

# Minutes

## Reliability Issues Steering Committee

January 12, 2018 | 12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Eastern

Erika Chanzas took attendance and verified a quorum with the following Reliability Issues Steering Committee (RISC) members on the phone: Peter Brandien, Terry Bilke, Carol Chinn, Brian Evans-Mongeon, Charles King, Lloyd Linke, Mark McCulla, Dave Osburn, Nelson Peeler, John Pespisa, Woody Rickerson, Chris Root, Herb Schrayshuen, and Chris Shepherd. Additional stakeholder observers were in attendance as well. NERC staff attendees included Erika Chanzas, Kristin Iwanechko, Mark Lauby, James Merlo, and Mike Walker.

### Introduction and Chair's Remarks

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

### NERC Antitrust Compliance Guidelines and Public Announcement

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

### Agenda Items

#### 1. December 13, 2017, Meeting Minutes

The December 13, 2017, meeting minutes were approved on a motion by Mr. Schrayshuen and seconded by Mr. Osburn.

#### 2. Final Draft of ERO Reliability Risk Priorities Report

##### a. Proposed Removal of Recommendations

Mr. Brandien noted that, as assigned on the last conference call, a sub-group reviewed the recommendations spreadsheet to identify recommendations for possible removal. The sub-group noted that recommendations were identified for removal if the activity was already ongoing or if it was not actionable. The sub-group also proposed to acknowledge the concepts and actions of any removed recommendations in the body of the report. Mr. Brandien highlighted a proposed additional recommendation regarding inverter-based resources. The RISC reviewed the updated spreadsheet and agreed to add the inverter-based resources recommendation, remove select recommendations, and capture the concepts of the removed recommendations throughout the body of the report.

##### b. Additional Revisions to Report

Mr. Brandien highlighted additional revisions made to the report since the previous draft, including revisions to the heat map to move away from High, Moderate, and Lower levels of risk to categorizing the profiles by the quadrants in the heat map. Mr. Brandien asked RISC for input by the following Friday to be incorporated in the final report.

Mr. Schrayshuen suggested including a discussion on FERC’s action relative to the Department of Energy Notice of Proposed Rulemaking regarding resilience and the plan going forward, including the strawman definition FERC has identified.

Ms. Chinn asked how the changes to the report will affect the ERO Enterprise Operating Plan. Mr. Walker stated that NERC staff will review the operating plan to make changes as needed, but does not anticipate many changes as a result of the removed recommendations since many are continuing activities that should continue to be reflected in the operating plan.

### **3. Resilience Framework**

Mr. Brandien reviewed the framework included in the background document, which maps current ERO Enterprise activities to the four elements of the National Infrastructure Advisory Council’s (NIAC’s) Framework for Establishing Critical Infrastructure Goals – robustness, resourcefulness, rapid recovery, and adaptability. The RISC discussed the framework with the goal of finalizing it to be presented and discussed at the NERC Member Representatives Committee meeting on February 7, 2018. As recommended in the framework, the RISC will request input from the standing committees on their respective activities addressing resilience to evaluate whether the ERO should take additional steps to address the key elements of BPS resilience. Mr. Schrayshuen suggested asking the technical committees to provide their opinions relative to the “time frame for recovery” necessary to be achieved to be considered resilient. The RISC will also consider the Regional Transmission Organizations’ and Independent Service Operators’ comments in response to FERC’s January 8, 2018 Order on grid resilience which will be filed in early March.

### **4. Next Steps**

In preparation for the February 7-8, 2018, NERC Member Representatives Committee and Board of Trustees (Board) meetings, Mr. Brandien reminded members to respond quickly to the final draft of the RISC report and review the resilience write-up for any additional input. Mr. Brandien also noted that new RISC members will be appointed by the Board in February.

### **5. Future Meeting Dates**

- a. March TBD – conference call