AMI-SEC Task Force Teleconference
Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 12, 2009

Daren Highfill, Chair

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Summary

The team discussed the Risk Assessment revision editing process, D.C. outreach, shift in focus from AMI-SEC to UtiliSEC, coordination with NIST CSCTG and organizational and logistics items for the next meetings.

Documents

Documents are hosted on AMI-SEC SharePoint: Meeting Minutes.

Technical Discussion

Risk Assessment

Eric Robinson presented the status of the revision work of the AMI Risk Assessment. The team had its kick-off meeting approximately one month ago. Eric reported that he is starting to receive revisions. The deadline is Friday, March 13th for edits. Full document editing will begin week of the 16th for those interested in contributing.

DC Outreach

Paul D. Martini will be testifying in Darren's spot at the hearing on March 24th. NIST (National Institute for Standards and Technology) is under tremendous pressure to produce to show progress for an interoperability framework for the electric grid as stated in the 2007 Energy Act. The AMI-SEC TF (Task Force) is being seen as a success story by congressional members. Pat Hoffman's, Principle Deputy Assistant Secretary (PDAS) for the Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability at the US Department of Energy, testimony last month before the senate called out the UCAIug and the AMI-SEC TF work in a positive light.

Shift Focus to UtiliSEC

The Chair stated that he would like for members of this group to change its focus from AMI to Smart Grid. The Open Smart Grid subcommittee is now staffed and there have been some organizational changes in the UCAIug. There should be no impact on the UtiliSEC WG and AMI-SEC TF.

There are three new lists serves for UtiliSEC:

- UtiliSEC Members – For utility members of UtiliSEC

- UtiliSEC Announce - The intent is that it will serve in the same fashion as the AMI-SEC listserv

- UtiliSEC Technical – Designed to serve as an open discussion forum for technical issues

The AMI-SEC will only be used for AMI security discussions moving forward. The task force members agreed to copy the membership list from the AMI-SEC listserv to create the new UtiliSEC Announce. Members who wish not to be included in this list can send an email to Darren@enernex.com to be removed.

The Chair mentioned that in transitioning from AMI-SEC to Smart Grid and pressures from the Department of Energy (DOE) and government may require that we return to having meetings more often; every other week.

Current activities include the GRASP (Grid Reliability and Security Profile) project – an initiative to develop guidance and a formalized plan for Smart Grid security. One of the objectives for GRASP is to leverage utility domain expertise (utility systems architects). The Chair asked that those who would like to participate in the funded effort contact him by the end of business Friday, March 13th.

Coordination with NIST CSCTG

NIST has formed a new group called CSCTG (Cyber Security Coordination Task Group). Annabelle Lee from NIST is chairing the group. Group size is limited to 50 members for manageability. The Chair discussed that he will participate on this task group to coordinate UtiliSEC and AMI-SEC activities and help prevent parallel efforts.

Action Items
- Risk Assessment Editing – Those interested in participating in reviewing and editing the existing AMI-SEC Risk Assessment should contact Eric Robinson (Itron). Review of full document to begin next week (starting Monday, March 16th).

- GRASP Participation – Those interested in participating in GRASP should contact Darren Highfill (EnerNex) immediately.

Upcoming Meetings

Teleconference:

- April 2nd, 2-3 PM EDT

Face-to-Face:

- April 14th-16th hosted by FPL in Miami, FL
(Information has been posted to the listserv including directions and FPL discounted hotel rates)

- July 14th-16th hosted by AEP in Columbus, OH

- October 20th-22nd hosted by EnerNex in Knoxville, TN