

Minutes

Reliability Issues Steering Committee

June 14, 2018 | 3:00–4:00 p.m. Eastern

Kristin Iwanechko took attendance and a quorum of the Reliability Issues Steering Committee (RISC) members was not reached. Members on the phone were: Peter Brandien, Chair, Mark Ahlstrom, Jeffrey Cook, Charles King, Mark McCulia, Chris Root, Chris Shepherd, Brian Allen Slocum, Donald Holdsworth, Chuck Abell, and David Zwergel. NERC staff attendees included Mark Lauby and Mike Walker.

Introduction and Chair's Remarks

Chair Brandien welcomed RISC members and observers and reviewed the agenda.

NERC Antitrust Compliance Guidelines and Public Announcement

Ms. Iwanechko called attention to the NERC antitrust guidelines in the agenda package.

Agenda Items

1. April 9, 2018 Meeting Minutes

As quorum was not reached, the April 9, 2018 meeting minutes will be presented for approval during the July 17 meeting.

2. Resilience Framework

a. Comments Submitted to FERC

Chair Brandien provided an overview of the comments submitted to FERC stating he did not note anything in the comments overall that would suggest the Committee rethink the position shared with the NERC Board of Trustees at their May 2018 meeting (i.e., that RISC did not see any gaps). Chair Brandien shared the following takeaways from the comments:

- Commenters generally supported their ISO/RTO filings (although some in the PJM footprint deviated slightly from PJM's comments).
- Numerous comments stating a definition is needed, as well as metrics to gauge where we are with resilience.
- Many non-market areas commented on not forgetting about the states.
- Some comments on cost-benefits.
- Numerous comments around fuel and what FERC should or should not do about gas, with few people saying we need to modify the criteria in the TPL standards.
- More comments stating Reliability Standards currently cover resilience than those suggesting additional standards are needed.

- A number of commenters highlighted the need to include a focus on transmission and how it can play into resilience.

RISC members offered their thoughts on the overall comments, noting that regional differences and themes need to be considered and there may be a gap to address regarding communications for cyber security. Chair Brandien noted the RISC report should be reviewed to see if the recommendations cover this potential gap.

b. Standing Committee Suggestions for Additional Activities

Chair Brandien suggested including the recommendations for additional activities in the final resilience report discussed below to be presented to the NERC Board of Trustees at its November 2018 meeting. He asked that the Standing Committee Chairs review the additional activities documented thus far and provide any additions or revisions for review and inclusion in the final report.

c. RISC Recommendations to Board

Chair Brandien opened a discussion on how the RISC should close the RISC recommendations assignment and suggested developing a final report to the Board which would include how the resilience framework was developed, the RISC's recommendations, and the additional activities presented by the standing committees.

Mark Lauby added the report could also include a background on the need for the work assigned, a summary of NERC's filing, and the slide deck with the models that were presented to the MRC. Mr. Lauby offered to coordinate with NERC staff on an outline of the report to present for feedback at the next meeting of the RISC on July 17. A first draft of the report will be distributed to the RISC in August 2018 for review and comments, followed by a proposed final draft to the RISC in September for review and approval, with the final report submitted to the Board at its November 2018 meeting.

RISC members agreed with the approach presented by Chair Brandien and Mr. Lauby.

3. 2019 Reliability Leadership Summit

Chair Brandien and Mr. Lauby presented the draft 2019 Reliability Leadership Summit agenda which includes four recommended panels: **Panel 1** - Regulatory and Policymaking during Unprecedented Change, **Panel 2** - Identification and Mitigation of Significant Risks to Reliability: Existing and Emerging Landscape of Risks, **Panel 3** - Providing Assurance for the Availability of Adequate Fuel Delivery to Satisfy Energy Needs, and **Panel 4** - Open Discussion.

Feedback by RISC members included:

- Support for having four panels, with an open discussion as the last panel, similar to the previous Reliability Leadership Summit.
- Consider including a panel specifically on resilience or incorporating resilience into the current recommended panels.
- The timing of cyber and resilience for Panel 2 may be too short.

- Consider having Panel 2 focus on emerging issues like new models, communications, new threats and risks.
- Consider customer-driven use of our system as a potential topic.

At the conclusion of the discussion, Chair Brandien asked the members to further review the draft agenda and provide additional thoughts on topics, speakers, and willingness to moderate a panel to the RISC distribution list (risc@nerc.com).

4. Future Meeting Dates

Ms. Iwanechko noted the next meeting of the RISC is via conference call on July 17, 2018.