

Standing Committees Coordinating Group (SCCG) Quarterly Report

July 29, 2022
Third Quarter Update

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 Triage Process
- Incorporating Agility into CMEP Efforts
- Optimizing CMEP Tools
- 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
 - Q2 Focused Discussion
 - Compliance Guidance Policy

Upcoming Risk Identification, Mitigation, Monitoring Activity

- Stakeholder Perception Feedback Plan
 - Q3 Focused Discussion
 - Compliance Oversight Plans
 - COVID-19 Lessons Learned
- 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
- Understanding Federal/Provincial Governance within ERO Enterprise

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:

- Credential Maintenance Research Project in progress with final presentation August 2022
- Review findings to determine what changes to incorporate into the certification and credential maintenance programs

Upcoming Risk Identification, Mitigation, Monitoring Activity

- N/A

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

- N/A

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 agenda will be discussed on July 28, and the survey for next year will also be discussed as an item that will be sent out in the 4th quarter this year.

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

- RSTC and RISC may need to review the status of the cold weather inquiry items as some of the sub teams may have taken a different direction from what was initially discussed in the tiger teams.
- As the Leadership Summit preparation unfolds, we will probably need input on 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
- Smaller teams are beginning to meet with NERC staff on the risk prioritization and the reliability indicators.

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** - IRPS will revise a proposed SAR on EOP-004 revisions for RSTC endorsement in September. For the TOCC Field Test plan, we will continue coordination of the field test with the Standard Drafting Team.

Recent Risk Identification, Mitigation, Monitoring Activity

- Approved *GMD Monitoring Reference Document, Reliability Coordinator Reliability Plan Reference Document* and three *White Papers: BPS Reliability Perspectives for Distributed Energy Resource Aggregators, Recommendations for Simulation Improvement and Techniques Related to DER Planning AND FERC RM22-3: Internal Network Security Monitoring - NERC Security Working Group Whitepaper*
- Endorsed two SARs from the ERATF and one SAR from the IRPS

Upcoming Risk Identification, Mitigation, Monitoring Activity

- Facility Ratings Task Force will schedule a kick-off meeting in July
- Tranche 1 of revised Reliability/Security Guidelines (including effectiveness metrics) are due in September for approval.
- EGWG will request approval of *Design Basis Criteria for a Natural Gas Study* at the September meeting
- RSTC will initiate annual review of subgroups at the September meeting
- Gathering comments on GADS Section 1600 data request for subsequent RSTC approval.

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 Efficiency Review
- Standards Process Improvements

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.
- 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

- Low Impact project posted for ballot and comment
- Many projects posting related to IRPTF standard revisions recommendations
- Accepted two ERATF SARs to address energy assurance with energy-constrained resources
- Accepted the Generator Ride-Through Standard (PRC-024-3 Replacement) SAR

Upcoming Risk Identification, Mitigation, Monitoring Activity

- Cold Weather upcoming project posting
- Virtualization upcoming project posting
- Standards process improvements