

NERC News: August

ERO Executive Spotlight

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Delivering on our 2023 Work Plan Priorities for a Reliable, Secure Grid

Last year, NERC developed a three-year plan (2023–2025) to address the many challenges our industry is facing—now and into the future—the rapidly changing resource mix and threat landscape, transfer capability, extreme weather and inverter-based resources, to name a few.We can no longer plan yearto-year if we want to be more effective and efficient in the way we address the changing ecosystem of our industry.

With input from our stakeholders, we identified four strategic areas of focus to stay at the forefront of the transformation within our industry: **Energy, Security, Agility** and **Sustainability**. These four areas provide a priority framework for NERC as we developed and execute our three-year plan that was established in the 2023 Business Plan and Budget.

The <u>2023 Work Plan Priorities</u> are NERC's goalpost for executing Year 1 of the three-year plan. There are 30+ individual work plan priority items that further the four strategic areas as follows:

- Energy: More in-depth bulk power system (BPS) situation awareness; expanded analytics and modeling; responsive approaches to mitigating emerging risks.
- Security: An expanded, stronger E-ISAC; a more secure BPS; a more secure NERC.
- Agility: A more efficient standards development process and Compliance Monitoring and Enforcement Program; mitigation of emerging risks before they trigger a crisis.
- Sustainability: Matured internal assurance programs; enhanced state outreach and engagement; more adaptable, sustainable technology and workforce planning.

2023 WPP in Action NERC has been quite busy executing on our 2023 Work Plan Priorities, and reporting on progress is integrated in presentations and outreach throughout the year, as identified by the 2023 WPP in Action seal. A complete mid-year update was provided during the August Board meeting. The majority of our work plan priority items are on track for completion by the end of 2023. Some of the highlights of our progress include:

- Established a Level 3 Alert Essential Action Alert process.
- Published the Cyber-Informed Transmission Planning Framework, which lays the foundation for a more coordinated cyber-informed approach to transmission planning.
- Industry approved Standard Processes Manual revisions that support a more agile and responsive Reliability Standard development process.
- Conducted Atlanta office stakeholder survey.

There are two items that are at risk for full completion (CRISP growth; energy assessment reliability standards), and two that will not be reached (certain inverter-based resources standards; electricity market assessment, which will be rolled into the 2023 Long-Term Reliability Assessment). These reprioritizations are due primarily to higher priority directives from FERC and the Interregional Transfer Capability Study. NERC will share the final outcomes of 2023 Work Plan Priority accomplishments during the February 2024 Board meeting.

We are delivering on the 2023 Work Plan Priorities through collaboration with the Regional Entities and our stakeholders, which is critical if we are to continue assuring the reliability and security of the North American grid. By looking differently at NERC's priorities and identifying four key focus areas, we have positioned ourselves to succeed and meet the challenges ahead. But that future success relies on our continued collaboration and coordination with our many stakeholders—we can only truly be successful together!





Reliability

Board Approves 2024 Budget, Modernizes Committee Responsibilities; Technical Session Highlights Transmission Transfer Study

NERC, ReliabilityFirst and NPCC Release Video Highlighting ERO **Enterprise Progress since the August 2003 Blackout**

Statement on NAESB's 'Gas Electric Harmonization Forum Report'

Other NERC Activities

Standards

Compliance and Enforcement

Event Analysis, Reliablity Assessment and Performance Analysis Highlights

E-ISAC

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