

## Minutes

# Standards Oversight and Technology Committee

August 12, 2015 | 11:15–12:15 p.m. Eastern

The Ritz-Carlton, Toronto  
181 Wellington Street West  
Toronto, Ontario M5V 3G7  
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Kenneth G. Peterson, Chair, called to order a duly noticed meeting of the Standards Oversight and Technology Committee (the “Committee”) of the Board of Trustees of the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (“NERC”) on August 12, 2015, at 11:15 a.m. Eastern, and a quorum was declared present. The agenda is attached as **Exhibit A**.

Present at the meeting were:

### **Committee Members**

Kenneth G. Peterson, Chair  
Paul F. Barber  
Frederick W. Gorbet  
David Goulding  
Douglas Jaeger

### **Board of Trustees Members**

Janice B. Case  
Gerald W. Cauley  
Robert Clarke  
George Hawkins  
Jan Schori  
Roy Thilly

### **NERC Staff:**

Charles A. Berardesco, Senior Vice President, General Counsel, and Corporate Secretary  
Howard Gugel, Director of Standards  
Stan Hoptroff, Vice President and Chief Technology Officer  
Mark G. Lauby, Senior Vice President and Chief Reliability Officer  
Sonia Mendonca, Vice President and Deputy General Counsel  
Marcus Sachs, Senior Vice President and Chief Security Officer  
Janet Sena, Senior Vice President and Director Policy and External Affairs  
Timothy Roxey, Vice President and Chief ES-ISAC Operations Officer  
Brady Walker, Associate Counsel  
Michael Walker, Senior Vice President, Chief Financial and Administrative Officer, and Corporate Treasurer

**NERC Antitrust Compliance Guidelines**

Mr. Peterson directed the participants' attention to the NERC Antitrust Compliance Guidelines included with the agenda materials, and stated that any additional questions regarding these guidelines may be directed to Mr. Berardesco.

**Minutes**

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Committee approved the minutes of the May 6, 2015 meeting as presented to the Committee at the meeting.

**ERO Enterprise IT Application Strategy**

Mr. Hoptroff provided an update on the IT Application Strategy, referencing the detailed materials that had been included in the advance agenda package. He reminded the Committee of the guiding principles for IT projects and provided a status update on ongoing projects, including projects related to the ES-ISAC, CRISP and document management, noting that NERC had successfully negotiated the right to share certain information relating to the document management program with the Regional Entities.

**2016-2018 Reliability Standards Development Plan**

Mr. Gugel summarized the draft 2016-2018 Reliability Standards Development Plan (the "RSDP"), referencing the detailed materials included in the advance agenda package. He discussed projects completed in 2015, projects carried over to 2016, and key factors for enhanced review of existing standards. Mr. Gugel reviewed the timeline for approval of the RSDP, which has been posted for industry comment, noting that it will be submitted for Board approval in November, and summarized comments already received. Mr. Gorbet asked about the periodic reviews in light of MRC policy input, and Mr. Gugel responded that the revised RSDP will reflect the commentary. Mr. Cauley noted that the draft RSDP reflects the shift to "steady state" in standards, but that future changes to standards would need to reflect substantive feedback, e.g., from events analysis, performance analysis, reliability assessments and compliance and enforcement activities.

Mr. Sylvain Clermont suggested that the question of what "cost" means in the context of standards should be reviewed by the Standards Committee.

**Reliability Standards Quarterly Status Report and Standards Committee Report**

Mr. Gugel presented the Reliability Standards Quarterly Status Report, referencing the detailed materials included in the advance agenda package, noting the significant decrease in outstanding FERC directives and recommendations from Paragraph 81 and Independent Experts review. He reviewed progress towards "steady state" and the trend in the actual number of requirements. Mr. Peterson inquired as to the status of regional standards versus regional variations within standards, and Mr. Gugel indicated that the ERO is moving away from regional standards. Representatives of WECC and NPCC confirmed they are reviewing existing regional standards to determine if they can be retired.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, and upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charles A. Berardesco". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Charles A. Berardesco  
Secretary