

## Announcement

### Board Welcomes Jim Robb to First Meeting as CEO

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**ARLINGTON, VA** – NERC’s Board of Trustees convened its quarterly meeting today in Arlington, Va. The meeting began with Board Chair Roy Thilly introducing Jim Robb, NERC’s new president and chief executive officer, who assumed the role on April 9. “The Board is pleased to welcome Jim to his first meeting as CEO. We have high confidence in his qualifications to lead this organization as we face exciting opportunities, as well as new challenges, to the reliability of the North American grid,” Thilly said.

Welcoming remarks were given by Tom Farrell, chair and chief executive officer of Dominion Energy, who highlighted the commitment both NERC and Dominion have to maintaining reliable, secure electricity on a rapidly changing grid.

Bruce Walker, assistant secretary of the Department of Energy, spoke to the importance of the partnership between DOE and NERC, noting that reliability is essential to protecting national security. Commissioner Richard Glick of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission addressed FERC’s resilience proceeding and cybersecurity topics. Murray Doehler, past chair, CAMPUT, spoke to the importance of the Canadian/NERC relationship.

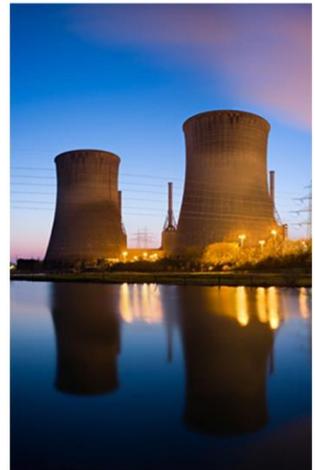
Addressing the approximately 200 stakeholders in attendance, Robb noted that this summer marks NERC’s 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its creation, created in June 1968 in the wake of the 1965 Northeast Blackout.

“In those 50 years, we have grown a lot. We are the independent voice for reliability and everything we do is about improving reliability and security,” Robb said. “We have a bright future with more to do and I’m excited about the opportunity to have a real impact on the industry that I’ve worked in for 30 years.”

Robb noted that during his tenure, he will focus on *how* the ERO Enterprise goes about its business, namely in the following areas:

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- Working with industry while maintaining independence.
- Maintaining NERC’s reputation as a credible and objective resource for reliability.
- Continuing to build relationships with our stakeholders policymakers.
- Increasing alignment and efficient practices across the ERO model – especially in the CMEP.

“I’m honored to be in this role. We have made great strides as an ERO and I will work diligently to ensure we continue our path of success,” Robb said.

The Board was given an update on ERO Enterprise [supply chain activities](#), including action to address the [resolution](#) the Board adopted at its August 2017 meeting. The ERO established an advisory task force of industry experts to provide standards implementation support and advice on future supply chain activities. NERC also engaged a vendor to provide an independent analysis of supply-chain risks, including those low-impact assets that are not subject to the supply chain Reliability Standard that is pending before FERC.

In other activity, the Board took action on two Reliability Standards – approving PER-003-2 – Operating Personnel Credentials, which provides more clarity on the connection between the standard and the System Operator Certification Program Manual; and retiring PER-004-2 – Reliability Coordination-Staff, which was found to duplicate requirements existing in other standards.

Board presentations may be found by clicking [here](#). The next Board of Trustees meeting is August 16 in Calgary, Canada.

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*The vision for the Electric Reliability Organization (ERO) Enterprise, which is comprised of the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) and the eight Regional Entities (REs), is a highly reliable and secure North American bulk power system (BPS). Our mission is to assure the effective and efficient reduction of risks to the reliability and security of the grid.*