

# Functional Model Task Force (FMTF)

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## Purpose

The North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) Compliance and Certification Committee (CCC) has a role to provide stakeholder feedback to the Electric Reliability Organization (ERO) related to Enterprise Programs, Standards adherence, and Enterprise Tools. The NERC CCC Functional Model Task Force (FMTF) will execute the CCC's role to identify and address potential gaps with the archival of the Functional Model (FM), and consider of the robustness of the Registry Criteria related to functional registration tasks and obligations. This task force will be directed by the Organization Registration and Certification Subcommittee (ORCS) of the CCC in conjunction with the NERC Standards Committee. The FMTF will collaborate with the ERO on these activities to ensure an open and transparent discussion is available around these topics for consideration. The FMTF will perform any necessary analysis through March 2021. If the FMTF extends beyond this date, the Compliance and Certification Committee Executive Committee (CCCEC) will evaluate the scope and work with the ORCS or FMTF to determine appropriate actions.

## Roles and Activities

In 2019, an ad hoc group was formed consisting of the leadership of the Standards Committee (SC), the Compliance and Certification Committee (CCC), Technical Standing Committees, Functional Model Advisory Group (FMAG), and NERC management to consider next steps related to the Functional Model, the group determined the most prudent course of action was to retire the FM. The Standards Committee voted to archive the FM and Functional Model Technical Documents (FMTD) in September 2019. At that time the CCC and SC leadership committed to:

- Consider concepts of the registered entity functions that are captured exclusively in the Function Model that may need to be incorporated and maintained in the Organization Registration and Certification Manual and the Compliance Registry Criteria by the Organization Registration and Certification Subcommittee (ORCS).
- Consider any gaps in Registry Criteria from reliability functions and tasks performed by functional entities not currently considered in the Registry Criteria.

The FMTF will provide suggestions on issues for discussion and recommendations to the CCC for consideration as follows:

1. Gather information on the Functional Model retirement issues.
  - a. Identify support needs and use CCC subcommittees or individual members that have the expertise to review the issues.
  - b. Initiate or request FMTF discussions as issues are identified.
  - c. Identify issues representing specific concerns quickly and facilitate swift resolution or communications.

2. Develop suggested recommendations related to the issues.
3. Present work outcomes to the CCC for awareness.

### **Membership**

The FMTF membership will be comprised of those CCC or ORCS members and observers appointed by the CCC Chair. It is desired and highly encouraged that NERC and Regional Entity management participate.

1. Composition
  - a. ORCS Members
  - b. ORCS Active Participants (Observers)
  - c. ORCS Chair
  - d. ORCS Vice Chair
  - e. Standards Committee Participants
  - f. CCC Chair (optional)
  - g. CCC Vice Chair (optional)
2. Leadership
  - a. A Chair will be appointed from the FMTF membership. A Vice-Chair may be appointed if helpful to facilitate the task force deliverables.
3. Observers
  - a. The FMTF Chair may invite observers to participate in meetings, which may include additional NERC or Regional Entity staff, as well as other CCC or ORCS members (e.g., CCC subcommittee representatives). Observers may actively participate in the discussion and FMTF deliverables.

### **Meetings**

The FMTF meetings will be scheduled based on workload, as determined by the Chair or members. Due to the short duration of the FMTF, it is likely meetings will be monthly and will be conducted by conference call. Meetings may also occur in conjunction with the regular CCC meetings. The FMTF meetings will be open to other participants. The FMTF or ORCS Chair will approve this participation and work with the CCC Chair for any necessary appointments.