

Meeting Notes Project 2023-09 Risk Management for Third-Party Cloud Services Drafting Team

April 1, 2025 | 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. Eastern

WebEx

Review NERC Antitrust Compliance Guidelines and Public Announcement

Jason Snider, NERC staff, called attention to the NERC Antitrust Compliance Guidelines and the public meeting notice.

Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

A team roll call was taken and quorum was determined. The member attendance sheet is attached as Attachment 1.

Opening Remarks

M. Hyatt, chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting, explaining that as the group had completed its review of the CIP standards for areas that would need consideration while drafting Cloud Services language, the focus would now shift toward the team having a discussion and making decisions on some key items before drafting language.

Supply Chain Workshop review

The group discussed the FERC/NERC Supply Chain Risk Workshop. Some key takeaways noted were:

- Determining how an Entity could verify the posture of the vendor?
- The drafting team may want to utilize an asset-based approach instead of services-based.
- There is a need to be mindful of antitrust policies when drafting language

Identifying and categorizing a cloud service

The team discussed how to identify and categorize Cloud Services. As a launchpad for discussion, a question was posed to the team — Should Cloud Services be exempted from the existing CIP standards, and then addressed in a new standard, or should language be added to CIP-002 to identify Cloud Services? D. Dunn suggested the group consider splitting the four existing categories into eight categories, with each category gaining a "cyber systems" counterpart. It was also suggested that the group consider which services were most likely to migrate to a cloud version and then work backward to identify changes needed to accommodate those anticipated moves.



Three drafting team members volunteered to perform high-level revisions of CIP-002 and present them to the drafting team during the next teleconference.

Action Item

D. Dunn, J. Cribb, and W. Vesely to individually conduct high-level revisions of CIP-002 regarding areas that Cloud Services could be integrated.



Attachment 1

Name	Entity	4/1/25
Christopher Anderley	Great River Energy	Υ
Jay Cribb	Southern Company Services	Υ
Jeff Sykes	Utility Services of Vermont	Υ
Jeremy Lyon	Evergy	Υ
John Dirks	Salt River Project	Υ
Joseph Mosher	EDF Renewables	N
Lew Folkerth	RF	Υ
Lindsey Hale	Amazon Web Services	Υ
Matt Hyatt	Georgia System Operations Corporation	Υ
David Dunn	ddEnerCIP	Υ
Stephane Pellerin	Hydro-Quebec	Υ
Thad Ness	Florida Power & Light (NextEra Energy)	N
William Vesely	New York Power Authority	Υ