

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Managing Transmission Line Ratings

Docket No. AD19-15-000

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTICE OF TECHNICAL CONFERENCE

(August 20, 2019)

As announced in the Notice of Technical Conference issued in this proceeding on June 28, 2019, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) will convene a staff-led technical conference in the above-referenced proceeding on Tuesday, September 10, 2019 from approximately 8:45 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Wednesday, September 11, 2019 from approximately 8:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Eastern Time. The conference will be held in Hearing Room 1 at Commission headquarters, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426. Commissioners may attend and participate. The purpose of this conference is to discuss issues related to transmission line ratings, with a focus on dynamic and ambient-adjusted line ratings. In particular, this conference will explore what transmission line rating methodologies and related practices might constitute best practices, and what, if any, Commission action in these areas might be appropriate. There will be an opportunity to provide comments after the conference. A notice establishing a date when comments are due will be published after the conference.

The agenda and a list of participants for this conference are attached. The conference will be open for the public to attend in person, or to attend remotely via a webcast. Those who plan to attend the conference in person are encouraged to complete the registration form located at <http://www.ferc.gov/whats-new/registration/09-10-19-form.asp>. There is no registration deadline for in person attendees, but we strongly encourage attendees who are not citizens of the United States to register for the conference as soon as possible, in order to avoid any delay associated with being processed by FERC security. Those who plan to attend the conference remotely via webcast must register by 5:00 PM EST on September 3, 2019. The webcast may not be available to those who do not register.

Information on the technical conference (including a link to the webcast) will be posted on the Calendar of Events on the Commission's web site, <http://www.ferc.gov>. The conference will be transcribed. Transcripts will be available immediately for a fee from Ace Reporting (202-347-3700).

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September 10-11, 2019

## Agenda

### Day 1 – Tuesday, September 10, 2019

**8:45 am – 9:00 am:**            **Welcome and Opening Remarks**

**9:00 am – 10:30 am:**        **Panel 1: Introduction to Transmission Line Rating Methodologies**

Panel 1 will provide an introduction to transmission line rating methodologies including static line ratings, seasonal line ratings, ambient-adjusted line ratings (AARs), and dynamic line ratings (DLRs). For the more technically advanced AAR and DLR methodologies, this panel will provide a technological overview, discuss the implementation process, and discuss the extent of current use and expected future adoption.

#### **Panelists:**

- Joey Alexander, Ampacimon SA and Elia System Operator
- T. Bruce Tsuchida, The Brattle Group, Inc.
- Rob Gramlich, Grid Strategies LLC, Working for Advanced Transmission Technologies (WATT), and the American Wind Energy Association (AWEA)
- Jake Gentle, Idaho National Laboratory
- Jack McCall, Lindsey Manufacturing Co. and WATT
- Hudson Gilmer, LineVision, Inc.

**10:30 am – 10:45 pm:**        **Break**

**10:45 am – 12:45 pm:**        **Panel 2: DLR and AAR Implementation Benefits and Challenges**

Panel 2 will discuss benefits and challenges to DLR and AAR implementation, including economic and operational/reliability benefits/challenges, practical lessons learned, and factors that may favor one approach over another. DLR or AAR implementation benefits could include economic benefits, operational/reliability benefits, and/or open access benefits (e.g., reducing instances where transmission capability above a static or seasonal rating is released only on an *ad hoc* basis, and not made generally available). DLR or AAR implementation challenges could involve DLR sensor placement, forecasting,

applicability given other limiting elements, market alignment between either the real-time and day ahead markets or between energy markets and the financial transmission rights markets, coordination, cyber security issues, and/or reliability margins. This panel will also discuss any best practices towards implementing DLRs or AARs in a way that maximizes benefits and addresses challenges. This panel will discuss whether transmission owners could perform a periodic study of the cost-effectiveness of implementing DLRs on their most congested transmission lines. Finally, panelists should discuss how the Commission could encourage the adoption of DLRs or AARs when despite being cost-effective, DLRs or AARs are not implemented by the transmission owner.

**Panelists:**

- Swarj Jammalama, Apex Clean Energy Partners
- Francisco Velez, Dominion Energy, Inc.
- Babak Enayati, National Grid USA Service Company, Inc.
- Chunchuan (Charlie) Xu, New York Power Authority (NYPA)
- Howard Gugel, North American Electric Reliability Corp. (NERC)
- Shaun Murphy, PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.
- Blake Wheatley, Southern California Edison

**12:45 pm – 2:00 pm: Lunch**

**2:00 pm – 4:00 pm: Panel 3: Discussion of a Possible Requirement for Transmission Owners to Implement AARs**

Panel 3 will build on the background from panels 1 and 2 to discuss whether transmission owners should be required to implement AARs and, if so, how such a requirement might be structured.

Related to this proposal for discussion, staff poses the following additional questions:

- Would a requirement for transmission owners to implement AARs be appropriately applied to all transmission lines, or a subset of transmission lines? If a subset, how would the appropriate set of transmission lines be determined?
- Are there any anticipated benefits, challenges, or costs related to incorporating AARs into RTO/ISOs' energy management systems (EMS) (or other systems) that should be considered when evaluating this proposed requirement?
- How would AARs be incorporated into the determination of available transfer capability (ATC)? Specifically:

- a. How would AAR-related changes to ATC affect point-to-point transmission service and network transmission service?
  - b. Would such changes to ATC have different effects on point-to-point transmission service in bilateral markets versus point-to-point transmission service in RTOs/ISOs (where point-to-point transmission service is largely relegated to through-and-out, and similar types of service)?
  - c. For what point-to-point transmission products (hourly, daily, etc.) should AARs affect ATC values?
- What, if any, updates would need to be made to RTO/ISO and/or transmission owner software and communications to accommodate their accepting and using an AAR data stream?

**Panelists:**

- Carlos Casablanca, American Electric Power Company, Inc. (AEP)
- Dennis Kramer, Ameren Services Company
- Dede Subakti, California Independent System Operator Corp. (CAISO)
- Michelle Pivach Bourg, Entergy Services, LLC
- Rikin Shah, PacifiCorp
- Mike Wander, Potomac Economics
- Amanda Frazier, Vistra Energy

**4:00 pm:****Adjourn**

**Day 2 – Wednesday, September 11, 2019****8:45 am – 9:00 am: Welcome and Opening Remarks****9:00 am – 10:30 am: Panel 4: Ability of RTOs/ISOs to Accept and Utilize DLRs in Operations and Markets**

The panel 4 discussion will focus on the ability of RTOs/ISOs to accept and use DLRs. Staff does not propose for discussion a requirement for transmission owners to implement DLRs but rather proposes to discuss the ability of RTOs/ISOs to accept and use DLRs. Even if a transmission owner sought to implement DLRs, an RTO/ISO may have limited capability to accept a DLR signal. Such limitations could serve as a barrier to implementation of DLR technology. Panel 4 will discuss whether it would be appropriate to require the RTOs/ISOs to modify their market software and communications capabilities and standards to accommodate the use of DLRs by transmission owners.

For this discussion, staff poses the following additional questions:

- Can RTOs/ISOs currently accept and use a DLR data stream from a transmission owner? What needs to be modified to address any barriers to RTOs/ISOs accepting and using DLR data streams?
- How does the implementation of AARs by an RTO/ISO differ from implementation of DLRs? If an RTO/ISO implements the use of AARs in its software and communications capabilities and standards (data formats, internet protocols, cyber security requirements, etc.), what else must it do to implement DLRs?
- What responsibilities, if any, should the RTOs/ISOs have with regard to any verification of values provided by the transmission owners? How should any disputes regarding disagreements of values between the transmission owner and RTO/ISO be resolved?
- If DLRs or AARs were adopted, what if any additional coordination might be necessary? For instance, coordination across RTO/ISO seams, across transmission owner seams, or within or between reliability coordinators.

**Panelists:**

- Adam Rousselle Sr., Alternative Transmission Inc. (ATI)
- Sean Morash, EnerNex
- Brett Wangen, GridSME and Western Interconnection Regional Advisory Body (WIRAB)

- J.T. Smith, Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc. (MISO)
- Aaron Markham, New York Independent System Operator, Inc. (NYISO)
- Garrett Crowson, Southwest Power Pool, Inc. (SPP)

**10:30 am – 10:45 am: Break**

**10:45 am – 12:15 pm: Panel 5: Discussion of Transparency of Transmission Line Rating Methodologies**

Panel 5 will discuss whether additional transparency is necessary with regards to each transmission owners' transmission line rating methodology. However, outreach participants have commented that transmission line rating methodologies can be opaque. With this in mind, Panel 5 will address whether such methodologies should be posted publicly, should be incorporated into Commission-approved RTO/ISO and transmission owner tariffs, or made transparent in other ways. Related to this proposal for discussion, staff poses the following questions:

- Are there examples of best practices for documenting line rating methodologies, either in tariffs or other documents, which might serve as models for how to make such methodologies transparent?
- What calculation considerations, and what communication processes are used when transmission owners change transmission line ratings in transmission planning models and in transmission operations?
- Should methodologies, assumptions, and/or line ratings for specific transmission lines be available for review and challenge by market participants, and/or for audit by the Commission? What, if any, changes to information and document retention with respect to line ratings might be needed?
- How would this proposal for discussion overlap or coordinate with the existing requirement for transmission providers to include their ATC calculation methodologies in an appendix to their tariff?

**Panelists:**

- Carlos Casablanca, American Electric Power Company, Inc. (AEP)
- Dennis Kramer, Ameren Services Company
- Devin Hartman, Electricity Consumers Resource Council (ELCON)
- Michelle Pivach Bourg, Entergy Services LLC
- Michael Kormos, Exelon Corp.

- Joe Bowring, Monitoring Analytics
- Michael Chaisson, Potomac Economics

**12:15 pm – 12:30 pm:    Adjourn**