

## Announcement

### NERC's Staff Expertise Recognized by Engineering Group

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**WASHINGTON, DC** – The leading association for electrical engineers has recognized three bulk power system papers authored by North American Electric Reliability Corporation staff at its annual Power and Energy Society general meeting this week at National Harbor.

The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers selected *Effect of Load Forecasting Uncertainty on the Reliability of the North American Bulk Power System* as a best paper. NERC authors of the paper are Noha Abdel-Karim, senior engineer; Thomas Burgess, vice president and director of Reliability Assessment and Performance Analysis; John Moura, director of Reliability Assessment; Elliott Nethercutt, senior technical analyst; and Trinh Ly, engineer.

Approximately 1,200 papers were submitted with 80 chosen as “best papers.” The best papers were presented at sessions of the general meeting, which is July 29-31. IEEE also selected two papers by NERC staff that will be published in the official conference proceedings. *Top Risks to Transmission Outages* was written by Svetlana Ekisheva, senior statistician; Andrew Slone, engineer; and former NERC staffer Jessica Bian. *Protection System Misoperation Analysis* was written by Phil Tatro, principal reliability and analysis engineer; Slone; and Bian. The papers can be found at <http://www.ieee-pes.org/>.

Mark Lauby, senior vice president and chief reliability officer at NERC, received the Roy Billinton Power System Reliability Award, which recognizes outstanding individuals for their contributions to reliability of electric power systems, at the general meeting awards banquet.

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