

Announcement

NERC Releases Report Assessing Risk to Reliability Performance of Bulk Power System

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ATLANTA – The North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) released a report that marks a new approach to assessing the reliability performance of the North American bulk power system.

This foundational report - [2011 Risk Assessment of Reliability Performance](#) - integrates NERC's multiple analysis efforts, combining characteristics of risk to reliability and their trends, to provide feedback and meaningful trend information to industry stakeholders and policymakers on reliability performance.

"Through analysis of reliability performance and trends, we can develop better risk control measures and better inform reliability management business decisions," said Gerry Cauley, president and chief executive officer at NERC. "This is the intelligent feedback on grid reliability performance we have been seeking to ensure that NERC and the industry are focused on the most important risks to reliability."

This report, which measures key aspects of reliability from 2008 to 2010, lays the groundwork for an annual report beginning in 2012 that communicates the effectiveness of bulk power system reliability programs. Future reports will build on these initial metrics, such as Interconnection Frequency Response, System Voltage Performance and Transmission Constraint Mitigation, which will enable industry to measure meaningful trends and take action to support improved reliability.

"The performance measures are designed to ultimately identify common areas of risk clusters that have the greatest potential impact to affect bulk power system reliability," said Mark Lauby, vice president and director of Reliability

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Assessments and Performance Analysis. “Industry can then prioritize their actions toward those areas that can have the most significant improvement.”

Click [here](#) to download the *2011 Risk Assessment of Reliability Performance* report. Click [here](#) to visit NERC’s Reliability Indicators page.

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