



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

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, 05 March, 2009, 9am – Noon.

Location: Enmax

Outcomes:

- The SWG addressed housekeeping items:
 - No attendees indicated a need for additional workgroup binders.
 - No attendees indicated any problems with the email list.
 - Future meeting dates were proposed:
 - 16 April 2009
 - 14 May 2009
 - Outcomes of the previous meeting (12 February) were reviewed. No concerns were raised with the documented outcomes.
- Mark Thompson (AESO) provided an update on the NERC CIP 002 to 009 Standards Announcement – Ballot Pool and Pre-ballot Window
 - Voting on acceptance of the proposed version 2 of the NERC CIP standards begins soon.
 - Participants can forward comments to Mark at the AESO, or directly to NERC.
- Garry Spicer provided an update on CIP-001
 - AESO Compliance reviewed of this standard is complete.
 - Currently with AESO Legal for review. Should be completed in 2-3 weeks.

- Final draft should be available for stakeholder comment soon after Legal has finished with it.
- Diana Pommen (AESO) and Pedro Lagos (AESO) presented:
 - NERC ESSG Committee Meeting Summary;
 - Information on “NERC Alerts”;
 - Framework for Provincial Response to Emergencies and Security Threats, Incidents and Vulnerabilities: CEA RDTG/SIPC Task Group Initiative.
- The SWG reviewed some proposed changes to CIP-002. Specific comments and questions included:
 - It is proposed that the ISO would develop the list of Critical Assets (CA).
 - Responsible entities would develop their respective lists of Critical Cyber Assets based on the CA list.
 - Will the senior manager’s approval of the list of Critical Assets need to be changed to “acceptance” of the list of Critical Assets (i.e. acceptance of the list from the ISO)?
 - How would “new” assets coming online be treated? Would they be included by default, would an assessment be required before they could be brought online, or would they be caught by the annual review of the CA list?
 - How will “annual” be defined?
 - If remote control is disabled for cyber assets that affect Critical Assets, would this conflict with other AESO standards?

Schedule for Upcoming Security Work Group Meetings

Meeting Date	Location
16 April 2009	Enmax
14 May 2009	Enmax

Upcoming Meeting Agenda (05 March, 2009)

1. Housekeeping items:
 - Binders (does anyone need one?)
 - Email distribution list (anyone missing?)
 - Future meeting dates
2. Review outcomes from the previous meeting (05 March).
3. Status update on CIP-001.
4. Review current draft of CIP-002.

5. Discuss *Technical Feasibility Exceptions*. Please see the following NERC document as background information (Appendix 4D, Section 3 is of primary interest at this time):

http://www.nerc.com/files/TFE_RoP_Changes_Posting_Letter_%2020090313%20FINAL.pdf

6. Review CIP-003 and gather preliminary feedback (time permitting).
<http://www.nerc.com/files/CIP-003-1.pdf>

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 Betty.Dang@aeso.ca by one week prior to the meeting.