



Dear friend,

Welcome back to On the Radar - your monthly NST newsletter! This month, we've got double trouble - not one, but TWO new hires! Plus, we're celebrating the spooky season with a case study about a CIP-005 firewall deep dive revealing some scary secrets, and last but not least, highlights from NST's annual Group Hug. Check it out!



**New Hire Spotlight - Double Trouble!**

NST is thrilled to announce not one, but two new consultants to the team! Check them out below:

### **Elaine Bell**

Elaine has been working in the power systems and utility industry as a transformative IT professional and Senior IT leader for over 25 years. Elaine has extensive experience in all aspects of a NERC CIP program, including policy and procedure drafting, system and tool implementation, RSAW development, and compliance investigations. Elaine has also led the preparation and execution of numerous successful regulatory and internal audits. Welcome, Elaine!

[Check out Elaine's full bio!](#)

### **Erica Tyler**

Erica has spent over 22 years with an electric transmission owner/operator, including her role as Director of Operational Technology and Cybersecurity. In this time, Erica acted as CIP Senior Manager after serving as a SME for the technical standards and a co-SME for the non-technical standards for many years. Erica brings a wealth of NERC CIP expertise, including vulnerability management, security awareness and training, and more! Welcome, Erica!

[Check out Erica's full bio!](#)

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## **Group Hug!**

We don't have an annual board meeting. We have an annual team **Group Hug**. Once a year, the all-virtual NSTeam gets together for a weekend of fun and festivities! Check out what we got ourselves into this year!

## Destination: Hilton Head Island, South Carolina



What could beat a sunny walk on the beach with Kim, Justin, Alex, and Travis?



Scott telling Suzanne all the reasons he loves NERC CIP!



Patrick getting in the way of Laith's picture perfect photo of Craig on a kayak excursion.



We truly are the wizards of CIP!



Captain Roger Fradenburgh bravely captaining the S.S. NERC CIP on a dolphin-spotting pontoon tour.



And look! Mission successful! (As long as you zoom in really far)



Tom and Alex helping Craig through his identity crisis.





Still thinking of a caption for this one...



I don't think that this is what they mean when they say "chef's kiss", but you do you, Adam!



Until next year!



## Case Study - Comprehensive Firewall Review

Are you scared you might have skeletons in your closet? Check out our latest case study fit for a spooky occasion - a routine Gap Assessment/Mock Audit led to what NST calls the "CIP-005 Deep Dive". NST helped the client get ahead of what could have been a CIP-005 nightmare in a matter of weeks, and provide the client with an action plan to fix and maintain firewall rules going forward. Click below to read about how we reviewed the firewall, identified gaps, and resolved the problems.

### Case Study - Comprehensive Firewall Review

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## We ❤️ our clients

"We have worked with NST for several years on NERC CIP compliance deliverables such as vulnerability assessments, training, RSAWs, and strategic guidance. Their staff was always knowledgeable, professional, and always delivered on time.

If you are short on staff or just need independent expertise, we highly recommend using their services for meeting the challenges of complying with NERC CIP requirements."

- Keirsten Brager

Sr. Manager, OT Security & Compliance

LS Power Grid

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## Events on the Radar

We're keeping track of upcoming events so you don't have to! Here's what we're tracking for the rest of the month:

### MRO

- **GridSecCon 2024 (📍 Find us here!)**



- **Tuesday, October 22 - Friday, October 25**
- <https://www.mro.net/event/gridseccon-2024/>

## RF

- Technical Talk with RF
  - Monday, October 28
  - <https://www.rfirst.org/event/technical-talk-with-rf-23/>

## TRE

- NSRF Meeting
  - Thursday, October 24
  - <https://texasre.org/pages/calendar/events/2024/october/nsrfmeeting>
- Talk with Texas RE: 6GHz Task Force Update
  - Tuesday, October 29
  - <https://texasre.org/pages/calendar/events/2024/october/talkwithtexasre6ghztaskforceupdate>

## WECC

- Enforcement Fundamentals consolidated course
    - Monday, October 28
    - <https://www.wecc.org/meetings/13151-enforcement-fundamentals-consolidated-course>
  - Reliability & Security Workshop
    - Tuesday, October 29 - Wednesday, October 30
    - <https://www.wecc.org/meetings/15041-board-directors-meeting>
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Stay spooky,

The NSTeam

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