

Generating Availability Data System User Group Scope

Purpose

The Generating Availability Data System User Group (GADSUG) is to implement a uniform approach to reporting and measuring North American generating plant availability, performance and other related reliability data.

Activities

To accomplish its purpose, the GADSUG will perform the following activities:

1. Review and recommend new generation availability data that should be subject to mandatory collection by NERC.
2. Review additions and changes to the *GADS Data Reporting Instructions (DRI)*.
3. Analyze, assess and report on trends and risks to reliability from generator availability and performance.

Annual Deliverables

The GADSUG will contribute to the Performance Analysis Subcommittee's (PAS) annual State of Reliability Report.

Membership

The GADSUG will consist of:

- Chair
- Vice Chair
- NERC staff coordinator(s)
- At least one Generator Owner member from each NERC Region
- One Canadian member
- One North American Generator Forum (NAGF) member
- One Electric Power Supply Association (EPSA) member
- One additional "at large" member
- Chairperson(s) of subgroup(s)
- Additional members may be added

The user group will nominate a chair and vice chair for one, two-year term. The vice chair should be available to succeed to the chair.

Order of Business

In general, the desired, normal tone of GADSUG business is to strive to develop technically sound solutions using constructive methods that achieve consensus.

In like manner, observers and NERC staff are expected to adhere to similar approaches, including the requirement to strive for constructive technically sound solutions, building consensus, as well as documenting alternatives and consequences.

Reporting

The GADSUG reports to the NERC Performance Analysis department. Reports and recommendations developed by the GADSUG are approved by consensus. The PAS should be informed of any changes.

Meetings

Conference calls and meetings, to include in-person and webinar/conference call formats, are held as needed.

Updated GADSUG Scope approved by the NERC GADSUG and the NERC Performance Analysis department:
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