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RE: First Draft of NERC 2019 Business Plan and Budget Posted for Stakeholder Review and Comment

The first draft of NERC's 2019 Business Plan and Budget is available for comment on NERC's website, along with the 2019 draft business plans and budgets for each Regional Entity. **Comments are requested by June 29, 2018.** As discussed at the NERC Board of Trustees Finance and Audit Committee (FAC) on May 9, 2018, the draft NERC Business Plan and Budget focuses on the following three areas:

- **Investing heavily in the Electricity Information Sharing and Analysis Center (E-ISAC).** To increase staff, enhance analytical capability, and improve member engagement and communications.
- **Making sizable investments in new technology and tools to promote effectiveness and efficiency of the core business.** To lay the foundation for long-term success by focusing tools on core business areas, such as compliance monitoring and enforcement, entity registration, standards, and situational awareness.
- **Keeping costs for non-ISAC business low.** The majority of the NERC budget relates to personnel and the draft budget proposes to cut five open positions from non-ISAC areas.

To assist stakeholders in their review of the documents, the FAC has scheduled a conference call and webinar from 2–4 p.m. Eastern on May 30, 2018, during which NERC and Regional Entity representatives will provide an overview of all the draft 2019 business plans and budgets. The presentations for this meeting are posted. This webinar is part of our ongoing commitment to provide stakeholders with information and the opportunity to provide feedback in advance of the final approval of the business plans and budgets by the Board and FERC.

An outline of the remaining schedule toward final approval and filings in August 2018 is included in the NERC presentation material and posted on the NERC website. Each Regional Entity has their own parallel process to review and obtain stakeholder input, and stakeholders are encouraged to participate in their relevant Regional Entity stakeholder review processes.

We look forward to your feedback during this important step in the development of the ERO Enterprise's 2019 business plans and budgets. Again, written comments on the first draft are requested by June 29, 2018, and should be directed to the attention of Erika Chanzas at erika.chanzas@nerc.net.

Sincerely,

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