

**Date:** May 17, 2019

**RE:** First Draft of NERC 2020 Business Plan and Budget  
Posted for Stakeholder Review and Comment

The first draft of NERC's 2020 Business Plan and Budget is available for comment on NERC's website, along with the draft 2020 business plans and budgets for each Regional Entity. Comments are requested by June 28, 2019. This first draft focuses on the following:

- **Continued investment in the Electricity Information Sharing and Analysis Center (E-ISAC).** In support of the third year of the E-ISAC long-term strategy, the 2020 budget continues the growth strategy for increased capability in watch operations, analytics, and member engagement.
- **Continued focus on technology and tools to promote effectiveness and efficiency.** The 2020 budget includes the final year of development of the compliance monitoring and enforcement application (Align), as well as maintenance and enhancements to grid performance data management tools.
- **Keeping costs for non-ISAC business low.** We are working hard to manage and reallocate resources across the organization to ensure the rest of NERC's operations (outside the E-ISAC) remain stable. For 2020, we are proposing a very small decrease in the non-ISAC part of the company.

To assist stakeholders in their review of the documents, the Board's Finance and Audit Committee has scheduled a conference call and webinar from 1:00–3:00 p.m. Eastern on May 30, 2019, during which NERC and Regional Entity representatives will provide an overview of their 2020 business plans and budgets. This webinar is part of our ongoing commitment to provide stakeholders with information and the opportunity for feedback in advance of the final approval of the business plans and budgets by the Board and FERC.

An outline of the remaining schedule toward final approval and filings in August 2019 is posted on the NERC website. Each Regional Entity has their own parallel process to review and obtain stakeholder input, and stakeholders are encouraged to participate in their relevant Regional Entity stakeholder review processes.

We look forward to your feedback during this important step in the development of the ERO Enterprise's 2020 business plans and budgets. Again, written comments on the first draft are requested by June 28, 2019, and should be directed to the attention of Erika Chanzas at [erika.chanzas@nerc.net](mailto:erika.chanzas@nerc.net).

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