PARALLEL FLOW VISUALIZATION UPDATE

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The Wholesale Electric Quadrant’s Business Practices Subcommittee has been working on the Parallel Flow Visualization Project for some time. The BPS had posted the PFV draft Standards for a first round of informal comments in Feb/March 2013 and after addressing these comments, significant changes were made to the draft standards. The draft standards were then posted for a second round of informal comments in January, 2014. BPS is currently working on addressing these comments and it is expected to vote out these standards in third quarter of 2014.

BPS is planning to recommend full staffing/parallel test for these standards before these are filed with FERC. Therefore, after standards are voted out by EC these will go through a 12-18 months test period. Since changes to IDC tool will be required to conduct the parallel test, these changes will be made by IDCWG/IDC Association. NERC ORS will also oversee the impact on reliability and will monitor the test. NERC is also working on modification of IRO standards through their 5 year review process that will be necessary for PFV project. It will take 12-18 months for the IDCWG to develop requirements, make changes and test these changes to support the PFV Business Practice Standards before the parallel test can begin.

In addition to regular BPS meetings, a number of individuals are addressing action items outside of the meetings and bringing proposals back to the full subcommittee for consideration. Coordination is occurring with NERC Standards development efforts and Interchange Distribution Calculator Working Group (IDCWG)/IDC association.