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# Standing Committees Coordinating Group (SCCG) Quarterly Report

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Fourth 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:

- Incorporating Agility into CMEP Efforts
- Optimizing CMEP Tools
- Maximizing Value of Stakeholder Feedback for ERO Enterprise
- Identify SCCG responsibilities related to Standards Process Improvement efforts

### 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, Standards Process improvement efforts)
- 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
  - Q3 and Q4 Focused Discussions
    - Compliance Oversight Plans
    - COVID-19 Lessons Learned
    - Align/SEL Experiences
- CCC involvement as observers in Section 4A and CMEP audits

### Upcoming Risk Identification, Mitigation, Monitoring Activity

- Stakeholder Perception Feedback
  - Development of 2022 Report
  - Identify Topics for Focused Discussion in 2023
- 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 Any Potential Reliability Risks Associated with Federal/Provincial Relationships 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.

**Top Priorities for SCCG Discussion:**

- Credential Maintenance Research Project is finalized.
- Ongoing--Review findings to determine what changes to incorporate into the certification and credential maintenance programs

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

- N/A

**Recent Risk Identification, Mitigation, Monitoring Activity**

- N/A

**Upcoming Risk Identification, Mitigation, Monitoring Activity**

- Outreach to FERC and industry on the project
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## 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Recent Risk Identification, Mitigation, Monitoring Activity

Recently Approved:

- White Paper: NERC Reliability Standards Review
- White Paper: DER Impacts to Under Voltage Load Shedding Program Design
- Technical Report: Beyond Positive Sequence RMS Simulations for High DER Penetration Conditions
- Design Basis for a Natural Gas Study

The RSTC Endorsed the Risk and Mitigations for Losing EMS Functions Reference Document

### 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
- Subgroup is evaluating multiple DER related proposed SARs from SPIDERWG

### Upcoming Risk Identification, Mitigation, Monitoring Activity

- RSTC initiated annual review of subgroups and plans to have the recommendations approved in December.
- Sector nominations are in progress with at-large nominations in December
- Developing and documenting a Strategic Plan to guide long term goals and direction

### 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 bring 2 SARs for endorsement in December.
  - Analysis and Mitigation of BES Inverter-Based Resource
  - Performance Issues and EOP-004-4 Event Reporting Alignment with Inverter-Based Resource Performance Issues
- For the TOCC Field Test plan, we will continue coordination of the field test with the Standard Drafting Team.

## 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:

- Standards Process Improvements
  - Recommendations for SCCG, RSTC and SC

### 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 – Risk Framework: determination of risk remediation feedback to the SC and RSTC
- RSTC – Increased awareness of SAR development process through standing agenda item on SC agenda. Awareness and status of SARs being worked at subcommittee level.

### Recent Risk Identification, Mitigation, Monitoring Activity

- EOP-004 SAR ongoing work through RSTC
- Many projects posting related to IRPTF standard revisions recommendations
- Cold Weather phase 1 considered by NERC BOT October 26<sup>th</sup>, phase 2 development started

### Upcoming Risk Identification, Mitigation, Monitoring Activity

- CIP Virtualization upcoming project posting
- CIP Low Impact project posted for final ballot
- PRC-023 upcoming additional posting