

## Announcement

### Board of Trustees Adopt Nine Standards Projects, Approves Changes to Rules of Procedure

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**ATLANTA** – At its quarterly board meeting in Atlanta on November 13, the North American Electric Reliability Corporation Board of Trustees adopted nine standards projects and the *2015–2017 Reliability Standards Development Plan* and approved changes to the Rules of Procedure in support of the Risk-Based Registration initiative. Ken Quesnelle, chair of the Canadian Association of Members of Public Utility Tribunals (CAMPUT), and Kim Greene, executive vice president and chief operating officer of Southern Company, made the opening remarks.

Gerry Cauley, president and chief executive officer at NERC, thanked industry for their collaboration on recent assessments, including the polar vortex report and the preliminary review of the Clean Power Plan.

“With such sweeping changes in the resource mix as proposed in the rule, substantial technical analysis is needed to demonstrate reliability and security can be maintained,” Cauley said. “Industry participants, states and Regions must work together vigorously on proposals and plans and work in parallel with NERC to assess reliability impacts based on more concrete options. We must continue to work together.”

The Board approved the *ERO Enterprise Strategic Plan 2015–2018*, which summarizes NERC and the Regional Entities’ common set of enterprise performance metrics. The plan summarizes the mission, vision and goals of the Enterprise and provides strategic direction and priorities for the next three years. The metrics were developed to assess the overall effectiveness of the Enterprise in addressing risk to the bulk power system.

Amendments to NERC’s Rules of Procedure in support of the Risk-Based Registration initiative also were approved. The changes implement the design framework and support the proposed enhancements to the registry as part of Phase 1 of the initiative. The framework includes refined thresholds based on technical analyses, risks considerations



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and support; reduced standards applicability; and clearly defined terms, criteria and procedures that are risk based and ensure reliability of the bulk power system.

In other action, the Board adopted nine standards projects and one regional standard:

- **Disturbance Monitoring – PRC-002-2.** This standard provides data uniformity and consistency for analyzing disturbances. It will improve the accuracy of planning and operating models, allowing for greater ability to identify risks to the bulk power system.
- **Protection System Maintenance and Testing – Phase 3 (Sudden Pressure Relays) – PRC-005-4.** This standard is updated to include maintenance of a sudden pressure relay, which is applied as a protective device that trips a facility.
- **Special Protection Systems – Phase 2 (Remedial Action Scheme Definition).** This standard modifies standards to use the single, defined term “Remedial Action Scheme” and removes reference to “Special Protection System” for clarity and consistent application.
- **Applicability for Dispersed Generation Resources standards.** This action modifies standards PRC-004-2.1a, PRC-004-3, PRC-005-2, PRC-005-3 and VAR-002-3 to account for unique characteristics of dispersed-power-producing resources.
- **Critical Infrastructure Protection Standards Version 5 Revisions.** The revisions address the removal of the “identify, assess and correct” directive and the directive related to “communication networks.”
- **Revisions to TOP and IRO Reliability Standards.** These revisions address operations planning, data and coordination requirements in the following standards: TOP-002-4, TOP-003-3, IRO-001-4, IRO-002-4, IRO-008-2, IRO-010-2, IRO-014-3 and IRO-017-1.
- **Undervoltage Load Shedding-PRC-010-1.** This standard defines “UVLS program,” which identifies and separates centrally controlled undervoltage-base load shedding, consolidates four previous PRC standards and addresses a FERC directive in Order No. 693.
- **Underfrequency Load Shedding- PRC-006-2.** This standard provides clarity to an outstanding FERC directive by adding one new requirement (Requirement 15) and modifying two existing requirements (Requirement 9 and Requirement 10) and addresses the Independent Experts’ retirement recommendations.
- **Emergency Operations – EOP-011-1.** This standard proposes to mitigate effects of operating emergencies by requiring each Transmission Operator and Balancing Authority to develop emergency operating plans coordinated within Regional Coordinator areas.
- **Automatic Voltage Regulators – VAR-002-WECC-2 and Power System Stabilizers – VAR-501-WECC-2.** These regional standards implement Paragraph 81 project recommendations by removing Requirement R2 from both of the standards.

The Board also adopted the *2015–2017 Reliability Standards Development Plan*, which anticipates achieving the transformation of standards to a steady state during 2015 and reduces the number of new projects in 2015.

At the Member Representatives Committee meeting, Sylvain Clermont, manager of Transmission Services at Hydro-Quebec TransEnergie, was elected chair, and Nabil Hitti, director of U.S. Business Development at National Grid, was elected chair-elect. Their terms begin in February 2015. The next Board meeting is scheduled for February 12 in San Diego. Board presentations may be found by clicking [here](#).