

CIGRE Study Committee C2 – Operation and Control

PROPOSAL FOR THE CREATION OF A NEW WORKING GROUP (1)

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Technical Issues # (2): 5 Strategic Directions # (3): 1 & 2

The WG applies to distribution networks (4): Yes

Title of the Group: Operations Performance, Training Goals and Operator

Performance Measurement

Scope, deliverables and proposed time schedule of the Group:

Background:

Due to growing power system and market complexities there are increasing challenges, for modern day TSO and DSO, related to power system performance, and consequently to operator training and its effectiveness. These challenges can be identified best during the large system disturbances and blackouts, when actual demonstrated level of operators' performance might be not up to the expected level. The problem is aggravated by the fact that the operator work goals, and thus their performance goals, are rarely explicitly defined and quantified with suitable KPI's and metrics. Thus a lack of feedback very much limits effectiveness of training and the ability to adapt it to individual needs.

Scope:

Based on Cigre work done so far, that was presented in the recent TB 524, a vast amount of knowledge regarding operator training was acquired and illustrated with several usecases from around the world. Issues of operator work performance were identified but, since the issues are not simple, there was no in depth analysis of how to quantify it and how to measure operators' performance.

The main scope of work of this WG will be focused on **operations performance** and its relation with operator training goals, consequently with **operator performance** quantification and measurement.

Within the operations performance and the operator performance domain/scope, the main activities will include:

- Review and identify existing utility practices in operations performance targets and setting of indicators.
- Identify eventual mappings between the corporate level performance goals and operations performance goals and indicators.
- Review utility practice in operator training goals setting. Identify eventual indicators.
- Identify possible mappings between the operations performance goals and operator training goals.
- Develop recommendations how to include these mappings and corresponding indicators in the training program development framework previously developed by the WG C2.33 and presented in the TB 524.
- Interaction of Market Rules and Operator Performance.

Based on the developed recommendations within the operating personnel **training** domain, **other activities will include**:



- Identify operations related issues suitable for state of the art operator training tools use.
- Identify possible impact of training using state of the art training tools on operator performance.
- Develop recommendations to utilities regarding introduction and use of state of the art training methods and tools in operations personnel education and training.

Deliverables: One Electra paper and one or two conference papers.

Time Schedule: start July 2013 Final report: 2016

The WG will start from July 2013 and be disbanded by June 2016.

Above defined activities will be performed in a phased manner, i.e. we shall start with the operations performance and continue with the operator performance to conclude with the training performance. Publishing of the results reached will be also phased.

First year: Collection and review of information about operations performance and its indicators. Relation to the corporate performance goals.

Second year: Collection and review of information about operator performance quantification and measurement as well as about operator training goals and performance. Documentation and publishing.

Third year: Identification of eventual mappings between operations goals and training goals. Possible training improvements, including those that can be achieved through existing and prospective training tools. Recommendations and documentation of findings. Publishing.

M. Walde

Comments from Chairmen of SCs concerned:

Approval by Technical Committee Chairman :

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(1) Joint Working Group (JWG) - (2) See attached table 1 - (3) See attached table 2

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Table 1: Technical Issues of the TC project "Network of the Future" (cf. Electra 256 June 2011)

1	Active Distribution Networks resulting in bidirectional flows within distribution level and to the upstream network.
2	The application of advanced metering and resulting massive need for exchange of information.
3	The growth in the application of HVDC and power electronics at all voltage levels and its impact on power quality, system control, and system security, and standardisation.
4	The need for the development and massive installation of energy storage systems, and the impact this can have on the power system development and operation.
5	New concepts for system operation and control to take account of active customer interactions and different generation types.
6	New concepts for protection to respond to the developing grid and different characteristics of generation.
7	New concepts in planning to take into account increasing environmental constraints, and new technology solutions for active and reactive power flow control.
8	New tools for system technical performance assessment, because of new Customer, Generator and Network characteristics.
9	Increase of right of way capacity and use of overhead, underground and subsea infrastructure, and its consequence on the technical performance and reliability of the network.
10	An increasing need for keeping Stakeholders aware of the technical and commercial consequences and keeping them engaged during the development of the network of the future.

Table 2: Strategic directions of the TC (cf. Electra 249 April 2010)

1	The electrical power system of the future
2	Making the best use of the existing system
3	Focus on the environment and sustainability
4	Preparation of material readable for non technical audience