

Announcement

Board Welcomes New Trustees; Approves Transfer of SPP Registered Entities

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WASHINGTON, D.C. – The Board of Trustees held their quarterly meeting February 8 in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. The meeting was opened by Board Chair Roy Thilly, with Charles Berardesco providing the Interim President’s report. Welcoming remarks were made by Eric Silagy, president and chief executive officer, Florida Power & Light; Kevin McIntyre, chair, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; and Bruce Walker, assistant secretary, Department of Energy.

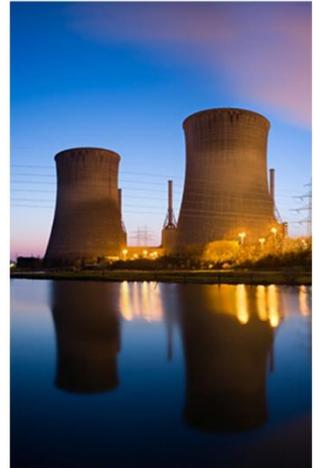
The Board welcomed two new members, elected by the Member Representatives Committee on February 7, to NERC’s Board of Trustees: **Suzanne Keenan**, formerly Chief Information Officer of Wawa Inc., a leading East coast retail chain, and also senior positions at Comcast Cable Communications and PECO Energy (now part of Exelon Corporation); and **Robin Manning**, most recently vice president of Transmission and Distribution Infrastructure at EPRI and previously held senior positions at Tennessee Valley Authority and Duke Energy. In addition George Hawkins and Jan Schori were re-elected to new Board terms. The Board also named **Scott Jones** as senior vice president, who serves as NERC’s Chief Financial and Administrative Officer and Treasurer. Jones joined NERC in December 2014 as the senior director of Finance and was appointed vice president and Chief Financial Officer by the Board in August 2017.

A memorandum of understanding (MOU) between NERC, WECC and the British Columbia Utilities Commission was approved. The MOU delineates each of the parties’ responsibilities under their respective regulatory and legal frameworks, and provides for sharing of confidential information among the parties.

The Board also reviewed activities regarding the dissolution of SPP as a Regional Entity (RE) and the transfer of SPP RE registered entities to other Regional Entities. In July, SPP and NERC agreed to terminate the SPP Regional Delegation Agreement. NERC outlined a criteria for transferring SPP RE’s registered entities to other Regional Entities that drew upon NERC’s Rules of Procedure Section 1208 criteria. Registered

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entities initially submitted their transfer requests to NERC for consideration. Following the criteria, NERC management proposed the transfer of the 122 registered entities to SERC and MRO. The Board approved the recommendations, as well as the amendments required to update the SERC and MRO Regional Delegation Agreements to reflect these changes, and the formal termination of the SPP Regional Delegation Agreement.

The Reliability Issues Steering Committee's (RISC) presented the [ERO Reliability Risk Priorities](#) report (February 2018), which defines and prioritizes risks to the reliable operation of the bulk power system and supports ERO Enterprise strategic and operational planning. The report, which was accepted by the Board, categorizes the risk profiles by mapping the likelihood and impact for industry to better focus resources. The Board also asked the RISC committee to continue moving forward on a resilience framework and recommendations.

In other action, the Board adopted the PRC-025-2 – Generator Relay Loadability standard, which requires a relay's 50 element to be set at a level to prevent generator trip during disturbances. The standard also clarifies dispersed power producing resources and clarifies setting criteria. The Board also approved clarifications to two Regional standards (FAC-501-WECC-2, BAL-004-WECC-3) and the retirement of two Regional standards (PRC-004-WECC-2, VAR-002-WECC-2).

The ERO accomplishments of 2017 were noted with the release of the [2017 Annual Report](#), which summarizes activities of the past year in three broad categories: Building and Preserving Achievements, Strengthening Engagement, and Adapting to Change.

Board presentations may be found by clicking [here](#). The next Board of Trustees meeting is May 10 in Washington, D.C.

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The North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) is a not-for-profit international regulatory authority whose mission is to ensure the reliability of the bulk power system in North America. NERC develops and enforces Reliability Standards; annually assesses seasonal and long-term reliability; monitors the bulk power system through system awareness; and educates, trains, and certifies industry personnel. NERC's area of responsibility spans the continental United States, Canada, and the northern portion of Baja California, Mexico. NERC is the electric reliability organization for North America, subject to oversight by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and governmental authorities in Canada. NERC's jurisdiction includes users, owners, and operators of the bulk power system, which serves more than 334 million people.