

Minutes

Member Representatives Committee

November 4, 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 November 4, 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, David Ortiz and others from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), CAMPUT representative David Morton, and Tab Gangopadhyay from the Canada Energy Regulator. 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.

Mr. Choudhury acknowledged the passing of Bill Gallagher, a long-time member and past chair of the MRC. He read a [resolution](#) adopted by the MRC via email in honor of Mr. Gallagher.

NERC Antitrust Compliance Guidelines and Public Announcement

Ms. Iwanek 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.

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Upon motion duly made and seconded, the MRC approved the minutes of the August 12, 2021, and October 6, 2021, meetings as presented at the meeting.

Future Meetings

The schedule of future meeting dates, including the pre-meeting and informational webinars for 2022, was included in the agenda package. Mr. DeFontes noted that the February meetings will be held in a hybrid format, with Board and MRC members invited to attend in-person in Atlanta and all other attendees virtual.

Election of MRC Officers for 2022

Mr. Choudhury announced the nominations of Roy Jones for chair and Jennifer Flandermeyer for vice chair of the MRC for 2022. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the MRC unanimously approved Mr. Jones as chair and Ms. Flandermeyer as vice chair. Mr. Jones and Ms. Flandermeyer will assume their new positions at the start of the February 2022 MRC meeting.

Mr. Choudhury noted that Ms. Flandermeyer's election as vice chair will leave a vacancy in Sector 1 (Investor-Owned Utility) with a term ending February 2023. Therefore, a special election will be held to fill the remainder her term starting at the February 2022 MRC meeting. The nomination period will be open from November 5, 2021, through December 3, 2021, and an election will be held December 13, 2021, through December 22, 2021.

Schedule for MRC Sector Elections

Mr. Choudhury reminded attendees the nomination period for the annual sector election closes on November 8, 2021, and elections will be held from December 8, 2021, through December 17, 2021.

Board of Trustees Nominating Committee Update

Roy Thilly, chair of the Board Nominating Committee (BOTNC), provided an update on BOTNC activities noting there are four trustees eligible for re-election. The BOTNC, with support from the MRC, decided not to engage a full search for additional nominees. The BOTNC will provide a report with the formal recommendation to the MRC in December for consideration at the MRC's February 2022 meeting.

Business Plan and Budget Input Group Update

Sylvain Clermont, chair of the Business Plan and Budget (BP&B) Input Group, acknowledged Mr. Gallagher's contributions as a member and first chair of the group. Since the August MRC meeting, the BP&B Input Group discussed the status of the NERC office leases, suggestions for improving the overall BP&B process, and how the BP&B Input Group can be more effective.

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' September 29, 2021, letter requesting policy input on opportunities for improving ERO Enterprise agility, in addition to the preliminary agenda topics for the November meetings. Responses to the letter are [posted](#) on the NERC website.

Opportunities for Improving ERO Enterprise Agility

Mark Lauby, senior vice president and chief engineer at NERC, Ms. Mendonca, and Mr. Gugel, vice president of engineering and standards at NERC, expressed appreciation for the MRC's responses to the policy input questions on opportunities for improving ERO Enterprise agility. They summarized the responses and suggestions for improvement outlined in the posted presentation package, which focused on general processes, collaboration, compliance monitoring and enforcement, standards development, and supply chain. NERC staff will evaluate the suggestions and provide an update at the February 2022 MRC meeting.

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, Finance and Audit, Compliance, and Technology and Security Committee meetings.

MRC Input and Advice on Board Agenda Items and Accompanying Materials

An MRC member commented on the urgency of addressing cold weather risks and the importance of the joint inquiry report being released for the NERC Standards Committee to take action on the cold weather standard authorization request (SAR). Attendees did not have comments on any other topics included on the Board's agenda for its meeting following the MRC meeting.

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

John Moura, director, reliability assessment and performance analysis at NERC, and Kiel Lyons, senior manager, compliance assurance at NERC, provided an update on the ERO Enterprise's efforts related to industry preparedness for the upcoming winter. Mr. Moura and Mr. Lyons discussed the status of the following risk mitigation actions: standards development activities including the FERC-approved cold weather standards and the cold weather SAR to address recommendations from the joint FERC-NERC inquiry into the February 2021 cold weather event; latest industry outreach and engagement through seven webinars with over 2,000 combined participants; registered entity on-site and virtual engagements; the recent Level 2 NERC alert, which had a 97% response rate; a Compliance Monitoring and Enforcement Practice Guide posted in October; and the 2021/2022 Winter Reliability Assessment, expected to be published in mid-November.

FERC Reliability Matters

David Ortiz, acting director of the Office of Electric Reliability at FERC, emphasized that FERC and NERC have similar priorities and have a unique opportunity to work together with the ERO community to address them. Mr. Ortiz provided an update on the following FERC reliability activities: advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on transmission planning; modernizing electricity market design technical conferences; September 30, 2021, Commissioner-led reliability technical conference; joint federal-state task force on electric transmission; joint FERC-NERC inquiry into the February 2021 cold weather event and related actions, highlighting the importance of the revisions to the cold weather standards; fourth annual lessons learned report from FERC-led CIP reliability audits; 2021-2022 winter energy market and reliability assessment presentation; and recent reliability orders.

Bulk Power System Situation Awareness

Darrell Moore, director, bulk power system awareness (BPSA) and personnel certifications at NERC, provided an update on BPSA activities. He highlighted Hurricane Ida, which was a significant event since the previous update to the MRC. 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.

Hurricane Ida Restoration Efforts

Charles Long, vice president of transmission at Entergy, and Tim Ponseti, vice president of operations at SERC, provided an overview of Hurricane Ida, noting that it tied with Hurricane Laura from 2020 as the most powerful hurricane to hit Louisiana and was the fifth strongest storm (based on wind speed) to hit the United States. Mr. Ponseti provided details around Hurricane Ida and the destruction it caused. Mr. Long discussed hurricane preparations and restoration efforts, which were further complicated by the ongoing pandemic. Logistically, it was the largest restoration effort Entergy has done. Mr. Long also

discussed the following lessons learned: (1) drill for realistic challenging scenarios; (2) damage assessments are invaluable; (3) align resources and logistics; (4) reduce design options for restoration; (5) communication with customers, regulators, media, and industry is important; and (6) planned resiliency upgrades work best. Mr. Long stressed the importance of teamwork and encouraged industry to continue to find ways to share and find new ways to help each other. Mr. Ponseti added that the coordination and restoration efforts related to Hurricane Ida is an excellent example of industry working together.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by,



Kristin Iwanechko
Secretary

Agenda

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Consent Agenda

1. **Minutes - (Approve)**
 - a. August 12, 2021 Meeting*
 - b. October 6, 2021 Conference Call*

Regular Agenda

2. **Future Meetings***
3. **Election of MRC Officers for 2022***
4. **MRC Sector Nominations and Elections Schedule***
5. **General Updates and Reports**
 - a. Board of Trustees Nominating Committee Update*
 - b. Business Plan and Budget Input Group Update*
 - c. Regulatory Update*
6. **Policy and Discussion Items**
 - a. Responses to the Board's Request for Policy Input*
 - i. Opportunities for Improving ERO Enterprise Agility*
 - b. Additional Policy Discussion of Key Items from Board Committee Meetings*
 - i. Corporate Governance and Human Resources Committee
 - ii. Finance and Audit Committee
 - iii. Compliance Committee
 - iv. Technology and Security Committee
 - c. MRC Input and Advice on Board Agenda Items and Accompanying Materials*

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

Technical Updates

- 8. FERC Reliability Matters***
- 9. Bulk Power System Situation Awareness***
- 10. Hurricane Ida Restoration Efforts***

*Background materials included.

Member Representatives Committee - Attendance (November 4, 2021)**Voting Members**

First Name	Last Name	Sector
Paul	Choudhury	Chair
Roy	Jones	Vice Chair
Jennifer	Flandermeyer	1. Investor-Owned Utility
Thad	Ness	1. Investor-Owned 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
Terry	Huval	5. Transmission Dependent Utility
Martin	Sidor	6. Merchant Electricity Generator
Sean	Cavote	6. Merchant Electricity Generator
Brad	Cox	7. Electricity Marketer
Chris	Haas	7. Electricity Marketer
Travis	Fisher	8. Large End-Use Electricity Customer
Venona	Greaff	8. Large End-Use Electricity Customer - Proxy Karen Onaran
Darryl	Lawrence	9. Small End-Use Electricity Customer
Michael	Moody	9. Small End-Use Electricity Customer
Gordon	van Welie	10. ISO/RTO - Proxy Peter Brandien
Lesley	Gallinger	10. ISO/RTO
Terry	Young	10. ISO/RTO
Melanie	Frye	11. Regional Entity - WECC
Matt	Schuerger	12. State Government - Proxy Cezar Panait

Non-Voting Members

First Name	Last Name	Sector
David	Morton	Canadian Provincial
Tab	Gangopadhyay	Canadian Federal
Pat	Hoffman	U. S. — Federal
David	Ortiz	U. S. — Federal
Harvey	Reed	Regional Entity - NPCC
Todd	Hillman	Regional Entity - SERC
Kristin	Iwanechko	Secretary