



Modernization of Standards Processes and Procedures

Risks to the reliability, security, and resilience of the bulk power system are rapidly emerging during the transformation to a decentralized, digitized, and decarbonized grid. This is outpacing industry's ability to develop, enhance, and implement Reliability Standards under the existing processes and procedures. At its February 2025 meeting, the NERC Board of Trustees passed a resolution forming an industry-led Modernization of Standards Processes and Procedures Task Force (MSPPTF) to undertake a strategic review of NERC's Reliability Standards development process. The task force will present proposed recommendations to the NERC Board in February 2026.

2025 May Update

This is the first in a series of updates that will summarize ongoing activities related to the MSPP initiative.

Background

The MSPPTF will focus on transforming current processes and procedures to ensure that standards are developed more efficiently and effectively to better address the complex and rapidly evolving risk landscape. The task force will consider entirety of the current standards program, including processes, balloting, drafting, and roles of team and committee members. The MSPPTF will also review prior standards improvement efforts and recent 321 actions for lessons learned.

Key Activities

The MSPPTF initiative was launched in February by the Board, which appointed Greg Ford (president and CEO of Georgia System Operations Corporation) as chair and Todd Lucas (vice president of Transmission Operations and Policy at Southern Company) as vice chair.

The MSPPTF has subsequently met three times to develop and formalize its scope, and to align on guiding principles and goals. In addition, the task force identified and prioritized areas of opportunity for modernization.

Ford and Lucas will present an update on MSPP activities to the NERC Board at 10:30 a.m. Eastern Wednesday,

May 8. Stakeholders are strongly encouraged to dial into the meeting. The meeting link can be found in the [agenda package](#).

Stakeholder Outreach

Stakeholder-based involvement is fundamental to the success of the MSPPTF and the task force will engage stakeholders as part of its scope as well as provide updates to industry through public announcements and updates at various open meetings, including Board, Member Representatives Committee, Compliance and Certification Committee, Reliability and Security Technical Committee, and Standards Committee meetings. Stakeholder input will be solicited both formally and informally throughout the process.

Key Resources

NERC also will provide resources via the [MSPP web page](#), located under the initiatives tab on the NERC website, to ensure that industry and stakeholders are kept informed throughout this critical project, including, the [Scope](#), the [Roster](#) and [FAQs](#). As needs are identified, NERC will develop additional materials.

Questions? Contact mspp@nerc.net

Q2 2025

- Developed scope document
- Identified areas for improvement

Q3 2025

- Develop strawman draft of recommendations
- Solicit stakeholder input

Q4 2025

- Solicit stakeholder input
- Finalize recommendations

Q1 2026

- Present recommendations to NERC Board

Communications and Engagement

- Individual task force engagement
- General communications to and broad engagement with industry and stakeholders
- Updates to NERC's Board, MRC, Standing Committee, and Industry Groups