

**Meeting of the  
New York State Reliability Council, L.L.C. (NYSRC)  
Reliability Rules Subcommittee (RRS)**

**Final Minutes of Meeting #131  
RRS Meeting @ NYSERDA Offices  
17 Columbia Circle, Albany, NY  
Thursday, May 6, 2010**

**In Attendance:**

<b>Al Adamson</b>	Consultant	Member
<b>Larry Hochberg</b>	NYPA	Member
<b>Roger Clayton</b>	Chairman	Member
<b>Brian Gordon</b>	NYSE&G (Phone)	Member
<b>Henry Wysocki</b>	ConEd (Secretary)	Member
<b>Roy Pfleiderer</b>	National Grid	Member
<b>Kathy Whitaker</b>	NYISO	Guest
<b>Liam Baker</b>	US Power Gen	Guest
<b>Paul Kiernan</b>	NYISO	Member
<b>John Ravalli</b>	NYISO	Guest

**Agenda Items**

**1.0 Introduction**

Meeting 131 was called to order by Mr. Roger Clayton at 09:32.

**1.1 Executive Session**

No Executive Session was requested.

**1.2 Requests for Additional Agenda Items**

4.1 BES/BPS

4.2 NYISO target voltage

4.3 NYS Reliability Rules Glossary

## **2.0 Meeting Minutes/Action Items**

### **2.1 Approval of RRS Meeting #130 Minutes**

The minutes of RRS Meeting #130 were approved with changes as final.

### **2.2 Action Items List**

AI 129-2

Complete

AI 130-1

Complete

AI 130-3

Complete

AI 130-2

Complete

## **3.0 NYSRC Reliability Rules (RR) Development**

### **3.1 List of Potential RR Changes**

RRS reviewed the list of potential rule changes.

PRR 103

PRR 103 is posted for comments and the comment period ends on May 21, 2010. Two comments have been received to date, the first from Liam Baker of USPowerGen which was withdrawn after a clarification from the Chairman.

Paul Gioia (NYSRC Council) suggested that the compliance documentation entity for C-M11 should be the NYISO (not Market Participants and Developers) and the monitoring entity for C-M11 should be RCMS (not the NYISO) since NYSRC's jurisdiction is over the NYISO alone. It was agreed that this is an RCMS issue. It was suggested that RCMS consider leaving Market Participants and Developers as the compliance documentation entity, but bifurcating the compliance monitoring entity into: A. NYISO (reviews Market Participants and Developers compliance with C-M11); B RCMS (reviews NYISO certification of Market Participants and Developer compliance with C-M11).

AI 131-1: Mr. Al Adamson accepted as an action item to bring this matter up at RCMS.

## PRR 104

Ms. Kathy Whitaker made a presentation addressing testing of leading MVAR resource capacity. The focus was on the duration between tests. The proposal extends this duration from 1 year to 3 years. Mr. Hochberg questioned the lack of importance placed on leading Vars noting the recent high voltage on the system. Ms. Whitaker responded by saying that she acknowledges leading Vars are important and that the intent of the PRR was not to minimize the importance of leading Vars. Mr. Baker commented on the difficulty of performing lead testing. Mr. Baker made clear that while he is in favor of relaxing testing this does not translate into relaxing the ability to respond. Ms. Whitaker informed the RRS that the proposal was approved by NYISO's OC.

The RRS agreed to forward the PRR to the RCMS.

## PRR 105, Exceptions Review

Following discussion on the latest draft of PRR 105, Mr. Roy Pfleiderer of National Grid proposed that it be withdrawn and that the current practice with respect to Exceptions be continued. He noted that this current practice seems to meet our needs as evidenced by the recent removal of two exceptions during the latest NYISO annual review. The Chairman noted that the current Rules and Policy 1 only deals with establishing new exceptions and does not address revision or rescission of existing exceptions at any time at the TOs request, which is the subject of PRR 105. Mr Pfleiderer noted that the original intent of PRR 105 was to simply allow a TO to request an exception be removed at any time during the year. It appeared that our recent efforts are going beyond this original intent. Mr Pfleiderer further noted that if a TO today were to approach the EC with a request to remove an exception he suspects the EC would indeed accommodate this request. After further discussion, the Chairman suggested that, in the absence of a majority of RRS committee members being present, this issue be tabled for review and guidance by the EC. Mr. Pfleiderer also requested that the EC comment on the current Rule E-M9 and Policy 1-5 (Review of Exceptions Section) which requires that the NYISO perform an annual review of exceptions. Mr. Pfleiderer wanted to know if that meant that the NYISO validates each exception or request that the TOs validate each exception. It was noted that the practice has been the latter.

AI 131-2: Mr. Clayton accepted as an action item to review these matters with the EC.

## **3.2 NPCC Rules Revisions Updates**

### NPCC Update

Nothing to report.

## **3.3 NERC SARs/Organization Standards**

### NERC Standard Tracking

Nothing to report.

## **4.0 Additional Agenda Items**

### **4.1 BES/BPS**

Mr. Clayton informed the RRS that it appears that FERC will go forward with the 100kV and above definition of BPS. Any TO seeking an exemption to this definition must present their case to FERC for approval. The NPCC and the New York Reliability Council will present a response to FERC requesting a transition period. Mr. Kiernan then added that the NYISO responded and supported FERC with the ruling.

### **4.2 NYISO target voltage**

Mr. John Ravalli made a presentation on Targeted Voltages. He stated that the purpose of targeted voltages is to reduce transmission and distribution losses. Under the proposal, voltages would be optimized to obtain maximum flows. Previously, voltages were held to values which only maintained system reliability. Mr. Clayton brought up a concern that running at a higher voltage will reduce reserve reactive margins. Mr. Ravalli did not believe this was a concern since operating the system at a higher voltage would require that less reactive resources be held in reserve. Mr. Clayton then questioned how the operation of the Leeds and Fraser SVCs would be impacted. Mr. Ravalli stated that the operation would not be affected.

### **4.3 RR Glossary**

Mr. Pflleiderer noted inconsistencies under emergency transfer criteria section of the New York State Reliability Rules manual. The RRS agreed to perform a review of the Glossary items regarding emergency transfer criteria. Possible inconsistencies between contingencies used for thermal and voltage should be reviewed.

AI 131-3: As an action item the RRS agreed to review the Glossary items regarding emergency transfer criteria.

### **4.4 NYS Reliability Rules Exception List**

Mr. Adamson reviewed the current New York State Reliability Rules Exception List and presented the revisions needed to bring the list up to date. The focus of the discussion was the proper method of documenting the removal and modification of exceptions.

The list will now be posted separately from the New York State Reliability Rules manual.

## **5.0 Committee Reports**

### **5.1 EC**

Mr. Clayton reported on the latest DEC meeting. He stated that at the meeting Ed Schrom referenced a PSC order from 2000 that allowed any generator increasing its generation output in order to meet reliability needs would be exempt from any environmental violations.

AI 131-4: As an action item, Mr. Clayton agreed to discuss with Mr. Schrom the details of the PSC order.

### **5.2 ICS**

No report.

### **5.3 RCMS**

No report.

## **6.0 Next Meeting**

Meeting #131 was adjourned at 13:45

The next meeting (#132) is scheduled for Thursday, June 3, 2010 at 9:30 in the NYSERDA offices located at 17 Columbia Circle, Albany, NY.