

# Minutes

## Board of Trustees

October 23, 2023 10:30 a.m.–11:00 a.m. Eastern

### Virtual Meeting

#### Call to Order

Mr. Kenneth W. DeFontes, Jr., Chair, called to order the duly noticed open meeting of the Board of Trustees (the Board) of the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC or the Corporation) on October 23, 2023, at 10:30 a.m. Eastern, and a quorum was declared present. The agenda is attached as **Exhibit A**.

Present at the meeting were:

#### Board Members

Kenneth W. DeFontes, Jr., Chair

Jane Allen

Robert G. Clarke

Larry Irving

Suzanne Keenan

Susan Kelly

Robin E. Manning

Jim Piro

James B. Robb, NERC President and Chief Executive Officer

Kristine Schmidt

#### NERC Staff

Tina Buzzard, Assistant Corporate Secretary

Manny Cancel, Senior Vice President and Chief Executive Officer of the E-ISAC

Kelly Hanson, Senior Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer

Soo Jin Kim, Vice President, Engineering and Standards

Sônia Rocha, Senior Vice President, General Counsel, and Corporate Secretary

Lauren Perotti, Assistant General Counsel

Janet Sena, Senior Vice President, External Affairs

#### NERC Antitrust Compliance Guidelines

Ms. Buzzard noted the public nature of the meeting and directed the participants' attention to the NERC Antitrust Compliance Guidelines included in the advance meeting materials. She stated that any additional questions regarding these guidelines should be directed to Ms. Rocha.

#### Introduction and Chair's Remarks

Mr. DeFontes welcomed all of the attendees to the meeting and noted the purpose of the meeting is to adopt the second phase proposed cold weather Reliability Standards developed in response to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), NERC, and Regional Entity Joint Inquiry into the causes of the February 2021 cold weather event affecting Texas and the south central United States ("Joint Inquiry Report").

**Project 2021-07 Extreme Cold Weather Grid Operations, Preparedness, and Coordination**

Ms. Kim introduced the proposed Reliability Standards, noting that they were developed to address the second phase recommendations for standards development from the Joint Inquiry Report in accordance with the timeline directed by the Board at its November 2021 meeting.

Ms. Kim highlighted the reliability benefits provided by the proposed standards, including: (1) enhanced requirements for Transmission Operator and Balancing Authority Operating Plan(s) to mitigate emergencies that accounts for critical natural gas infrastructure loads that are essential for Bulk Electric System reliability; and (2) a new requirement for Balancing Authorities to implement extreme cold weather Operating Processes. She explained that the five-day look ahead requirement for these Operating Processes will aid entities in determining whether they have adequate generation resources available, with consideration to factors are known to impact generator availability. Ms. Kim noted that work is continuing to address the directives from FERC’s February 2023 order approving the phase 1 standards.

Mr. DeFontes thanked the standard drafting team and NERC’s stakeholders for their work on this important project. Ms. Kelly echoed her appreciation and support. After discussion, and upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board approved the following resolutions:

***Proposed Reliability Standard EOP-011-4***

**RESOLVED**, that the Board hereby adopts the proposed Reliability Standard EOP-011-4, as presented to the Board at this meeting.

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board hereby approves the Violation Risk Factors and Violation Severity Levels for the proposed Reliability Standard, as presented to the Board at this meeting.

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board hereby approves the proposed retirement of Reliability Standard EOP-011-3, as presented to the Board at this meeting.

***Proposed Reliability Standard TOP-002-5***

**RESOLVED**, that the Board hereby adopts the proposed Reliability Standard TOP-002-5, as presented to the Board at this meeting.

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board hereby approves the Violation Risk Factors and Violation Severity Levels for the proposed Reliability Standard, as presented to the Board at this meeting.

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board hereby approves the proposed retirement of Reliability Standard TOP-002-4, as presented to the Board at this meeting.

***Implementation Plan***

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board hereby approves the associated implementation plan for the above-listed Reliability Standards, as presented to the Board at this meeting.

### **Authorization**

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that NERC management is hereby authorized to make the appropriate filings with ERO governmental authorities and take such further actions and make such further filings as are necessary and appropriate to effectuate the intent of the foregoing resolutions.

Mr. DeFontes remarked that the Board looks forward to considering the remaining cold weather Reliability Standard enhancements in early 2024.

### **Other Matters and Adjournment**

There being no further business, and upon motion duly made and seconded, the open meeting was concluded, and the Board adjourned into executive session to discuss a confidential matter. At the conclusion of the executive session, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by,



Sônia Rocha  
Corporate Secretary