

# **NERC News: March**

# **ERO Executive Spotlight**

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#### **Enhanced Stakeholder Outreach is Vital**

Our engagement with stakeholders across North America is fundamental to positioning NERC as the independent voice of grid reliability, resilience and security. Our comprehensive outreach program includes engagements with state and provincial energy leaders, industry groups, regulators, government, policymakers and stakeholders. NERC's team of executives and subject matter experts work diligently to convey the challenges and nuances of our transforming grid through our suite of assessments and reports, speaking engagements, convening of industry and dialogue with policymakers and stakeholders.

Events such as NERC's biennial Reliability Leadership Summit, which took place in January and was attended by industry, state, federal and provincial regulators from the U.S. and Canada, as well as more than 250 virtual observers, provide an excellent opportunity for informed discussion around evolving reliability issues. Feedback and observations arising from the summit provide valuable input to NERC's Reliability Issues Steering Committee and its risk priorities report.

NERC continues to elevate its engagement with the industry trade associations, most recently at the Electricity Power Supply Association's 2023 Competitive Power Summit where Jim Robb, NERC president and CEO, gave the keynote speech on the rapidly changing resource mix, extreme weather, inverter-based resources/distributed energy resources and the cyber and physical threat landscape.

At its most recent meeting, our Board focused on further enhancing our stakeholder engagement activities and hosted its first technical session, which will become a permanent feature of the quarterly Board

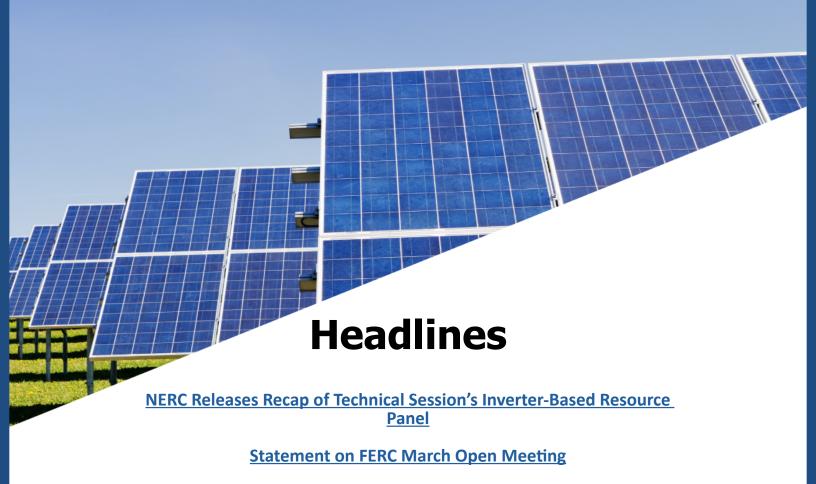
meetings. This new format provides the Board with an efficient and effective forum for in-depth dialogue with industry and stakeholders.

Recognizing that state policies and matters under state jurisdiction are key drivers of the rapidly evolving grid, NERC and the Regions are investing resources to communicate reliability risk to regulators and other state officials. More than two years ago, the ERO Enterprise created the State Outreach Group (EROSOG) to foster greater coordination, visibility and strategic planning around state engagement activity by NERC and the Regions.

The EROSOG is responsible for ERO Enterprise efforts to develop and enhance relationships with key stakeholders at state and provincial governments, along with related associations such as NARUC and regional state regulator organizations. The EROSOG provides pertinent and timely information to these stakeholders, including assessments developed by NERC and the Regions about the reliability and security of the grid. While performing no lobbying activity, group members serve as a trusted resources to the states and provinces.

Originally an informal group, the ERO Enterprise designated the EROSOG as a formal "working group" in December. Within the Enterprise, these groups operate under the guidance and accountability of either the Executive Committee or the Operations Leadership Team. As one of eight working groups under the Executive Committee, the EROSOG will benefit from the support of senior executives across the ERO Enterprise. Given the important issues under state jurisdiction, engagement with the states and provinces will continue to grow in importance.





Robb, Cancel to Participate in EPSA Competitive Power Summit

NERC Releases Level 2 Alert Focused on Inverter-Based Resource
Performance Issues for Generator Owners

Statement on EPA, DOE Agreement Supporting Electric Reliability

National Academy of Engineering Workshop Focuses on Maintaining Reliability, Resiliency on the Changing Grid

**Statement on White House Cyber Security Strategy** 

<u>Cancel Discusses Cyber and Physical Security Challenges on EPSA</u>
<u>Podcast</u>

# **Other NERC Activities**

**Standards** 

**Compliance and Enforcement** 

Event Analysis, Reliability

Assessment and Performance

Analysis Highlights

E-ISAC

# **Filings**

NERC Filings
Canadian Filings



## **Events Across the ERO Enterprise**





**MRO** 





**NPCC** 



**TEXAS RE** 



**ReliabilityFirst** 



**WECC** 

## **Work at NERC**

#### **Current Opportunities:**

Compliance Assurance Advisor (CIP) Location: Remote/Virtual

Manager, State Government and

**Regulatory Affairs** Location: Remote/Virtual

**CRISP Specialist (E-ISAC)** Location: Remote/Virtual

Senior Compliance Assurance Advisor Location: Remote/Virtual

Manager, Advanced System Analytics and **Modeling** 

Location: Remote/Virtual