

## Ensuring Reliability of the Bulk-Power System

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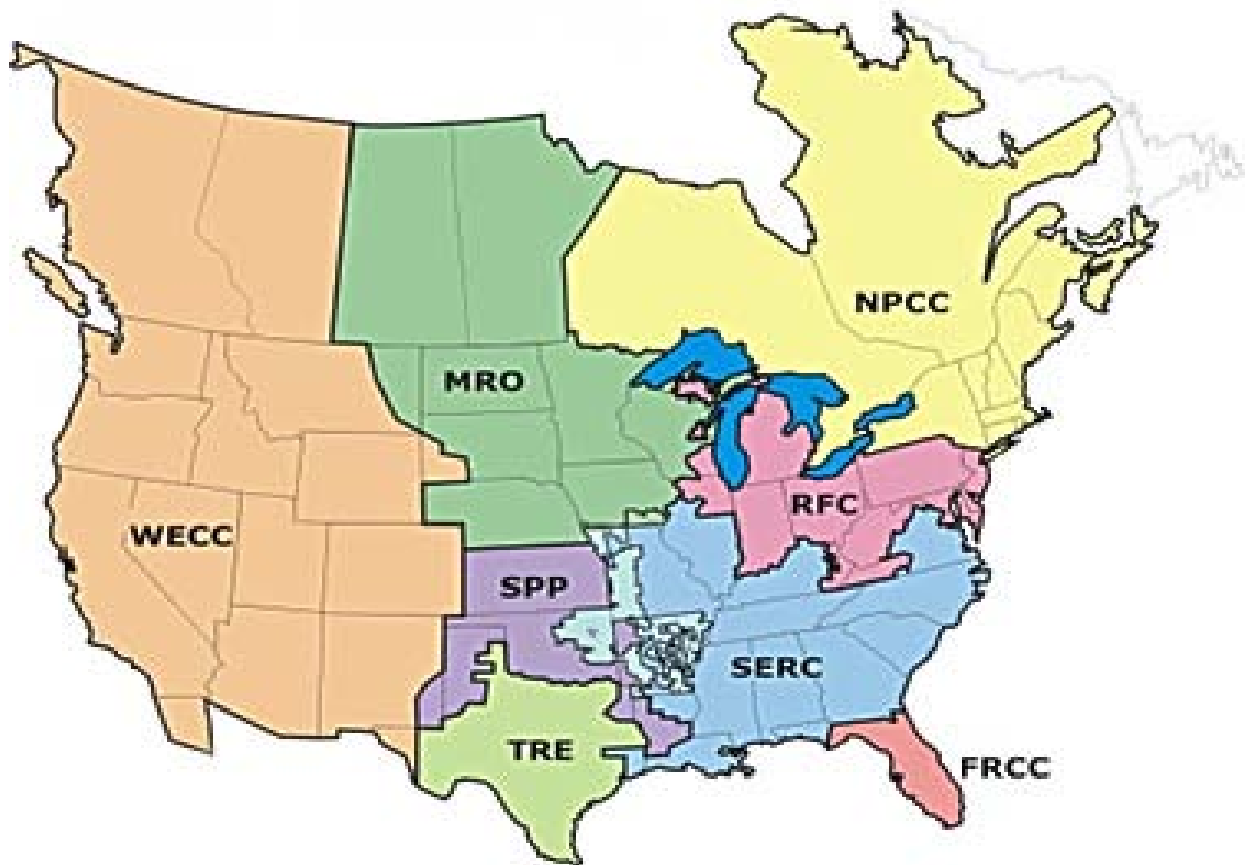
### **Our Mission**

The North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) is a not-for-profit entity whose mission is to ensure the reliability of the Bulk-Power System in North America. NERC develops and enforces Reliability Standards; annually assesses seasonal and long-term reliability; monitors the Bulk-Power System through system awareness; and educates, trains and certifies industry personnel. Congress created an electric reliability organization (ERO) through the Energy Policy Act of 2005. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) certified NERC as the ERO on July 20, 2006 and provides governmental oversight. NERC also is subject to oversight by governmental authorities in Canada. In addition, industry stakeholders participate in NERC's processes through various committees and subgroups.

NERC develops, implements and enforces mandatory Reliability Standards for the Bulk-Power System in accordance with Section 215 of the Federal Power Act. The statute requires users, owners and operators of the Bulk-Power System in the United States to be subject to FERC-approved NERC Reliability Standards. The standards typically apply to facilities at the transmission and generation level. This includes the development of standards designed to ensure the protection of critical cyber assets on the Bulk-Power System.

NERC assesses and reports on the reliability and adequacy of the North American Bulk-Power System divided into the eight Regions. The users, owners and operators of the Bulk-Power System within these areas account for virtually all the electricity supplied in the United States, Canada, and a portion of Baja California Norte, Mexico.

NERC is headquartered in Atlanta and has an office in Washington, D.C.



## NERC Regional Entities

<b>FRCC</b> Florida Reliability Coordinating Council	<b>NPCC</b> Northeast Power Coordinating Council, Inc.	<b>SERC</b> SERC Reliability Corporation	<b>TRE</b> Texas Reliability Entity
<b>MRO</b> Midwest Reliability Organization	<b>RFC</b> ReliabilityFirst Corporation	<b>SPP</b> Southwest Power Pool, Incorporated	<b>WECC</b> Western Electricity Coordinating Council

**Note:** The highlighted area between SPP and SERC denotes overlapping regional area boundaries. For example, some load-serving entities participate in one Region and their associated transmission owner/operators in another.

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