

# 2019-2021 Standards Committee Strategic Work Plan

## Introduction

The 2019-2021 Standards Committee (SC) Strategic Work Plan (Plan) focuses Standards development activities on: (1) addressing Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) directives, (2) continuing Periodic Reviews (PRs), and (3) addressing emerging risks using input from various sources, including the Reliability Issues Steering Committee (RISC). The SC will continue: (1) providing oversight for standards grading activities evaluating Standards for quality and content, and (2) prioritizing standards development activities.

## Emerging Risks

With input from NERC technical committees, the RISC, or a governmental authority (such as FERC), the SC manages the development of Reliability Standards, as appropriate.

## Vision, Mission and Guiding Principles

### Vision

A comprehensive body of Reliability Standards that collectively supports the goal of achieving an adequate level of reliability and promotes the reliable operation of the North American bulk power system.

### Mission

To effectively manage and oversee development of a comprehensive set of Reliability Standards aligned with NERC's strategic goals through open and inclusive processes and procedures.

### Guiding Principles

- Consistent with the 2018-2020 Reliability Standards Development Plan (RSDP), this Plan recognizes the RSDP is primarily focused on addressing a small number of FERC directives, PRs and emerging risks. The details of the goals and objectives appear in the RSDP.
- To promote and implement a collaborative working environment with other NERC Standing Committees, NERC Standards staff, stakeholders and Standard Drafting Teams.
- To execute the Standards development process for effective and efficient use of NERC and industry resources.
- To promote and take a leadership role on consensus-building activities.

## Work Plan

### Task No. 1 – Periodic Reviews

- The Project Management and Oversight Subcommittee (PMOS) and NERC staff will use the 2018 Periodic Review Standing Team’s grading of Standards to prioritize and schedule the 2019 PRs and submit them to the SC for endorsement by the end of February 2019.

### Task No. 2 – Standards Grading

- NERC staff and the SC chair or delegate (acting in the capacity of Standing Team facilitator) will start the 2019 Standards grading as soon as practicable to allow time for conducting and commenting on the grading. NERC staff will present the Standards grading to the SC as an attachment to the RSDP. If possible, the grading should be completed by June 2019 but no later than the end of August 2019, to coordinate with the development of the 2020-2022 RSDP.

### Task No. 3 – Guidelines and Technical Basis Transition

- The Standards Committee will continue to work with NERC Staff and stakeholders to review Guidelines and Technical Basis documents for transition to Technical Rationale documents and/or Implementation Guidance.

### Task No. 4 – Standards Committee Process Subcommittee (SCPS)

- NERC staff and the SCPS will endeavor to complete all on-going projects and seek SC endorsement by December 2019. NERC staff and the SCPS will continue to identify opportunities for increased efficiency in existing processes and new processes to enhance the Standards Development Process.

### Task No. 5 – Fourth Quarter Review of SC 2019-2021 Strategic Work Plan

- The SC will conduct a review of this Plan and provide recommendations for the 2020-2022 Plan to the SC for endorsement.
- The SC Executive Committee will evaluate the need for additional revisions to the SC Charter and provide proposed changes (if any) to the SC for endorsement in 2019.

### Task No. 6 – Standards Efficiency Review

- The SC will support the evaluation of NERC Reliability Standards to identify potential efficiencies through retirement or modification of particular requirements. This project seeks to identify requirements that do not strengthen reliability and could reduce unnecessary regulatory or administrative burdens for NERC and the industry.