

SECTION 305 TECH SUB COMM

MINUTES

JUNE 19, 2014

3:00PM EASTERN

CONFERENCE CALL

FACILITATOR	<i>Mario Bergeron, Chair, NGENC Technical Subcommittee</i>
ATTENDEES	Core Team Members: Mario Bergeron, Dale Engelhardt, Jeff Gordon for Kevin Kesler, Marci Petterson, Allan Paul, Jack Madden, Art Peterson, Melissa Shurland, Tammy Krause, Michel Burshtin, Andrew Wood, Devin Rouse, Steve Hewitt, Nico Lindenau, Sara Sarkhili, Patrica Llana, Vincent Brotski Industry Members: Tom Sisler, Paul Jamieson, Al Bieber, Rich Stegner, Josh Coran, Craig Mckeen, Tom Hunt,
ABSENTEES	<i>Kevin Kesler, Stan Hunter, Charles Poltenson, Phillip Meraz, Missy Wilbers, Kerri Woehler, Dave Warner, Darrel Smith, Jeff Schultz, Anand Prabhakaran, Charles Bielitz, Brian Marquis, Michael Cortman, Shayne Gill, Greg Gagarin, Camren Cordell, Curtis McDowell, Larry Salci, Andy House</i>

DISCUSSION/DECISIONS MADE

1.

Chairman Mario Bergeron called today's meeting to order and asked Steve Hewitt to call the roll.

After calling the roll, Steve confirmed the presence of a quorum.

As always, industry participants are asked to email a notification of their attendance to Steve Hewitt at shewitt109@aol.com

2.

Review of the Meeting Agenda – Mario Bergeron:

Mario Bergeron provided a brief overview of today's meeting agenda.

3.

Review of Action Items – Steve Hewitt:

Steve Hewitt reviewed the open action items, providing a brief update on those items that were not to be specifically covered on the agenda:

Maintaining Industry Participation List: Status: Steve reported that this remains an ongoing action item. There are currently **225** registered industry participants.

Requesting Backgrounder educational document: The updated Backgrounder remains available. Members who would like to receive Backgrounders should let Steve know how many copies are needed and where to send them.

Updating ECP Standards: This is an ongoing item which the Technical subcommittee is tracking – it is anticipated that status updates will take place on every other call.

Paul Jamieson provided the following report for inclusion in today's minutes:

"Static train testing consisting of a cab car, 2 – 26C equipped coaches, 2 – ECP equipped coaches in Emulation Mode (BP operation)) (one each from NYAB and Wabtec), and an ASC-64 locomotive is scheduled for this weekend at the Penn Coach yard – Philadelphia."

Metro North Dual Mode Specification: Jack Madden, NYSDOT, will continue to keep the subcommittee updated on the status of the Metro North Dual Mode specification as it is developed. (This is an internal New York State process, not an official NGENC effort.)

Status: Jack Madden, NYSDOT, reported that the status remains the same – the specification development is on hold.

Locomotive Specification: Tammy Krause will contact Mike Iden, AAR, regarding locomotive specification

contact.

Status: Tammy reported that she has been referred to another contact at AAR.

On another issue: Tammy reported that a meeting is being scheduled by Michael Fore, AAR to discuss items related to the DTL specification. Among those expected to attend the meeting are Tammy Krause, Jack Madden, Kevin Kesler and Michael Fore. The meeting is expected to take place on July 10th in Washington, DC.

**4.
Approval of the Minutes of the June 5, 2014 Technical subcommittee conference call – Mario Bergeron:**

On a motion by NCDOT and a second by NYSDOT, the Minutes from the June 5, 2014 Technical subcommittee call were approved without objection.

**5.
Accessibility Working Group/related issues update –Melissa Shurland:**

RVAAC:

Melissa Shurland reported that the RVAAC subcommittee on Rooms and Space Areas met earlier today (June 19, 2014). The focus of the discussions revolved around accessibility needs in sleeping compartments and restrooms. Clearance recommendations for wheelchairs will be made by the subcommittee.

One specific item discussed was the need for a work station in the sleeping compartment to be crash worthy as specified by APTA.

VIA Rail car sleeping compartments were used as a part of the discussion as they have "good practices" especially with regard to turnaround clearance for wheelchairs.

AWG:

Melissa reported that the restroom drawings are being finalized and, once they are, they will be sent to the AWG for review, and eventually to the Technical subcommittee and Accessibility Policy Group for consideration. The target is the end of July, 2014.

Mario Bergeron asked "how will this update fit with the work of the RVAAC?"

Melissa responded that the drawings can support the RVAAC effort as well, and can be presented as a baseline recommendation once the NGEN has approved it.

The NGEN AWG is ahead of the RVAAC – so "we can help support" their efforts.

Mario asked if there was an update from the Signage subcommittee (RVAAC) this week. Melissa noted that they meet only once a month – their next meeting is in July – so there is nothing new to report.

**6.
Document Control update –Dave Warner:**

Dave Warner provided the following report for inclusion in today's minutes:

"Chairman Curtit has the final version of the 120 proposed changes submitted by the Bi-Level procurement team, and progress is being made on the Review Panel's review.

I spoke to Rich Stegner of the IDOT/Locomotive procurement team yesterday, and was able to answer questions he had on recording the DCRs to be added to the previously reviewed 19 changes. There was nothing in the discussion to suggest the previously reported submission goal of July won't be met.

Finally, work continues on updating the Trainset Revision A specification that was approved last December by the Executive Board."

7.

Update: NGEN Dual Mode Locomotive Specification Development – Dave Warner:

Dave Warner noted there was nothing new to report.

Jack Madden reported that he has learned that the completion of the D-E Locomotive DCRs “has slipped another month”. The Dual Mode Locomotive Specification development will not occur until D-E Revision A.1 has been completed.

Mario noted that he is patient as he understands there is no sense of urgency for completing the Dual Mode (no immediate demand for an order), but he does want to keep it progressing.

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Update: NGEN Procurements:

a. Diesel-Electric Locomotive – Art Peterson:

Art Peterson reported that the Preliminary Design Review (PDR) is complete.

Alignment meetings planned for July, 2014.

Intermediate Design Review (IDR) will take place in Chicago in the October/November time frame.

The first invoice is anticipated to be received later in July or early August.

b. Bi-Level Car Procurement – Art Peterson:

Art reported that the Nippon Sharyo and project team continue to hold regular meetings.

A management team is meeting weekly to discuss a variety of issues and “nail down” solutions.

Mario Bergeron asked if the quantity increase is still expected.

Art responded that the possibility of going to 175 cars in total continues to be discussed.

9.

Update: DTL Specification Development – Tammy Krause:

Tammy Krause provided the following update for inclusion in today’s minutes:

“The Locomotive Working Group provided comments on the DTL hardware specification and we will be holding a conference call on Tuesday to discuss the comments. The first draft of the software specification should be released to the DTL working group next week.”

10.

Next conference call – July 17, 2014

In deference to the July 4th Holiday – the July 3rd Technical subcommittee call is canceled.

11.

Adjourn:

With no other business to come before the Technical subcommittee today, the call was adjourned at approximately 3:30 pm Eastern.

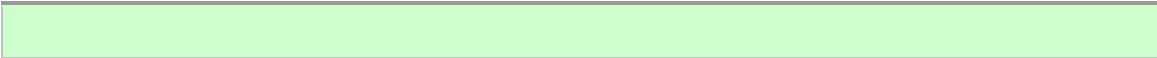
Next conference call – July 17, 2014 – 3:00pm Eastern

Decisions and Action Items

RVAAC subcommittee conference calls are held once a month. The schedule was included in the meeting minutes of April 24, 2014. The full RVAAC will meet again September 11-12, 2014. Information on the meetings can be found on the RVAAC website. Members of the Technical subcommittee and Industry participants are asked to assist with support for the subcommittees. If interested in helping please contact Blair Slaughter – slaughB@amtrak.com.

Updating ECP Standards: remains as a standing action item and as activities occur; Paul Jamieson will provide status updates to the subcommittee. (Ongoing) Next update July 17, 2014.
Maintaining Industry Participation List: This remains an ongoing action item. There are currently 225 registered industry participants. (ongoing)
MN Dual Mode Locomotive Specification development: Jack Madden, NYSDOT, will keep the subcommittee informed if and when the Metro North Dual Mode specification effort resumes.
Requesting Backgrounder educational document: The "Backgrounder" has been updated to reflect the new Board members and leadership of the Committee, and is available for distribution. Members who would like copies of the new Backgrounder should contact Steve Hewitt.
Dual Mode Locomotive Specification Development: This effort is contingent upon completion of the D-E Locomotive Rev A.1. As of now that schedule has slipped about a month from the previous time frame.
There will be a meeting with FRA, Amtrak, AAR and states on July 10, 2014 in Washington DC to discuss issues related to the DTL specification.
Target date for AWG review of the restroom drawings is the end of July, 2014.

ATTACHMENTS



PRIIA Section 305 Tech Sub Committee Meeting
June 19, 2014

The agenda for the meeting is below:

- 1. Roll Call Steve Hewitt

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| 2. Review meeting agenda | Mario Bergeron |
| 3. Review Action Items | Steve Hewitt |
| 4. Approve Minutes of June 5, 2014 | Mario Bergeron |
| 5. Accessibility Working Group/related issues update | Melissa Shurland |
| a. RVAAC update | |
| b. AWG Status Update: single level restroom drawings | |
| 6. Document Control update | Dave Warner |
| 7. Update: Dual Mode Diesel Locomotive Specification Development | Dave Warner |
| 8. Update: Procurements | |
| a. Diesel-electric locomotive | Art Peterson |
| b. Bi-level Cars | |
| 9. Update: DTL Specification development | Tammy Krause |
| 10. Next call July 17, 2014 | Steve Hewitt |
| 11. Review this meeting: | Steve Hewitt |
| a) Decisions | |
| b) New Action Items | |

***Technical Sub Committee Conference Call Meeting:
Thursday June 19, 2014 3:00 Eastern 1-866-209-1307 / passcode 6486648#***

***Please call in a few minutes early so all is in attendance for Roll Call.
Thank you***

Next Call – 7-17-14 at 3:00pm Eastern