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A two-day workshop addressing critical issues for electric utility Y2k Program Managers.

May 12-13, 1999 at the Hyatt Regency New Orleans – New Orleans, Louisiana

Introduction

Attend this workshop to join other electric utility **Y2k Program Managers** in sharing information and resolving key Y2k issues. Attendees will hear first hand from NERC the conclusions and industry action plan evolving out of the April 1999 report to the U.S. Department of Energy. This report reviews the status of Y2k testing and remediation efforts and contingency response plans. The format and process for rolling out the July report to DOE on overall readiness of the electric industry will also be discussed.

Workshop participants will review lessons learned from the April 9 communications drill. The guide for the September 8-9 drill will be publicly released for the first time at this workshop. Workshop participants will be able to share ideas on implementing the September drill.

The results of NERC-facilitated joint testing between electric and telecommunications systems will be presented at the workshop, as well as guidelines from a joint contingency planning effort

between electric, telecommunications, gas, and oil industries.

This workshop offers Y2k Program Managers an opportunity to work with their peers to shape the industry policy on continuing Y2k preparations.

Location:

Hyatt Regency New Orleans
At Louisiana Superdome
Poydras at Loyola Avenue
New Orleans, Louisiana 70113-1805
Phone: 504-561-1234 Fax: 504-523-0488

A block of sleeping rooms has been reserved at the Hyatt. Mention NERC when making your room reservation to get the preferred rate of \$169 single/double occupancy. **The cut-off date for sleeping room reservations is April 20, 1999.**

Background

In May 1998, the U.S. Department of Energy requested NERC to lead an effort to assess the readiness of electric systems to meet the challenges of Y2k. NERC has worked closely with APPA, CEA, EEI, EPRI, EPSA, NEI, and NRECA to assess Y2k readiness of electric power systems, to set industry priorities and targets, and to share information about Y2k.

Workshop Objectives:

This workshop will allow participants to:

- Understand the goals and expectations evolving from the April 1999 report to DOE
- Review efforts on contingency planning and industry-wide Y2k drills
- Share ideas and solutions with other Y2k Program Managers
- Meet with representatives from customers and industries with interdependencies
- Help shape the future path the industry takes to meet the challenges of Y2k

Workshop Facilitators

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Agenda – Day 1 May 12, 1999

- 7:00 Registration/Continental Breakfast
- 8:00 Overview April 1999 DOE Report
- 9:00 Results of April Telecom Tests
- 9:40 Break
- 10:00 April Drill – Lessons Learned
- 10:45 September Drill Guidelines
- 11:30 Contingency Planning Update
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:30 Panel 1: Y2k Program Managers – What Works: Distribution Systems; Generator Tests; Clean Facility Management; Enterprise-Wide Programs
- 3:00 Break
- 3:30 Panel 2: Communications: Regulatory Commissions, Customers, Media, Public
- 5:00 End Day 1

Agenda – Day 2 May 13, 1999

- 7:30 Continental Breakfast
- 8:30 Breakout Session 1
- 10:15 Break
- 10:45 Breakout Session 2
- 12:30 Lunch
- 1:30 Report of Breakout Sessions
- 3:00 Break
- 3:20 Summary and Conclusions
- 4:00 Adjourn

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The fee for attending the workshop is **\$150**. This price includes meeting facilities, handouts, breakfast, lunch, and refreshments. Please mail or fax this completed registration form to:

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