

What's Changed

The Annual Outage Plan format has additional columns and some new fields. The new format and process utilizes automation from our planning and scheduling tools, and will be posted daily at prescribed times. The information content is essentially the same, with changes to the display of information.

The Annual Outage Plan document had been manually built and updated requiring a significant amount of time. The types of changes made to the document had evolved since 2010 to provide one significant feature: the ability to identify the changed entry (for new entries, cancellation, rescheduling)

All of the information is extracted from our Outage Scheduling tool (CROW).

- Strikeouts (cancellations and reschedules) and highlights (new and reschedules) are replaced by “Status”. The values include:
 - Proposed – used to place the item in the plan. Should be considered as approved-in-plan
 - Submitted – committed to by requestor
 - Approved – a status used for our control centre use
 - Implemented – the outage is in progress
 - Completed – the outage request is complete
 - Cancelled – outage request number will not be taken
- Revision date: this aspect replaces in part the last update column for TTC forecast, and provides an identifier of what is new or changed.
- Frequency of posting. Currently the plan is posted adhoc but timely for new entries, cancellations and reschedules. This will be moving to posting once per day on weekdays only. The time of posting is expected to be just after 10:30 am.
 - Initially the spreadsheet will be created automatically, reviewed and posted manually for a trial period of about 4 weeks. An announcement will be made when the next process will be initiated.
 - Following the trial period, the automation will include the automatic posting at the prescribed time.
 - Future: option to post with greater frequency (for example, twice per day, or greater.)
- The posting at a prescribed time provides a consistent same time release of information.
- The Control Room Operating Window (CROW) currently provides event and approved planned outage requests (for the next two weeks) postings on the Current Outages page. The use of CROW for posting the annual plan eliminates significant duplications of effort and inconsistencies in the post, by utilizing the same source data directly from the CROW tools.