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Standing Committees Coordinating Group Quarterly Report

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Fourth Quarter Update

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Compliance and Certification Committee (CCC)

Chair: Jennifer Flandermeyer Vice-Chair: Scott Tomashefsky

Purpose: The CCC will engage, support, and advise the NERC Board and NERC Management regarding all facets of the NERC Compliance Monitoring and Enforcement Program, and Organization Registration and Certification Programs and specific elements of the Reliability Standards Development Process.

Top Priorities for SCCG Discussion:

- Issue Triage Process
 - CCC recommendations from RSTC subordinate groups / feedback loops
 - Efficient Stakeholder feedback participation with CCC

What information/guidance/support is needed from another committee?

- RSTC (Facility Ratings, Risk Tool Selection ((Guideline, SAR, White Paper, etc.)), Order 2222)
- SC (Standards Grading, SER collaboration)
- All Committees (Stakeholder Perception Feedback input)
- RISC (Feedback loops for Risk Reliability priorities)

Recent Risk Identification, Mitigation, Monitoring Activity

- Supply Chain Risk Management CMEP implementation
- Facility Ratings Risk Evaluation
- Continued support of ERO Program Alignment topics
- Risk Based Standards and Compliance Oversight
- Compliance Guidance

Upcoming Risk Identification, Mitigation, Monitoring Activity

- Stakeholder Perception Feedback Plan
 - Risk Based Standards
 - Certification Program
 - Enforcement Tools
 - Facility Ratings
 - Supply Chain
 - Align and SEL
- Changes to Internal Audit / CCC engagement
- Q3 Focused Discussion on Enforcement Processes and Administration

Personnel Certification Governance Committee (PCGC)

Chair: Cory Danson Vice-Chair: Michael B. Hoke

Purpose: The PCGC shall be to provide oversight to the policies and processes used to implement and maintain the integrity and independence of NERC's System Operator Certification Program.

Top Priorities for SCCG Discussion:

- Job Task Analysis survey from certpsy@psionline.com on October 19 @4:07 p.m. Eastern
- Issue with Rollover hours

What information/guidance/support is needed from another committee?

- CCC
- RISC
- RSTC
- SC

Recent Risk Identification, Mitigation, Monitoring Activity

- N/A

Upcoming Risk Identification, Mitigation, Monitoring Activity

- Needs to be completed by Nov 12.
- Questions about S.O. being harmed/short of CEHs.
- Sharing the link to the survey does not work. Survey is for the individual.

Inform certified personnel to complete survey for accurate results*

Ensure entities & S.O. that they will be held harmless, and PCGC is working with vendor to remedy the issue.

Reliability Issues Steering Committee (RISC)

Chair: Nelson Peeler Vice-Chair: Brian Allen Slocum

Purpose: The RISC is an advisory committee that triages and provides front-end, high-level leadership and accountability for nominated issues of strategic importance to bulk power system reliability.

Top Priorities for SCCG Discussion: Solicitation for the next term of RISC members will be announced on November 17, and the nominations will be due on December 15. RISC membership slate will be presented to the Board in February 2022.

What information/guidance/support is needed from another committee?

- RSTC and RISC are still working together to ensure risks are identified and given associated work plans in the committees, subcommittees, task forces, and working groups.

Recent Risk Identification, Mitigation, Monitoring Activity

- The RISC will be getting an overview from MRO on their risk prioritization model for input.

Upcoming Risk Identification, Mitigation, Monitoring Activity

- The RISC membership will begin the review of its annual work plan for 2022. This will include evaluating all information/data received from the risk registry, cold weather activities, cold weather joint inquiry report, and the corresponding impacts to the 2022 Emerging Risks Survey and the 2023 *ERO Reliability Risk Priorities Report*
- The reliability indicators may need to be reviewed eventually.

Reliability and Security Technical Committee (RSTC)

Chair: Greg Ford Vice-Chair: Rich Hydzik

Purpose: The RSTC strives to advance the reliability and security of the BPS by creating a forum for ideas and interests to support the ERO's mission, and leveraging such expertise to identify solutions to study, mitigate, and/or eliminate emerging risks.

Top Priorities for SCCG Discussion:

- Continue to monitor progress on RSTC work plan
- Prioritize and incorporate RISC report risks into RSTC work plan
- Incorporate metrics into Reliability Guidelines

What information/guidance/support is needed from another committee?

- CCC – Participate in FRTF and SCTF as needed.
- PCGC – N/A
- RISC – In the process of evaluating RISC Report recommendations for risk mitigation activities by the RSTC subgroups.
- SC – IRPWG SAR on revisions to TPL-001 is on the December approval for RSTC endorsement. The SPIDERWG is developing a SAR for MOD-032 and TPL-001 for endorsement. These SARs will be submitted to the SC for action if endorsed by the RSTC. Assuming SC approval of the TOCC Field Test plan, we will begin coordination of the field test.

Recent Risk Identification, Mitigation, Monitoring Activity

- Approved the SMWG Scope document.
- Accepted for posting: *Reliability Guideline DER Forecasting*
- Approved RSTC Charter revisions
- Approved TOCC Field Test Plan
- Endorsement votes for Winter Reliability Assessment and Long Term Reliability Assessment conducted in November.

Upcoming Risk Identification, Mitigation, Monitoring Activity

- ERATF to report on progress and recommendations at December RSTC meeting
- RSTC Subteam performing annual sunset review of working groups and task forces.
- Coordinating with RISC to incorporate RISC Report and FERC/NERC Cold Weather Report recommendations into RSTC work plan.
- Development of a 6GHz task force to address reliability concerns regarding an FCC Order opening up bandwidth for unlicensed use..

Standards Committee (SC)

Chair: Amy Casuscelli Vice-Chair: Todd Bennett

Purpose: The SC oversees the development of NERC Reliability Standards as its members review actions to ensure the standards development process is being followed.

Top Priorities for SCCG Discussion:

- 2022 Periodic Reviews - Standards Grading
- Standards Committee Process Subcommittee (SCPS)

What information/guidance/support is needed from another committee?

- CCC – Participate and support standards efficiency review as needed. Joint Standards Grading Task Force.
- PCGC – N/A
- RISC – N/A
- RSTC – Increased awareness of SAR development process through standing agenda item on SC agenda.

Recent Risk Identification, Mitigation, Monitoring Activity

- Approved SARs for FAC-008 and PRC-005

Upcoming Risk Identification, Mitigation, Monitoring Activity

- Standards Development projects coming from NERC technical committees
- Standards Development Plan will be approved by the Board in November
- Cold Weather SAR
- BAL-003, CIP-012, FAC-001/FAC-002 and VAR-002 upcoming project postings
- FAC-008 SAR posting