



## **AESO Reliability Committee (ARC) Security Work Group (SWG) Standard Review Meeting**

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### **ARC Security Work Group**

Chair: Garry Spicer

Alternate Chairs: Doug Hincks, Jack Kelly

The AESO Reliability Committee (ARC) Security Work Group (SWG) is responsible for reviewing the North American Electric Reliability Council (NERC) Critical Infrastructure Protection (CIP) reliability standards to assess applicability of the standard requirements within Alberta. The group will also be examining measures and entity responsibilities for these standards. These activities are carried out in accordance with the ARC SWG Terms of Reference (DRAFT).

### **Summary of Previous Meeting**

Date of meeting: Thursday, 27 November, 2008, 9am – Noon.

Location: Enmax

### Outcomes:

- The SWG reviewed the outcomes of the previous meeting (06 November). No concerns were raised with the documented outcomes.
- The SWG discussed submitting comments on two items from NERC:
  - NERC CIP-002-009 version 2 proposed revisions
    - Inadequate time was available for the SWG to discuss these at length prior to the deadline for submission of comments to NERC.
    - SWG members could provide feedback either directly to NERC, or forward comments to Mark Thompson at the AESO. Mark can assemble any comments received and forward these to NERC as one set.
    - The SWG can review any key comments at its January meeting.
  - NERC CIP-006-1a
    - This is an interpretation regarding logging physical access to critical assets.
    - Inadequate time was available for the SWG to discuss these at length prior to the deadline for submission of comments to NERC.
    - SWG members can submit comments directly to NERC.
    - The SWG can review any key comments at its January meeting.

- Ken Gardner (AESO) provided a brief presentation regarding the AESO website, how to navigate it, and where to find information concerning the ARC SWG.
- The SWG discussed the applicability of the CIP standards to market systems.
  - The scope of the CIP standards was not originally intended to address market systems.
  - Some members did feel that, since some market systems are related to generation dispatch, the ARC SWG should consider concerns related to market system sabotage.
- The SWG briefly discussed the completed sabotage definition, with revisions based on the last SWG meeting and AESO internal review.
- The SWG reviewed a draft CIP-001 Alberta reliability standard, as prepared by the AESO, based on the NERC reliability standard:
  - CIP-001-1 – Sabotage Reporting:
    - <http://www.nerc.com/files/CIP-001-1.pdf>
  - The draft was presented as one means to address some of the concerns with the CIP standards that SWG members had discussed during earlier meetings. However, other alternatives may also be explored before a final approach is selected.
- The SWG requested additional information concerning:
  - The provincial ASSIST (Alberta Security and Strategic Intelligence Support Team).
  - The Role of the AESO System Coordination Centre (SCC) in managing the power system, including specifics of the System Controller (SC) role, as discussed in OPP 808.
  - Presentations on these topics were requested for the January meeting (if possible).
- The SWG discussed upcoming meeting dates:
  - The next meeting was tentatively set for either 15 or 22 January at Enmax. (22 January has been selected due to availability of presenters.)
  - No December meeting will be held.

### Schedule for Upcoming Security Work Group Meetings

Meeting Date	Location
Thursday, 22 January 2009 (9:00 am to 12:00 pm) (Confirmed)	Enmax
Date to be selected (TBD)	TBD

### Upcoming Meeting Agenda (22 January 2009)

1. Review outcomes from the previous meeting (27 November).
2. Discuss any feedback from the members on the NERC items:
  - NERC CIP-006-1a
  - NERC CIP-002-009 version 2 proposed revisions
3. Discuss direction and next steps with Alberta CIP-001
4. Presentation from Denis Huot of the provincial ASSIST (Alberta Security and Strategic Intelligence Support Team).
5. Presentation from Doug Hincks of the AESO regarding the Role of the AESO System Coordination Centre (SCC) in managing the power system, including specifics of the System Controller (SC) role, as discussed in OPP 808.

Please bring paper copies of the standard(s) to be reviewed to the meetings. If you have material (e.g. existing documented practices or procedures) that you believe would be helpful to the SWG, and you are willing to share the material with the SWG members, then please bring copies to the meetings.

If you are planning to attend the next Security Work Group meeting, then please RSVP to [allison.mathews@aeso.ca](mailto:allison.mathews@aeso.ca) by one week prior to the meeting.