

# Minutes

## Member Representatives Committee

August 12, 2021 | 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Eastern

Chair Paul Choudhury, with Vice Chair Roy Jones present, called to order a duly noticed meeting of the Member Representatives Committee (MRC) of the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) via teleconference on August 12, 2021, at 11:00 a.m., Eastern, and a quorum was declared present. The agenda and MRC members and their proxies in attendance are attached as **Exhibits A** and **B**, respectively.

### **Introduction and Chair's Remarks**

Mr. Choudhury welcomed MRC members and attendees, acknowledging the Board, Andy Dodge and others from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), CAMPUT representative David Morton, and Tab Gangopadhyay from the Canada Energy Regulator. He also welcomed John Twitty back to the MRC representing Sector 2 and welcomed Lesley Gallinger and Barbara Sugg to the MRC, both representing Sector 10. Mr. Choudhury reminded attendees that full presentations were conducted at the Board committee meetings and would not be repeated during the MRC meeting. He acknowledged the MRC's responses to the policy input request from Ken DeFontes, Chairman of the Board.

### **NERC Antitrust Compliance Guidelines and Public Announcement**

Ms. Iwanechko directed the participants' attention to the NERC Antitrust Compliance Guidelines included in the agenda package, and indicated that all questions regarding antitrust compliance or related matters should be directed to Sonia Mendonca, senior vice president, general counsel, and corporate secretary at NERC.

### **Minutes**

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the MRC approved the minutes of the May 13, 2021, and July 14, 2021, meetings as presented at the meeting.

### **Future Meetings**

The schedule of future meeting dates, including the pre-meeting and informational webinars for 2021, was included in the agenda package. Mr. DeFontes noted that a decision on whether the November meetings would be held in a hybrid format or fully virtual will be made in early September.

### **Schedule for MRC Officer and Sector Election**

Mr. Choudhury announced the annual nomination and election of the MRC chair, vice chair, and sector representatives. The schedule for the upcoming nominations and elections was included in the agenda package.

### **Business Plan and Budget Input Group Update**

Sylvain Clermont, chair of the Business Plan and Budget (BP&B) input group, provided an update on the group's activities. The group last met in June, discussing the 2021 budget status, 2022 budget assessment,

and 2023-2024 assumptions. Mr. Clermont noted that the group shared ideas around establishing metrics focused on the financial and non-financial performance of the ERO. He commended NERC's continued transparency and collaboration with the BP&B Input Group throughout the BP&B development process.

### **Regulatory Update**

Ms. Mendonca invited questions or comments regarding the regulatory report, which highlights Canadian affairs, as well as past and future significant FERC filings.

### **Responses to the Board's Request for Policy Input**

Mr. Choudhury acknowledged the MRC's responses to Mr. DeFontes' July 7, 2021, letter requesting policy input on the implementation of ERO policies, procedures, and programs for 2021/2022 winter energy readiness, in addition to the preliminary agenda topics for the August meetings. Responses to the letter are [posted](#) on the NERC website.

### **Implementation of ERO Policies, Procedures, and Programs for 2021/2022 Winter Energy Readiness**

Mark Lauby, senior vice president and chief engineer at NERC, provided an overview of the reliability risk framework, noting that the activities proposed for winter energy readiness fall under steps three and four of the framework. Mr. Lauby discussed themes from the policy input, which showed general support of NERC's efforts to prepare for the upcoming winter, but some concerns around specific items. Richard Burt, senior vice president and chief operation officer at MRO, and Ms. Mendonca discussed two of the concerns raised.

Mr. Burt discussed the Regional Entities' tailored approach for the upcoming winter, including extensive outreach and coordination across the ERO Enterprise. He spoke to MRO's generator winter preparedness program which was modeled after ReliabilityFirst's program. He also noted that while the Regional Entities plan to visit entities in preparation for the upcoming winter, the way those engagements are done may be adjusted given the changing landscape with COVID.

Ms. Mendonca provided additional context around the planned CMEP Practice Guide, which would help CMEP staff understand registered entities' winter preparedness plans in preparation for, and during the implementation of, the Cold Weather Reliability Standards in a transparent and consistent manner.

Mr. Lauby reviewed next steps, including releasing of a Level 2 Alert in August, publishing a CMEP Practice Guide in August or September, and publishing the Winter Reliability Assessment in early November. He noted that NERC will provide an after action report to the MRC and Board after the upcoming winter.

### **Additional Policy Discussion of Key Items from Board Committee Meetings**

Attendees did not have any additional comments related to the Board's Corporate Governance and Human Resources Committee, Technology and Security Committee, and Finance and Audit Committee meetings.

### **MRC Input and Advice on Board Agenda Items and Accompanying Materials**

Attendees had the following comments on the topics included on the Board's agenda for its meeting later that day.

- Some MRC members suggested that the removal of the Regional Entities' ability to vote on NERC Reliability Standards and participate on the Standards Committee should be included in the proposed NERC Rules of Procedure revisions, rather than in a future revision.

### **Update on FERC Reliability Matters**

Andy Dodge, director of the Office of Electric Reliability at FERC, provided an update on the following FERC reliability activities: establishment of the Office of Public Participation; July 8, 2021, whitepaper on real-time assessment; July 7, 2021, FERC and ERO Enterprise joint staff whitepaper on SolarWinds and related supply chain compromise; recent and upcoming technical conferences and workshops; September 30, 2021, Commissioner-led reliability conference; joint FERC-NERC inquiry into 2021 cold weather grid operations; cold weather Reliability Standards; recent reliability orders; and the FERC-NARUC Joint Task Force on transmission.

### **Risk Registry**

Soo Jin Kim, director, power risk issues and strategic management at NERC, provided an overview of the draft risk registry, which was included in the agenda package. She explained that the risk registry is a component of the reliability risk framework and provides a current view of ERO Enterprise projects (tasks) that support identified risks. She highlighted the following four critical risk categories identified by NERC for 2021 and reviewed tasks that support each category: (1) energy adequacy; (2) security risks (cyber and physical); (3) extreme events (including cold weather); and (4) inverters. Ms. Kim noted that the risk registry also groups tasks by risk profiles identified by the Reliability Issues Steering Committee (RISC) and NERC will coordinate with RISC on prioritization to ensure alignment. The risk registry will be posted on the NERC website and updated quarterly in advance of each Board meeting.

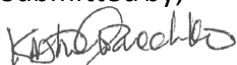
### **Bulk Power System Situation Awareness Update**

Darrell Moore, director, bulk power system awareness (BPSA) and personnel certifications at NERC, provided an update on BPSA activities. He highlighted significant events since the previous update to the MRC, including the western heat wave in early July and the Bootleg Fire. Mr. Moore also provided an overview of mandatory reports (OE-417 and EOP-004) submitted in 2021 and Energy Emergency Alert Level 3 (EEA3) reports from the past twelve months.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by,



Kristin Iwanechko  
Secretary

# Agenda

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Attendee WebEx: [Click to Join](#)

### Introduction and Chair's Remarks

### NERC Antitrust Compliance Guidelines and Public Announcement\*

### Consent Agenda

1. Minutes - (Approve)
  - a. May 13, 2021 Meeting\*
  - b. July 14, 2021 Conference Call\*

### Regular Agenda

2. Future Meetings\*
3. Schedule for MRC Officer and Sector Elections\*
4. General Updates and Reports
  - a. Business Plan and Budget Input Group Update\*
  - b. Regulatory Update\*
5. Policy and Discussion Items
  - a. Responses to the Board's Request for Policy Input\*
    - i. Implementation of ERO Policies, Procedures, and Programs for 2021/2022 Winter Energy Readiness\*
  - b. Additional Policy Discussion of Key Items from Board Committee Meetings\*
    - i. Corporate Governance and Human Resources Committee
    - ii. Technology and Security Committee
    - iii. Finance and Audit Committee
  - c. MRC Input and Advice on Board Agenda Items and Accompanying Materials\*

### Technical Updates

6. Update on FERC Reliability Matters\*

**7. Risk Registry\***

**8. Bulk Power System Situation Awareness Update\***

\*Background materials included.

**Member Representatives Committee - Attendance (August 12, 2021)**

**Voting Members**

<b>First Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>Sector</b>
Paul	Choudhury	Chair
Roy	Jones	Vice Chair
Jennifer	Flandermeyer	1. Investor-Owned Utility
Thad	Ness	1. Investor-Owned Utility
John	Twitty	2. State/Municipal Utility
John	Haarlow	2. State/Municipal Utility
Greg	Ford	3. Cooperative Utility
Jason	Marshall	3. Cooperative Utility
Sylvain	Clermont	4. Federal/Provincial
Edison	Elizeh	4. Federal/Provincial
Martin	Huang	4. Federal/Provincial
Bill	Gallagher	5. Transmission Dependent Utility
Terry	Huval	5. Transmission Dependent Utility - <b>Proxy Bill Gallagher</b>
Martin	Sidor	6. Merchant Electricity Generator
Sean	Cavote	6. Merchant Electricity Generator
Brad	Cox	7. Electricity Marketer - <b>Proxy Chris Haas</b>
Chris	Haas	7. Electricity Marketer
Travis	Fisher	8. Large End-Use Electricity Customer
Venona	Greaff	8. Large End-Use Electricity Customer
Darryl	Lawrence	9. Small End-Use Electricity Customer
Michael	Moody	9. Small End-Use Electricity Customer
Gordon	van Welie	10. ISO/RTO
Terry	Young	10. ISO/RTO
Liz	Jones	11. Regional Entity - Texas RE
Melanie	Frye	11. Regional Entity - WECC
Matt	Schuerger	12. State Government - <b>Proxy Cezar Panait</b>

**Non-Voting Members**

<b>First Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>Sector</b>
Tab	Gangopadhyay	Canadian Federal
Andy	Dodge	U. S. — Federal
Harvey	Reed	Regional Entity - NPCC
Todd	Hillman	Regional Entity - SERC
Kristin	Iwanechko	Secretary