

NEWSLETTER

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RSTC Business

Risks Prioritization

Based on the Risk Priorities identified by the Reliability Issues Steering Committee (RISC), the RSTC has identified four strategic priorities: 1) energy assurance, 2) inverter-based resources, 3) distributed energy resources, and 4) supply chain security. Cyber security is integral to each of these strategic priorities. More information on this can be found in Chapter 3 of the [RSTC Strategic Plan](#).

Subcommittees/Working Groups/Task Forces Quarterly Activity

The Reliability and Security Technical Committee (RSTC) establishes subcommittees, working groups, and task forces as necessary. The RSTC is responsible for sponsoring all subordinate subcommittees, working groups, or task forces that it creates, or that its subordinate subcommittees and working groups may establish.

Officers of subordinate groups will be appointed by the chair of the RSTC.

Subcommittees, working groups, and taskforces conduct business in a manner consistent with all applicable sections of the [RSTC Charter](#).

Access to all Subcommittees, working groups, and taskforces can be found on the [RSTC Webpage](#).

Reliability Guidelines

The objective of the reliability guidelines is to distribute key practices and information on specific issues critical to promote and maintain a highly reliable and secure bulk power system (BPS). Reliability guidelines are not binding norms or parameters to the level that compliance to NERC's Reliability Standards is monitored or enforced. Rather, their incorporation into industry practices is strictly voluntary. Reviewing, revising, or developing a program using these practices is highly encouraged. All current and draft guidelines can be found [here](#). In addition to these Reliability Guidelines, the RSTC also issues other types of deliverables such as policy outreach, white papers exploring technical facts of topics, technical reference documents on a specific topic of interest, implementation guidance under the NERC Board-approved Compliance Guidance Policy, and Standard Authorization Requests. Please see the RSTC Webpage and associated Agendas for more detail.

TOP NEWS

THE RSTC HELD ITS FOURTH QUARTER MEETINGS DECEMBER 6-7, 2023

LINKS TO ALL ACTIONS

[RSTC MEETING AGENDA PACKAGE - DECEMBER 6, 2023](#)

[RSTC INFORMATIONAL SESSION - DECEMBER 7, 2023](#)

[APPROVED | ENDORSED | ACCEPTED - AGENDA ITEMS DECEMBER 6-7, 2023](#)



OUR STRATEGY

The RSTC is a standing committee that strives to advance the reliability and security of the interconnected bulk power system (BPS) of North America by:

- Creating a forum for aggregating ideas and interests, drawing from diverse industry stakeholder expertise, to support the ERO Enterprise's mission.
- Leveraging such expertise to identify solutions to study, mitigate, and/or eliminate emerging risks to the BPS for the benefit of industry stakeholders, the NERC Board of Trustees (Board), and ERO Enterprise staff and leadership.
- Coordinating and overseeing implementation of RSTC subgroup work plans.

RSTC MEMBERS SPOTLIGHT

The RSTC would like to extend a sincere thank you to Mr. Pete Brandien and Ms. Kayla Messamore for their significant contributions as members of the RSTC. Their wealth of knowledge, expertise, and experience have been extremely valuable to the Committee.

Their unwavering dedication, hard work, and commitment to excellence have played a pivotal role in advancing the RSTC's mission. We are immensely grateful for their contributions, which helped us achieve several milestones and overcome major challenges.

Their impact on the RSTC is significant and we recognize their unwavering commitment to the Committee. We wish them all the best in their future endeavors and hope they continue to inspire others with their passion and dedication to excellence.

RETIRING RSTC AT-LARGE MEMBER

PETER BRANDIEN



Peter currently holds the position of Vice President of System Operations and Market Administration. He is responsible for overseeing the daily operations of the New England bulk power system and ensuring fair administration of the region's wholesale electricity markets. This includes managing the Day-Ahead Energy and Load Response Markets, Real-Time Energy, Reserve, and Regulation Markets, and Financial Transmission Rights and Forward Reserve Market Auctions. Additionally, he is responsible for coordinating transmission and generation outages, managing system restoration, conducting operator training, and ensuring compliance with NERC/NPCC regulations. Peter also plays a crucial role in developing operating procedures for the organization and registering, auditing, and verifying the performance of Demand Resources and Generator Assets.

Prior to joining ISO New England, Peter worked for Northeast Utilities for seventeen years, where he held various management positions in transmission engineering, operations, and planning. He is a former member of the U.S. Navy Submarine Force and holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering.

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RETIRING INVESTOR-OWNED UTILITY SECTOR MEMBER

KAYLA MESSAMORE



Kayla is the Vice President of Strategy and Long-Term Planning at Evergy. Her role entails managing corporate strategy, resource planning, transmission and distribution planning, operations compliance, and operations technology. Kayla has been with Evergy since 2018 and has held various leadership positions in strategy and planning. In 2020 to 2023, she represented the Investor-Owned Utility sector on the RSTC and acted as the RSTC sponsor for the Reliability Assessment Subcommittee.

Before joining Evergy, she worked as a strategy consultant in the power and utilities sector with Strategy& (part of the PricewaterhouseCoopers network). Kayla graduated from the University of Texas at Austin with a degree in business administration and a concentration in mechanical engineering.

UPCOMING EVENTS

ELECTIONS AND NOMINATIONS

- JANUARY – NOMINATING SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING (REVIEW AND SELECT AT-LARGE MEMBERS SLATE)
- FEBRUARY – BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING (REVIEW AND APPROVE RSTC MEMBERSHIP)
 - NOMINATING SUBCOMMITTEE NOMINATION PERIOD SPONSORS APPOINTMENT BY RSTC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (EC)

RSTC MEETINGS

- MARCH 12-14, 2024 IN-PERSON MEETING LOCATION: SAN DIEGO, CA | WESTIN GASLAMP
- JUNE 11-13, 2024 HYBRID MEETING LOCATION: SEATTLE, WA | AMAZON
 - (JOINT MEETING WITH STANDARDS COMMITTEE JUNE 12)
- SEPTEMBER 10-12, 2024 HYBRID MEETING LOCATION: MONTREAL, CANADA | HYDRO QUEBEC (TENTATIVE)
- DECEMBER 11-12, 2024 VIRTUAL MEETING

WEBINARS

2024 NERC-NATF-EPRI EXTREME WEATHER TRANSMISSION PLANNING AND MODELING WORKSHOP (VIRTUAL)

INDUSTRY WEBINAR | PROJECT 2021-07 EXTREME COLD WEATHER GRID OPERATIONS, PREPAREDNESS, AND COORDINATION | JANUARY 11, 2024 (VIRTUAL)

OTHER MEETINGS

MEMBER REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE (MRC) PRE-MEETING AND INFORMATIONAL SESSION WEBINAR | JANUARY 24

RESOURCES SUBCOMMITTEE (RS) MEETING | JANUARY 24-25

RELIABILITY ASSESSMENT SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING | IN-PERSON | FEBRUARY 7-8 | CHARLOTTE, NC
BOARD COMMITTEE, MRC, BOARD MEETINGS | FEBRUARY 14-15 | HOUSTON, TX

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE UPCOMING EVENTS PLEASE VISIT OUR [NERC.COM](https://www.nerc.com) CALENDAR