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### **NERC and Energy Central Team to Provide Education on Critical Infrastructure Protection & Cyber Security Standards**

PRINCETON, N.J., September 9, 2009 — The North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) and Energy Central announced today that the two organizations are working together to offer a series of six educational webcasts on compliance with NERC's Critical Infrastructure Protection (CIP) standards. The first session, on the identification of critical assets and critical cyber assets, will be held at 12:00 PM Eastern on September 23, 2009.

The sessions will be markedly different from those currently available to industry:

**NERC will guide content development for the sessions**, providing direction and vetting information to ensure accurate information is presented. Presentations will be made by experts from across the industry. NERC will not present.

**Low attendance costs** (\$147 per session, per access point) represent a significant value to NERC stakeholders, especially when compared to alternatives currently on the market. Costs can be further reduced by registering in advance for all six sessions.

As a media company, Energy Central presents information from an objective viewpoint. **No sponsors, consultants, or vendors** will be involved in the development of the sessions.

**Sessions will be recorded** and will be made available on Energy Central's website for those who are unable to attend the live webcast. The same low attendance fee applies to these sessions.

"Working with Energy Central, NERC is able to leverage the expertise of widely recognized experts in content creation and information sharing for the electric industry," commented Martin Sidor, director of training, education, and personnel certification at NERC. "We recognize the importance of developing sound and accessible information for our stakeholders, especially on these priority issues, and look forward to meeting our commitment to do so through these and future sessions."

"We are excited to team up with NERC for these critical webcasts," said Steve Drazga, CEO at Energy Central. "Through our commitment to objective, impartial research and analysis, we will deliver the high value content that our customers and NERC's constituents expect from Energy Central."

More information on the sessions, including a schedule and registration information, can be found at:

<http://www.energycentral.com/events/20734/>

## **About the North American Electric Reliability Corp.**

The North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) is an international regulatory authority for the reliability of the bulk power system in North America. NERC develops and enforces reliability standards; assesses adequacy annually via a 10-year forecast and winter and summer forecasts; monitors the bulk power system; and educates, trains, and certifies industry personnel. NERC is a self-regulatory organization, subject to oversight by the U.S. Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and governmental authorities in Canada. Learn more at [www.nerc.com](http://www.nerc.com).

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