



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

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### **Agenda for 21 January, 2010**

#### **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, 10 December 9:00 a.m. – Noon.

Location: ENMAX

#### Outcomes:

- The SWG addressed housekeeping items:
  - Additional workgroup binders were offered to attendees
  - Email list: Updates made by Betty Dang
  - Future meeting dates:
    - 22 February (AESO 25<sup>th</sup> floor)
    - 22 March (AESO 25<sup>th</sup> floor)
  - News items discussed:
    - Status of U.S. DHS & Lofty Perch distribution of CS2SAT (Control System Cyber Security Self Assessment Tool)
  
- Outcomes of the previous meeting (21 November, 2009) were reviewed. No concerns were raised with documented outcomes
  
- Status Updates:
  - CIP-001-AB-1. This standard has been submitted for AUC approval.
- The SWG reviewed previous concerns regarding CIP-002-AB-1.
  - Timeline questions re: section R1.3 were addressed by the AESO

- Further issues regarding CIP-002 were identified. These included
  1. discussion regarding a request that the AESO define the method to be used by responsible entities in determining their respective CA and CCA lists. The AESO stated that the method would not likely be developed prior to approval of the CIP-002 standard, since that activity would form part of the AESO's internal implementation of the standard. It was also pointed out that the CA identification method is not needed for, nor would it likely be that helpful in, developing and maintaining the list mentioned in R1.3 of the draft.
  2. a request to reconsider the use of the word "substantial" in the compliance table.
  3. discussion regarding slides presented by the AESO describing an option for consideration due to aforementioned concerns with CIP-002. The slides were e-mailed to SWG members for their review. An option exists for responsible entities to determine their own respective CA and CCA lists, rather than having the AESO do it on their behalf.
- Revised versions of CIP-002 a and b, CIP-004 and CIP-005 have been e-mailed to SWG members.
- CIP-003-AB-2. This standard was reviewed, and no concerns or issues were raised by SWG members. As a result, it will be moved into the AESO's internal review process.
- CIP-004-AB-2. There was insufficient time to examine this standard at this meeting
- Additional items:
  - A request was made to have a presentation at a future meeting to help the SWG better understand the AESO's internal processes for developing reliability standards. AESO will consider asking Diana Pommen to provide an update to her previous presentation on this topic.
  - SWG members are reminded that the focus of the group should be upon the meaning and intent of the CIP Standards. Effort spent on minor wording changes may be unproductive, as AESO technical writing, legal and compliance departments may alter the wording to meet other requirements.
  - SWG meetings will increase to six hours duration in order to expedite processing of the CIPs commencing January 21<sup>st</sup>.
  - Links to NERC CA and NERC CCA identification documents were e-mailed to the SWG group for reference. These demonstrate a starting point the AESO may work with when the time comes to develop CA lists.

**Schedule for Upcoming Security Work Group Meetings**

Meeting Date	Location
Monday, 22 February, 9am to 3 pm	The AESO
Monday, 22 March, 9 am to 3 pm	The AESO

## Upcoming Meeting Agenda (10 December, 2009)

1. Housekeeping items:
  - Binders (does anyone need one?)
  - Email distribution list (anyone missing?)
  - Future meeting dates
  - Allison Mathews has assumed the administrative duties previously performed by Betty Dang, effective December 30
2. News items
3. Review outcomes from the previous meeting (December 10)
4. CIP completion schedule update
5. Status updates
  - CIP-003-AB-2
6. CIP-002-AB-2 (Critical Cyber Asset Identification)
  - Review latest updates – version A and version B based on feedback from previous meeting and subsequent e-mails
  - Make any final necessary revisions. Close discussion for CIP-002-AB-1
7. CIP-004-AB-2 (Security Management)  
CIP-005-AB-2 (Electronic Security Perimeter)
  - Review latest revisions

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 [AllisonMathews@aeso.ca](mailto:AllisonMathews@aeso.ca).