

2020-2022 Standards Committee Strategic Work Plan

Introduction

This 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) overseeing standards grading activities (evaluating Standards for quality and content), and (2) prioritizing standards development activities.

Emerging Risks

Through input by a NERC technical committee, the RISC or a governmental authority (such as FERC), the SC authorizes the development new or revised Standards, as appropriate.

Vision, Mission and Guiding Principles

Vision

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

Mission

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 2020-2022 Reliability Standards Development Plan (RSDP), this Plan recognizes the transition of the Standard development process to primarily address a small number of FERC directives, Periodic Reviews, and emerging risks. The details of the goals and objectives for 2020-2022 appear in the RSDP.
- Promote and implement a collaborative working environment with other NERC Standing Committees, NERC Standards staff, stakeholders, and standard drafting teams.
- Execute the Standards development process for effective and efficient use of NERC and industry resources.
- 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 prioritize and schedule Periodic Reviews for SC endorsement. PMOS will use the most recent Periodic Review Standing Review Team’s grading of Standards to prioritize/schedule by the end of February 2020.

Task No. 2 – Standards Grading

- NERC staff and the SC chair or delegate (acting as facilitator) will start the 2020 Standards grading as soon as practicable to provide time to conduct and comment on the grading. NERC staff will present Standards grading to the SC with the RSDP. To be completed by June 2020 if possible, but no later than the end of August 2020 to coordinate with the development of the 2021-2023 RSDP.

Task No. 3 – Transition of Guidelines and Technical Basis to Technical Rationale

- The SC will continue work to review Guidelines and Technical Basis documents for transition to Technical Rationale documents while moving compliance examples to 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 2020. NERC staff and the SCPS will identify opportunities for increased efficiency in existing processes and new processes to enhance Standards development.

Task No. 5 – Fourth Quarter Review of 2020-2022 SC Strategic Work Plan

- The SC will review Plan and provide changes for 2021-2023 to the SC for endorsement.

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 potential candidate requirements not necessary for reliability to reduce regulatory obligation.