

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

April 8, 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

J. Cribb, vice chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting, explaining that the goals for this week's meetings would be to review the potential approaches that were reviewed on last week's calls, with an informal straw poll taking place on the next call to gauge how the group wanted to proceed.

Potential revisions to CIP-002

J. Cribb provided a review of the three options the group discussed:

1. Compartmentalization Option
2. "System" Integration Option
3. "Asset" Integration Option

L. Folkerth asked if the group should consider a "top-down" approach, which could help future-proof the new standard for new technologies, such as AI. It was also suggested that the group could consider a model that focused more on shared responsibility. Another suggestion was that the group start with BES reliability as the goal, perhaps starting with language around BROS. C. Anderley reminded the group that there was a need to change how assets are thought about, and that compartmentalization may be the best method for addressing that – perhaps starting with an endpoint list. L. Hale suggested the group try to focus solely on drafting a new standard that addresses risks. She also suggested the drafting team may benefit from a training session with a third-party to help level-set cloud knowledge. The team discussed approaches – was it better to try to develop a new standard that achieved the same purpose as the existing CIP standards for cloud services or integrate cloud services requirements into the existing standards? It was pointed out that relying on contract requirements was often unsuccessful.

The group spent the remaining time discussing the mapping exercise proposed on a previous call. J. Cribb asked for clarification on what the goal of the exercise would be. The drafting team determined that the goal would not be to create a mapping exercise, but rather to leverage existing work to help inform the standards drafting process. It was suggested that [NIST](#) could be a starting point for this work.

Action Item

- Drafting team to review the options covered during the call; prepared to discuss further during the next call.

Attachment 1

Name	Entity	4/8/25
Christopher Anderley	Great River Energy	Y
Jay Cribb	Southern Company Services	Y
Jeff Sykes	Utility Services of Vermont	N
Jeremy Lyon	Evergy	N
John Dirks	Salt River Project	Y
Joseph Mosher	EDF Renewables	N
Lew Folkerth	RF	Y
Lindsey Hale	Amazon Web Services	Y
Matt Hyatt	Georgia System Operations Corporation	N
David Dunn	ddEnerCIP	Y
Stephane Pellerin	Hydro-Quebec	Y
Thad Ness	Florida Power & Light (NextEra Energy)	Y
William Vesely	New York Power Authority	Y