

**Date:** May 19, 2017

**RE:** First draft of the 2018 Business Plans and Budgets for NERC and each Regional Entity Posted for Stakeholder Review and Comment

The first draft of NERC's 2018 Business Plan and Budget is now available on NERC's website, in a consolidated posting with the 2018 draft business plans and budgets of each Regional Entity. Comments are requested by June 30, 2017. As discussed at the budget overview presentation to the NERC Finance and Audit Committee on May 10, 2017, the draft NERC budget also includes an exhibit outlining proposed additional resources to support the long-term E-ISAC strategy.

A conference call and webinar meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 25, 2017, from 11am to 1pm (ET). During the meeting, NERC and Regional Entity representatives will provide an overview of each draft 2018 business plan and budget. NERC will also provide an overview of the draft consolidated 2018 budgets and assessments. Presentations providing a summary of the consolidated posting, budgets and assessments, and an overview of each Regional Entity's business plan and budget, have also been posted and will be reviewed during this meeting. The meeting will assist stakeholders in their review and understanding of each business plan and budget, as well as the consolidated regional assessment projections. While feedback during the webinar is welcomed, no specific feedback regarding the posted materials is being requested during the webinar. The ERO Enterprise has an ongoing commitment to provide stakeholders with both the necessary information and opportunity to provide feedback on these business plans and budgets. These postings and meeting materials are in keeping with that commitment and to provide stakeholders with a view of the combined ERO Enterprise (NERC and Regional Entities) business plans, budgets, and preliminary assessments. This process offers ongoing feedback opportunities well in advance of the review and final approval by the NERC Board of Trustees and FERC.

The NERC presentation materials also outline the remaining schedule leading to the NERC Board of Trustees final approval and associated regulatory and governmental filings in August 2017. Each Regional Entity has their own parallel process to review and obtain stakeholder input on their business plans and budgets leading to the final approval by their governing body. The dates for each Regional Entity's governing body approval of their final 2018 business plan and budget are included in the schedule posted on NERC's website. We encourage interested stakeholders to participate in any relevant Regional Entity reviews and approvals.

We look forward to your feedback during this important step in the development of the ERO Enterprise's 2018 business plans and budgets. Written comments on the first draft are requested by June 30, 2017, and should be directed to the attention of Meg Leonard at [meg.leonard@nerc.net](mailto:meg.leonard@nerc.net).

Sincerely,

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