

## **Proposed Implementation Plan**

Compliance and Certification Committee adopted the NERC Organization Registration and Certification Manual by means of its inclusion in the NERC ERO application documentation. Identified below are the key steps associated with the plan. Comments associated with these steps of the transition should be provided as part of the ERO application posting.

### **1. Develop Organization Certification Standards**

The implementation plan based on the assumption that the certification standards will proceed through the standards development process and be adopted by the NERC Board of Trustees in November 2006 for implementation December 1, 2006.

### **2. Registration Tool**

Registration form developed in accordance with the NERC Organization Registration and Certification Manual.

### **3. Industry Education**

#### **Registration**

The registration education phase (workshops) will occur in 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2006.

#### **Certification**

The certification education phase (workshops) will occur starting in Fall 2006.

### **4. Registration**

The OCWG has developed a manual registration process. It is expected that all existing entities will be registered by March 15, 2006.

### **NERC Organization Registration and Certification Manual**

The NERC Organization Registration and Certification Manual developed by the OCWG and adopted by the CCC by means of its inclusion in the ERO application documentation.

### **5. Regional Review**

Regional review will be conducted to ensure complete coverage of its footprint for all functional entities. This review will start March 15, 2006 and completed by March 30, 2006.

### **6. Control Area Certification for New Control Areas**

Entities applying for control area status will continue to use the existing process until the new certification standards are approved. The regions are expected to complete such certification requests by March 31, 2007. However, entities certified using the control area certification process must still be certified using the new certification standards process by December 31, 2008. No applications will be accepted for CA certification after March 31, 2007.

### **7. Transitional Process for Existing Control Areas**

Existing NERC Certified Control Areas will be eligible to use a transitional process identified in the NERC Organization Registration and Certification Manual for Functional Certification. The transitional certification process would start on December 1, 2006 and conclude on December 31, 2008.

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### **8. Existing Control Area Certification Process**

The procedure for certifying control areas will be retired on March 31, 2007.

### **9. Functional Certification Process Implemented**

The certification of BA, RC, and TOP will begin upon approval and implementation of the certification standards (December 1, 2006). This is the regular certification process for certifying BA, RC, and TOP.