Mr. Grant noted that the 2014 NYISO A-10 List has not changed from the previous year and that it has been discussed numerous times during 2014 RCMS meetings. Mr. Clayton noted that the last sentence in the B-M4 measurement description will be removed going forward and Mr. Grant stated that the NYISO concurs with the change. RCMS had no questions or comments regarding the compliance documentation provided by the NYISO. Mr. Sipperly made a motion that RCMS finds the NYISO in full compliance with B-M4 and it was seconded by Ms. Rodriguez. Motion passed. No further discussion and none opposed or abstained.

#### 3.4 Con Edison Procedures in Accordance with Local Rule I-R1, R2 and R4 Requirements (I-M5)

Mr. Grant submitted to RCMS the NYISO documentation certifying full compliance with measurement I-M5 for 2014. RCMS had no questions or comments regarding the compliance documentation provided by the NYISO. Mr. Headmade a motion that RCMS finds the NYISO in full compliance with I-M5 and it was seconded by Mr. Sipperly. Motion passed. No further discussion and none opposed or abstained.

### 3.5 LIPA Procedures in Accordance with Local Rule I-R5 Requirements (I-M6)

Mr. Grant submitted to RCMS the NYISO documentation certifying full compliance with measurement I-M6 for 2014. RCMS had no questions or comments regarding the compliance documentation provided by the NYISO. Mr. Clayton made a motion that RCMS finds the NYISO in full compliance with I-M6 and it was seconded by Ms. Rodriguez. Motion passed. No further discussion and none opposed or abstained.

## **4. NYSRC 2015 Reliability Compliance Monitoring Program**

### 4.1 Approval of REP Requirements/Measures for 2015 Compliance Program

Mr. Adamson presented the updated 2011-2015 Reliability Compliance Program Assessments & Reasons document which summarizes the last 4 years of measurements and those proposed for 2015. Mr. Adamson stated that there are 22 measurements proposed for 2015 which is down from 40 measures completed in 2014. Mr. Sipperly raised a question regarding the reasoning for selecting F-M3 as this was not identified in the document. In addition, F-M4 is identified as a Market Participant requirement and such requirements were excluded from compliance reviews. Upon further review, Mr. Adamson noted that FM-3 and FM-4 were also not listed on the Preliminary 2015 Compliance Program document and that he would need to investigate this issue further and send corrected forms to RCMS (new Action Item 179-1). Approval of the 2015 Compliance Program Assessments was deferred to the next meeting.

### 4.2 2015 Compliance Program Implementation Schedule

Mr. Adamson presented the Preliminary 2015 Compliance Program document. This document serves as an input to the 2015 Scorecard with the first three columns used for the scorecard and the last column on the left identifying the old measure designations for reference. Mr. Grant indicated that the NYISO had reviewed and provided comments regarding the Preliminary 2015 Compliance Program document. Mr. Adamson noted that the NYISO will be demonstrating compliance with the requirements as identified in the Related Requirement column. In addition, it was noted that for a subset of the requirements, the NYISO will be demonstrating compliance for multiple requirements as shown in parentheses in the Related Requirements column. Upon further discussion, it was agreed that the old measurement designations will be included as an appendix to the 2015 Scorecard. Mr. Adamson confirmed that the selection of the 2015 Compliance Program measures does not need Executive Committee approval until the Program is complete in February with the inclusion of compliance documentation requirements and due dates.

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

### 5.1 NYISO 2014 NERC/NPCC Compliance Program Status

Mr. Grant reported that the compliance tracker was updated to reflect certifications completed at the last RCMS meeting.

### 5.2 NPCC Standards/Criteria Development Update

Nothing new to report.

### 5.3 NERC Standards Development Update

This was reported in the RRS meeting.

### 5.4 NPCC Compliance Committee Report

Nothing new to report.

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

This was reported in the RRS meeting.

## **6. Reports**

### 6.1 NYSRC EC Meeting Report

This was reported in the RRS meeting.

### 6.2 NYSRC ICS Report

This was reported in the RRS meeting.

## **7. Additional Agenda Items.**

### 7.1 NYISO Emergency Transfer Criteria Presentation

NYISO staff [Jon Sawyer] provided a presentation on Emergency Transfer Criteria at the request of the Chairman. This request came out of discussions about the seemingly recent increased frequency of ETC declarations by the NYISO. The presentation reviewed the Emergency Transfer Criteria (ETC) as defined in the NYISO Emergency Operations Manual and provided real world examples of ETC from June 2014. Mr. Hochberg noted that according to the NYSRC Reliability Rules, it seems that ETC can be invoked only under certain specific conditions: 1) when adequate facilities are not available to supply firm load using normal transfer criteria, as per the NYSRC definition of ETC, 2) after a facility becomes overloaded as per Reliability Rule

F-R1.c, and 3) to provide transmission capability to deliver operating reserve as per Reliability Rule F-R5. The NYISO stated that they are taking ETC actions to avoid load shedding or to meet firm load in accordance with the NYISO Emergency Operations Manual. Mr. Hochberg also asked the NYISO why an Emergency or Major Emergency is not declared instead of an Alert when ETC are invoked. He cited NPCC Directory #1 section 5.1.2 which states “normal transfer capabilities are to be observed unless an emergency is declared” and noted that Section F. of the NYSRC Rules manual is titled “Operation During Major Emergencies” which contains the rules that permit ETC to be invoked as examples of the inconsistency. Mr. Clayton stated that it was unclear from the presentation if the NYISO actions regarding ETC could be tied back to the NYSRC Reliability Rules. Furthermore, there appears to be some inconsistency between the applicable Reliability Rules and NYISO actions and that the Reliability Rules may need to be revised to reflect NYISO responses to actual conditions. An item was added to the bucket list to address this issue in 2015. (Action Item #179-2)

Mr. Clayton questioned some of the examples provided in the presentation with regard to what has changed in the electric network that caused increased number of ETC declarations. The NYISO [Jon Sawyer] indicated that ETC varies year to year based on a number of factors and that staff was not sure that the number of ETCs has grown from year to year. NYISO noted that they have worked with PJM to resolve certain conditions in the southwest part of the state. Mr. Clayton noted that generation changes (i.e. Dunkirk) in western NY could be attributed to the system change and ETC being invoked. NYISO agreed and NGrid confirmed that they are making physical changes to their system.

## **8. Next Meeting #180:**

Next Meeting #180: Tuesday, January 6, 2015; 9:30 am @ NYSERDA, 17 Columbia Circle, Albany

The meeting was closed at 11:48 am

RCMS thanked Mr. Sipperly for serving as the RCMS secretary for 2014.