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Standing Committees Coordinating Group (SCCG) Quarterly Report

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First Quarter Update

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Compliance and Certification Committee (CCC)

Chair: Scott Tomashefsky Vice-Chair: Silvia Parada Mitchell

Purpose: The CCC will engage, support, and advise the NERC Board and NERC Management regarding all facets of the NERC Compliance Monitoring and Enforcement Program, and Organization Registration and Certification Programs and specific elements of the Reliability Standards Development Process.

Recent Risk Identification, Mitigation, Monitoring Activity

- Continued support of ERO Program Alignment topics, including
 - Implementation Guidance
 - CMEP Practice Guide Reviews
- Inform development of risk-based standards and shape compliance oversight
- Stakeholder Perception Feedback
 - Q4 Focused Discussion
 - Align Tool
- Align User Group Participation
- 2022 Internal Audits on CMEP and ORCP processes
- CCC 2023 Workplan consistent with ERO 2023 priorities

Top Priorities for SCCG Discussion:

- Supporting Use of the Risk Framework
- Implementing BOT Standards Process Improvement directives
- Incorporating Agility into CMEP Efforts
- Optimizing CMEP and ORCP Tools
- Maximizing Value of Stakeholder Feedback for ERO Enterprise

Upcoming Risk Identification, Mitigation, Monitoring Activity

- 2023 Stakeholder Perceptions Feedback Report (Recap of 2022 Activities)
- Stakeholder Perception Feedback Plan
 - Q1 Focused Discussion - Program Alignment and Consistency Efforts
- 2023 Internal Audit Work
- Review current practices and processes related to Implementation Guidance
- Consider potential updates to registration criteria (VER, DER)

What information/guidance/support is needed from another committee?

- RSTC (Risk Tool Selection ((Guideline, SAR, White Papers, etc.)))
- SC (Joint Standards Grading, Standards Development Quality Review)
- All Committees (Stakeholder Perception Feedback input)
- RISC (Feedback loops for risk reliability priorities)

Personnel Certification Governance Committee (PCGC)

Chair: Cory Danson Vice-Chair: Michael B. Hoke

Purpose: The PCGC shall be to provide oversight to the policies and processes used to implement and maintain the integrity and independence of NERC's System Operator Certification Program.

Top Priorities for SCCG Discussion:

- Review CMRPTF proposal for updates to certification and credential maintenance program being presented at February meeting
- Develop work plan to incorporate changes into program

What information/guidance/support is needed from another committee?

- N/A

Recent Risk Identification, Mitigation, Monitoring Activity

- N/A

Upcoming Risk Identification, Mitigation, Monitoring Activity

- FERC & Industry acceptance on direction of program changes.

Reliability Issues Steering Committee (RISC)

Chair: Brian Slocum Vice-Chair: Adrienne Collins

Purpose: The RISC is an advisory committee that triages and provides front-end, high-level leadership and accountability for nominated issues of strategic importance to bulk power system reliability.

Top Priorities for SCCG Discussion: We will identify new risk profiles and begin prioritization this year. This will flow into the strategic planning with the RSTC work plans.

What information/guidance/support is needed from another committee?

- RSTC- As the priorities report is drafted, input will be needed from the RSTC.
- Feedback loops that need to commence as part of the risk framework will be triggered as needed.

Recent Risk Identification, Mitigation, Monitoring Activity

- The Leadership Summit will take place on January 25th.
- The RISC will meet immediately following the summit to discuss new risks and begin the process for drafting the priorities report that will be presented to the Board in August.

Upcoming Risk Identification, Mitigation, Monitoring Activity

- RISC will collaborate with RSTC
- Smaller teams are beginning to meet with NERC staff drafting the risk priorities report.

Reliability and Security Technical Committee (RSTC)

Chair: Greg Ford Vice-Chair: Rich Hydzik

Purpose: The RSTC strives to advance the reliability and security of the BPS by creating a forum for ideas and interests to support the ERO's mission, and leveraging such expertise to identify solutions to study, mitigate, and/or eliminate emerging risks.

Top Priorities for SCCG Discussion:

- Continue to monitor progress on RSTC work plan
- Prioritize and incorporate RISC Report and Cold Weather Report recommendations into RSTC work plan
- Incorporate metrics into Reliability Guidelines

What information/guidance/support is needed from another committee?

- **CCC** – Participate in the SCTF as needed.
- **PCGC** – N/A
- **RISC** – Evaluated RISC Report recommendations for risk mitigation activities by the RSTC subgroups. Will continue to monitor work plan progress and reassess progress in early 2023 and will participate in the RISC Summit January 2023.
- **SC** – SPIDERWG has proposed two SARs on FAC-001 and FAC-002. The RSTC is in the process of reviewing these and will provide feedback to SPIDERWG. It is anticipated that the revised SARs will be brought to the RSTC in March for endorsement. For the TOCC Field Test plan, we will continue coordination of the field test with the Standard Drafting Team.

Recent Risk Identification, Mitigation, Monitoring Activity

- Approved *SPCWG and RS Scope Documents; TRD Load Composition Analysis; Whitepaper on Transient Voltage Response (TVR) Criteria; Three SCWG Security Guidelines; RSTC Subordinate Group Review Recommendations; White Paper: Battery Energy Storage and Multiple types of DER Modeling; Reliability Guideline: Parameterization of the DER_A Model for Aggregate DER; White Paper: Cybersecurity for Distributed Energy Resources and DER Aggregators*
- Endorsed two SARs from the IRPS

Upcoming Risk Identification, Mitigation, Monitoring Activity

- Reliability/Security Guidelines (including effectiveness metrics) are due in March.
- RSTC Work Plan Summit will be January 31-February 2, 2023.
- Seek Board approval of RSTC Strategic Plan and begin implementation.
- RSTC Leadership to participate in development of RISC Report.

Standards Committee (SC)

Chair: Amy Casuscelli Vice-Chair: Todd Bennett

Purpose: The SC oversees the development of NERC Reliability Standards as its members review actions to ensure the standards development process is being followed.

Top Priorities for SCCG Discussion:

- Standards Process Improvements, recommendations for SCCG, RSTC and SC
- SC will partner with NERC Staff and consult with the SCCG to effectively prioritize standards development projects based on reliability risk.

What information/guidance/support is needed from another committee?

- CCC – Participate and support the joint task force in early 2023 to evaluate the existing Standards Grading process, identify opportunities, and provide recommendations for improvement.
- PCGC – N/A
- RISC – Risk Framework: determination of risk remediation feedback to the SC and RSTC.
- RSTC – Increased awareness of SAR development process through standing agenda item on SC agenda. Awareness and status of SARs being worked at subcommittee level.

Recent Risk Identification, Mitigation, Monitoring Activity

- Approved the 2023-2025 Strategic Work Plan.
- Standards Processes Manual and NERC Rules of Procedure posted for formal comment period.

Upcoming Risk Identification, Mitigation, Monitoring Activity

- Cold Weather Phase 2 Initial Ballot posting – February 2023
- Two Inverter-Based Resource Performance SARs to accept in January 2023
- Two redline SARs for Energy Assurance with Energy-Constrained Resources - January 2023
- Reporting ACE Definition and Associated Terms Initial Ballot