

# **Minutes**

# Finance and Audit Committee Informational Session and Webinar

June 4, 2020 | 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Eastern

**Conference Call** 

#### Introduction

Mr. Robert G. Clarke, Chair, called to order a duly noticed informational session of the Finance and Audit Committee (the "Committee") of the Board of Trustees ("Board") of the North American Electric Reliability Corporation ("NERC" or the "Company") on June 4, 2020, at approximately 1:00 p.m. Eastern, and a quorum was declared present. The agenda is attached as **Exhibit A**.

#### Present at the meeting were:

Committee Members Board of Trustee Members

Robert G. Clarke, Chair Kenneth W. DeFontes
Suzanne Keenan George S. Hawkins

Robin E. Manning James B. Robb, President and Chief Executive Officer

Jim Piro Jan Schori
Roy Thilly, ex officio Colleen Sidford

#### **NERC Staff**

Tina Buzzard, Assistant Corporate Secretary

Manny Cancel, Senior Vice President and Chief Executive Officer of the E-ISAC

Mark Lauby, Senior Vice President and Chief Engineer

Sônia Mendonça, Senior Vice President, General Counsel, and Corporate Secretary

Janet Sena, Senior Vice President, External Affairs

Andy Sharp, Vice President and Interim Chief Financial Officer

# **Regional Representatives**

Carol Baskey, ReliabilityFirst

Lisa Brohaugh, Western Interconnection Regional Advisory Body

Lam Chung, Midwest Reliability Organization

Judy Foppiano, Texas Reliability Entity, Inc.

Jessica Hala, Northeast Power Coordinating Council, Inc.

George Krogstie, SERC Reliability Corporation

Jillian Lessner, Western Electricity Coordinating Council



# **NERC Antitrust Compliance Guidelines**

Ms. Buzzard directed the participants' attention to the NERC Antitrust Compliance Guidelines included in the agenda, and indicated that all questions regarding antitrust compliance or related matters should be directed to Ms. Mendonça.

#### Chair's Remarks

Mr. Clarke welcomed those in attendance to the informational session. He highlighted the importance of continued investment in reliability amid COVID-19.

### 2021 NERC Business Plan and Budget Overview

Mr. Sharp presented the draft 2021 Business Plan and Budget, referencing the materials in the advance agenda package. He discussed the 2021 budget drivers, highlighting the goal of achieving little to no assessment increase in response to the impacts of COVID-19. Mr. Sharp reviewed the 2021 budget by program area, 2021 assessment details, and the projected reserve balances. He noted that NERC's preliminary 2022 and 2023 projections will be included in the next draft of the 2021 Business Plan and Budget.

# Regional Entities' and WIRAB 2021 Draft Business Plans and Budgets

The Regional Entities' and WIRAB's representatives provided an overview of their draft 2021 business plans and budgets, referencing materials included in the advance agenda package.

#### 2021 ERO Enterprise Combined Budgets and Assessments Overview

Mr. Sharp reviewed the combined ERO Enterprise combined budgets and assessments, referencing the material included in the advance agenda package. He reviewed the ERO Enterprise long-term strategy focus areas, the ERO Enterprise 2021 preliminary budget by program area, and preliminary assessments.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, and upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by,

Sônia Mendonça

**Corporate Secretary**