

Operating Reliability Subcommittee Scope

Purpose

The Operating Reliability Subcommittee (ORS) assists the NERC Operating Committee (OC) in enhancing Bulk Electric System (BES) reliability by providing operational guidance to the industry; by providing oversight to the management of NERC-sponsored information technology tools and services which support operational coordination and by providing technical support and advice as requested.

Functions

The ORS will:

- 1. Develop guidelines and programs to facilitate operating reliability coordination. Included among the processes supported by ORS are those related to:**
 - a. Real-time communications among registered entities, especially Reliability Coordinators (RCs).
 - b. Exchange of operational data and modeling data among registered entities.
- 2. Disseminate operational information among the RCs and other reliability entities.**
- 3. Respond to requests for technical input and guidance from the OC.**
 - a. Maintain documents and guides created by the ORS for the OC.
- 4. Review reliability plans and provide recommendations to the OC.**
- 5. Provide a forum for coordinating system operating procedures in all four Interconnections, including:**
 - a. Coordinate operating Reliability Standard implementation to promote consistency across the Interconnections.
 - b. Prepare for the upcoming operating peak demand season.
 - c. Review significant system disturbances and abnormal transaction curtailments, or others as requested by ORS, for "lessons learned".
 - d. Review Interconnection frequency events at each meeting.
- 6. Provide coordination between EIDSN, Inc. and the OC regarding the applications managed by EIDSN, Inc.**
- 7. Provide a forum for coordination of TLR business practices and Reliability Standards.**
- 8. Provide oversight and guidance on aspects of interchange scheduling, including dynamic transfers, as it applies to impacts on reliable operations.**

Deliverables

- Provide subcommittee report for the regularly scheduled OC meetings.

- Endorse or approve as applicable revisions to Reliability Plans.
- Develop comments on the annual State of Reliability report.
- Develop comments on Adequate Level of Reliability metrics.
- Develop recommendations to the OC on reliability guidelines.
- Develop responses to other directives and requests of the OC.

Reporting

The ORS reports to the OC and shall maintain communications with the Planning Committee (PC) and other groups as necessary on relevant issues.

Officers

The NERC OC Chair appoints the ORS officers (Chair and Vice Chair) for a specific term (generally two years). The subcommittee officers may be reappointed for additional terms. The ORS officers are considered members of the subcommittee and may vote. The ORS may recommend officer candidates for the OC Chair's consideration following a supporting motion. Both officers must be RC representatives.

Membership

1. **One member from each RC.**
2. **Up to one additional non-RC member from each Region.**
3. **No single company may have multiple non-RC members**
4. **Current non-RC ORS members will be grandfathered as a member of the subcommittee and the subcommittee roster will indicate this grandfathered status**
5. **Once the current grandfathered members resign their position on the subcommittee the ORS will then accept applications for non-RC membership based on the criteria in number two above. The selection process will be determined by the ORS.**

As outlined in the OC's "Subcommittee Organization and Procedures," the ORS shall have sufficient expertise and diversity to be able to speak knowledgeably for the industry and provide meaningful and useful guidance to assist the industry in the carrying out of its reliability responsibilities.

Executive Committee

The Executive Committee of the ORS is empowered by the ORS to act on its behalf between subcommittee meetings on matters where urgent actions are crucial and full subcommittee discussion is not practical. Ultimate ORS responsibility resides with its full membership whose decisions cannot be overturned by the Executive Committee, but retains the authority to ratify, modify or annul Executive Committee actions. The Executive Committee will be comprised of the ORS Chair, Vice Chair, along with three at large members. The Executive Committee members are elected by the ORS for a two year term. The Executive Committee members may be re-elected.

Meeting Procedures

1. **Quorum: 50 percent of subcommittee members eligible to vote**
2. **All other procedures follow those of the "Organization and Procedures Manual for the NERC Standing Committees."**

Confidential Sessions

The chairman of the subcommittee may limit attendance at a meeting or portion of a meeting, based on confidentiality of the information to be disclosed at the meeting. Such limitations should be applied sparingly and on a non-discriminatory basis as needed to protect information that is sensitive to one or more parties.

Example: The Reliability Coordinators may hold meetings in closed session when discussing reliability issues that they deem security, compliance, or commercially sensitive.

Subgroups

The ORS may form working groups, task groups, and task forces as needed to assist the subcommittee in carrying out standing or ad hoc assignments. Task group chairs (or delegates) are expected to attend the regular subcommittee meetings to report on assignments or provide a summary report of the group's activities at a minimum.