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Standing Committees Coordinating Group Quarterly Report

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Second Quarter Update

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Compliance and Certification Committee (CCC)

Chair: Scott Tomashefsky Vice-Chair: Silvia Parada Mitchell

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:

- Evaluating Success of Issue Triage Process
- Incorporating Agility into CMEP Efforts
- Maximizing Value of Stakeholder Feedback for ERO Enterprise

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

- RSTC (Risk Tool Selection ((Guideline, SAR, White Papers, etc.)))
- SC (Joint Standards Grading Task Force, SER collaboration)
- All Committees (Stakeholder Perception Feedback input)
- RISC (Feedback loops for risk reliability priorities)

Recent Risk Identification, Mitigation, Monitoring Activity

- Continued support of ERO Program Alignment topics, including
 - Implementation Guidance
 - CMEP Practice Guide Reviews
 - Align Tool
- Inform development of risk-based standards and shape compliance oversight
- Stakeholder Perception Feedback
 - Finalizing 2021 CCC Report
 - CCC reviewing 2022 Activities
- Facility Rating Task Force disbanded

Upcoming Risk Identification, Mitigation, Monitoring Activity

- Stakeholder Perception Feedback Plan
 - Focused Discussion
 - Q2: Compliance Guidance Policy
- Follow-up discussion related to Compliance Oversight Plans and Internal Controls
- Internal Audits / CCC engagement
- CMEP Practice Guide Review
- Align User Group Meeting
- ORCS Collaboration on Development of ERO 102 and focus group participation related to Functional Mapping

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.

Recent Risk Identification, Mitigation, Monitoring Activity

- N/A

Top Priorities for SCCG Discussion:

- Request for registration to participate in survey, interview, and/or focus groups for NCSOs, their employers, providers.
- Survey send out last week of March.
- Credential Maintenance Research Project in progress with final presentation August 2022

Upcoming Risk Identification, Mitigation, Monitoring Activity

- NCSO concerns of time commitment.

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

- CCC
- RISC
- RSTC
- SC

Inform NCSOs that the time commitment is minimal 15 minute surveys, 30-45 minute interviews and 1-2 hour focus groups.

Reliability Issues Steering Committee (RISC)

Chair: Brian Slocum Vice-Chair: Adrienne Collins

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: Will begin looking at options for the January 2023 Leadership Summit. The RISC committee is also considering having a meeting in-person meeting in June.

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.
- As the Leadership Summit preparation unfolds, we will probably need input on agenda topics and executive panelists to speak on each of the topics.

Recent Risk Identification, Mitigation, Monitoring Activity

- The RISC will begin working with MRO on their risk prioritization model for input.

Upcoming Risk Identification, Mitigation, Monitoring Activity

- RISC will be releasing an industry survey later this year, and will begin preparing for the Leadership Summit.
- RISC will collaborate with RSTC
- The reliability indicators may need to be reviewed eventually, but they are scheduled to be presented in May to the Board.

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 and Cold Weather Report recommendations into RSTC work plan
- Incorporate metrics into Reliability Guidelines

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

- CCC – Participate in the SCTF as needed.
- PCGC – N/A
- RISC – Evaluated RISC Report recommendations for risk mitigation activities by the RSTC subgroups. Will continue to monitor work plan progress and reassess progress in early 2023.
- SC:
 - ERATF SARs in development. Anticipate RSTC motion to endorse in June. These SARs will be submitted to the SC for action if endorsed by the RSTC.
 - IRPS plans to ask for SAR endorsement on EMT models in MOD/TPL standards.
 - For the TOCC Field Test plan, we will begin coordination of the field test when it is implemented.

Recent Risk Identification, Mitigation, Monitoring Activity

- Approved *Reliability Guideline: Inadvertent Interchange* and *Reliability Guideline: DER Forecasting Practices and Relationship to DER Modeling for BPS Planning Studies*
- The RSTC elected a new Nominating Subcommittee for a one-year term.
- The Tiger Team completed its review of the RISC Report and the Cold Weather Report and made work plan assignments to various RSTC groups.

Upcoming Risk Identification, Mitigation, Monitoring Activity

- ERATF to report on progress and recommendations at June RSTC meeting
- Coordinating with RISC to incorporate RISC Report and FERC/NERC Cold Weather Report recommendations into RSTC work plan.
- Initiate the 6GHz task force work plan 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) – SER Recommendations

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

- CCC – Participate and support standards efficiency review as needed in tandem with the SCPS SER project. 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. Fuel Assurance SAR outreach and discussion.

Recent Risk Identification, Mitigation, Monitoring Activity

- Virtualization and Low Impact projects posted for ballot and comment
- SCEC Action to approve Cold Weather SAR in February 2022

Upcoming Risk Identification, Mitigation, Monitoring Activity

- Cold Weather upcoming project posting
- CIP-002 TOCC upcoming additional nominees
- Transmission-connected Dynamic Reactive Resources SAR