

April, 2025

NEWSLETTER

Latest RSTC Updates

Interim RSTC Conference Calls

To improve efficiency and ensure timely decision-making, the RSTC is adding an interim conference call between its quarterly meetings to review and approve key items. This will allow us to move forward with necessary approvals without having to wait until the next scheduled meeting.

The first interim call is scheduled for May 1, 2025 from 1:00–3:00 p.m. Eastern and the registration link for the call is below. The agenda and meeting materials will be posted on the NERC website two weeks prior to the call.

[RSTC Conference Call Registration](#)

RSTC Strategy

The RSTC is a standing committee that strives to advance the reliability and security of the interconnected bulk power system (BPS) of North America by:

- Creating a forum for aggregating ideas and interests, drawing from diverse industry stakeholder expertise, to support the ERO Enterprise's mission.
- Leveraging such expertise to identify solutions to study, mitigate, and/or eliminate emerging risks to the BPS for the benefit of industry stakeholders, the NERC Board of Trustees (Board), and ERO Enterprise staff and leadership.
- Coordinating and overseeing the implementation of RSTC subgroup work plans.

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First Quarter Updates

THE RSTC HELD ITS FIRST QUARTER
MEETINGS MARCH 12-13, 2025

[RSTC Meeting Agenda Package - March
12, 2025](#)

[RSTC Informational Session - March 13,
2025](#)

[Approved | Endorsed | Accepted - Agenda
Items March 12-13, 2025](#)

Want To Get Involved?

The RSTC subgroups are actively seeking additional participants to enhance their initiatives and projects. If you are interested in getting involved with one of these groups, we encourage you to reach out to a designated liaison for more information. They will provide you with details about the different subgroups, their objectives, and how you can contribute effectively. Your participation could make a significant difference, and we look forward to welcoming new members!

RSTC Liaisons

RSTC Subgroup	NERC Liaison
Reliability Assessments Subcommittee (RAS)	Stephen Coterillo and Mark Olson
Supply Chain Working Group (SCWG)	Al McMeekin
Security Integration and Technology Enablement Subcommittee (SITES)	Michaelson Buchanon and Larry Collier
Event Analysis Subcommittee (EAS)	Brad Gordon and Matthew Lewis
Energy Management Systems Working Group (EMSWG)	Wei Qiu
Failure Modes and Mechanisms Working Group (FMMWG)	Richard Hackman
Electric Vehicle Task Force (EVTF)	JP. Skeath
Large Loads Task Force (LLTF)	Evan Michelson and Jack Gibfried
System Protection and Control Working Group (SPCWG)	Ed Ruck and Rich Bauer
Inverter-based Performance Subcommittee (IRPS)	Aung Thant

RSTC Liaisons

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Resources Subcommittee (RS)	Elsa Prince and Evan Michelson
Security Working Group (SWG)	Dan Goodlett
Load Modeling Working Group (LMWG)	Hasala Dharmawardena
EMP Working Group (EMPWG)	Aung Thant
System Planning Impacts from Distributed Energy Resources Working Group (SPIDERWG)	JP. Skeath
Energy Reliability Working Group (ERWG)	Al McMeekin , Scott Barfield-McGinnis and Robert Tallman
Facility Ratings Task Force (FRTF)	Al McMeekin
6 GHz Task Force (6GHZTF)	Valerie Carter-Ridley
Performance Analysis Subcommittee (PAS)	Donna Pratt and Marie Golson
Probabilistic Assessment Working Group (PAWG)	Mohamed Osman and Mark Olson
Real Time Operating Subcommittee (RTOS)	Tony Burt
Synchronized Measurement Working Group (SMWG)	JP. Skeath and Nadia Smith

Welcome Aboard - New RSTC Members

In November and December 2024, we conducted our annual sector elections and at-large nominations to fill vacancies within the RSTC. The NERC Board of Trustees appointed the new members for a two-year term at their February 12, 2025 meeting.

Below is a brief bio for the five new members. The full [RSTC Roster](#) can be found on the NERC website.

Scott Klauminzer

Sector 2: State/ Municipal Utility

Scott Klauminzer has been in the Information Technology and Security fields for 35 years. He is currently the Critical Infrastructure Protection Program Manager at Tacoma Power and holds a master's degree in Cybersecurity and Leadership from the University of Washington. Scott participates on the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) Critical Infrastructure Protection (CIP) Project 2016-02 and 2022-05 Reliability Standards Drafting Teams working on virtualization and cybersecurity incident response. Additionally, he represents Tacoma Power on the Electricity Subsector Coordinating Council Senior Executive Workgroup (SEWG) on Cybersecurity. And he represented Tacoma Public Utilities, the American Public Power Association (APPA) and Large Public Power Council (LPPC) in the NIST Cybersecurity Framework development process and participated in developing the DOE's Cybersecurity Capability Maturity Model v2, and the ISO/IEC 27019:2017 ICS Information Security Controls Framework. He has served on the University of Washington Tacoma, School of Engineering and Technology (SET) Advisory Board for the past 10 years and is Board Member and coach of Kikaha O Ke Kai Hawaiian Outrigger Canoe Club. Scott loves to tinker with technology, but being outdoors with family, and coaching and paddling outrigger canoes is what keeps him happy.

Gayle Nansel

Sector 4: Federal or Provincial Utility

Gayle Nansel is the Vice President of Operations for WAPA's Upper Great Plains Region (UGPR) since August of 2022. Prior to this, Gayle served as the WAPA-UGPR Transmission System Planning Manager for over twelve years. Gayle has over 35 years of experience in power system planning, system operations, compliance and reliability working with both the Midwest Reliability Organization (MRO) and Western Electricity Coordinating Council (WECC).

Gayle directs a diverse team of system dispatchers, planning, operations, and real-time engineers and tariff administrators within the WAPA-UGPR giving her broad expertise and experience in tariff and rates, transmission planning, power system engineering, system operations, and the related compliance requirements within these areas. Within her capacity, she manages WAPA-UGPR's Transmission Planning function within the Southwest Power Pool (SPP), provides operational direction to WAPA-UGPR's Operational Dispatch Center in Watertown, South Dakota, in both eastern and western interconnects and guides the management of the WAPA-UGPR facilities under the SPP Regional Transmission Organization (RTO) tariff for the six state UGP region.

During her tenure, Gayle has transitioned her group's responsibilities from the MISO RC in the Eastern Interconnection and PeakRC in the Western Interconnection to the SPP RC just as she effectively transitioned her group into the SPP RTO and to the SPP PC in 2015. Gayle is currently a member of the SPP Economic Studies Working Group (ESWG), the SPP Transmission Working Group (TWG) and the SPP Future Grid Strategy Advisory Group (FGSAG). Gayle is a member of the MRO Reliability Advisory Council (RAC) since its inception in 2019. Gayle also has served on the NERC Planning Committee supporting the Federal seat rotation in 2011-2013 and again in 2017-2019 and now is again providing Federal seat support as a member of the NERC Reliability and Security Technical Committee (RSTC).

Mo Awad

Sector 7: Electricity Marketer

Mohammad Awad (Mo) is the Director of Transmission Operations and Transmission Operations Planning at Evergy. Mo joined Evergy in 2005 and worked in various positions in Transmission Planning, Federal Regulatory Affairs, Operations Analytics and T&D Asset Management. Mo currently leads the Kansas City Transmission Operations team that includes operators and engineers responsible for real-time grid monitoring, reliability, outage coordination, and emergency response. Mo is also active in the Southwest Power Pool (SPP) stakeholder process and is a member of the SPP Markets and Operations Policy Committee. Mo earned a Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering from University of Balamand (Lebanon), Master of Science in Electrical Engineering from Oklahoma State University and an MBA from Wichita State University. Mo serves on the boards of Cultivate KC and Cornerstone of Care.

Drew Bonser

Sector 10: ISO/RTO

Drew Bonser serves as Vice President and Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) at ERCOT, where he leads the development and execution of robust cybersecurity strategies to protect the integrity and reliability of the Texas electric grid. With over two decades of experience in cybersecurity and information technology, Mr. Bonser is responsible for safeguarding ERCOT's critical infrastructure through comprehensive risk management programs that address cyber, physical, and operational threats.

Mr. Bonser's extensive experience includes aligning cybersecurity initiatives with ERCOT's operational priorities, strengthening partnerships with state and federal agencies, and ensuring compliance with industry standards and regulations. His leadership is pivotal in managing the organization's proactive response to evolving cyber threats, fostering a security-first culture, and maintaining ERCOT's role as a leader in energy sector cybersecurity.

Prior to joining ERCOT, Mr. Bonser gained invaluable experience with NERC's Electricity-ISAC and served as Information Security Manager for the Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA). His cybersecurity career began with over a decade of active service in the United States Army, where he developed expertise in cyber defense, leadership, risk management, and strategic planning.

Mr. Bonser is a Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP) and holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Excelsior University.

Kevin Conway

At-Large Member

Kevin is a senior level utility operations executive with over 40 years of experience in the areas of power generation, transmission operations, power management, power sales, information technology, engineering, system maintenance, physical and cyber security measures, industrial safety, FERC Dam Safety, administration and NERC compliance.

rior to the formation of the RSTC, Kevin participated as a member of the NERC OC for approximately 12 years. His OC participation included representing the sectors of Large End-Users, Small End-Users, State and Municipal Utilities, and Transmission Dependent Utilities. He was an active member of the NERC CCC and ORCS for approximately 6 years.

He currently oversees the Western Power Pool's non-tariff programs that include the Western Power Pool Operating Committee, Western Reserve Sharing Group, and Western Frequency Response Sharing Group. The Western Power Pool comprises a significant portion of the Western Interconnection.

Kevin is a U.S. Coast Guard Veteran. He and his wife live in Northeastern Washington state near the Canadian border and Idaho State line. They live on a quiet lake and enjoy the beauty and opportunities of Pacific Northwest life.

T. David Wand At-Large Member

T. David Wand, Esq., is the Managing Attorney of the Electric Group at the New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel. The Division of Rate Counsel is the administrative agency charged under state law with the general protection of the interests of utility ratepayers and advocates on behalf of utility customers at the state, regional, and federal level. Mr. Wand joined the Division in 2019 and is responsible for providing expertise in public utility law to ensure all electric utility consumers receive reasonable rates and the best quality of service.

Before joining the Division, he was an associate on the Administrative and Environmental Law teams at the law firm of Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A. where he guided public and private clients through regulatory compliance and other administrative law matters. David also served as a Deputy Attorney General in the New Jersey Attorney General's Office, Division of Law, where he advised and litigated on behalf of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities in both state and federal matters. Upon graduation from Pace University School of Law, Mr. Wand clerked for the Honorable Rudy B. Coleman in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Appellate Division.

David has a B.A. in Philosophy from Albright College and received his J.D. from Pace University School of Law.

UPCOMING EVENTS

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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MAY

RSTC Interim Conference Call

[Meeting Information and Registration](#)

5-7

MAY

NERC Board Committees, NERC Board of Trustees, and Member Representatives Committee Meetings

Check the NERC Calendar for more information

11-12

JUNE

Joint RSTC, RISC, SC Meeting

Check the NERC Calendar for more information

22-24

JULY

Compliance and Certification Committee Meeting

Check the NERC Calendar for more information

CONFERENCES, WEBINARS, & WORKSHOPS

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APRIL

Industry Webinar: Project 2024-01 Rules of Procedure Definitions Alignment
(Generator Owner and Generator Operator)

2:00 - 3:30 PM

[Registration Information](#)

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APRIL

Industry Webinar: ITCS Canadian Analysis

TBD

Check the NERC Calendar for more information

OTHER MEETINGS | ERO ENTERPRISE EVENTS

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APRIL

Texas RE Spring Standards, Security, and Reliability Workshop

[Meeting information and Registration](#)

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MAY

Compliance & Registration Fundamentals for IBRs and Beyond

[Meeting information and Registration](#)

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JUNE

Commissioner-led Technical Conference Regarding the Challenge of Resource Adequacy in Regional Transmission Organization and Independent System Operator Regions

[Meeting information and Registration](#)

For more information about upcoming meetings, please visit our calendar at [NERC.com](https://www.nerc.com).

For questions or comments, please contact [Levetra Pitts](#) (via email)