

NPCC Regional Standards Committee

Scope

I. Purpose

The Regional Standards Committee (RSC) is an open and balanced committee inclusive of all NPCC stakeholders who provide for, or are materially impacted by, the reliability of the NERC Bulk Electric System and the NPCC Bulk Power System as defined by Criteria A-10. RSC meetings are open to all stakeholders who wish to participate, and meeting materials will be publicly posted on the NPCC website.

II. Responsibilities

1. The NPCC Regional Standards Committee (“RSC”) aligns its activities with the NPCC and NERC strategic plans and is charged with:
 - a. Managing and maintaining the NPCC Regional Standards Development Process.
 - b. Managing and maintaining the process for NPCC Criteria and Directory development.
 - c. Providing consolidated NPCC Regional review and comments to existing and proposed NERC Standards in accordance with the NERC Reliability Standards Development Processes.
 - d. Reviewing and commenting on FERC issuances related to Reliability Standards at the discretion of the RSC.
 - e. Reviewing any new and revised NERC Reliability Standard Audit Worksheet (“RSAW”) as may be requested by the NPCC Compliance Committee (“CC”) and submitting comments to NERC as appropriate.
 - f. Providing a consolidated NPCC regional review and comments to the existing and proposed NERC Standards Processes Manual and the NERC Rules of Procedure (“RoP”) as they relate to standards development.
 - g. Reviewing and commenting on other NERC documents and projects related to Reliability Standards at the discretion of the RSC.
 - h. Determining the need for, and development of, NERC and NPCC Regional Standards, variances to NERC Standards, modifications to NPCC Criteria and Directories, and/or interpretations and clarifications thereof.
 - i. In coordination with the NPCC CC, addressing issues identified through the NPCC regional feedback mechanism to continually improve standards and NERC documents, including Reliability Guidelines and other technical material.
 - j. In coordination with the Reliability Coordinating Committee (“RCC”), addressing issues identified through the “Distributed Energy Resource (“DER”) BES Impact Reporting Form,” and conducting, maintaining, and further developing the process as necessary.

- k. Providing a forum for sharing information on best practices related to reliability issues associated with industry standards, guidance and/or regulations.
2. NPCC Regional Standards Process Responsibilities
 - a. The RSC is responsible for managing the Regional Standards process for the development of ERO Regional Standards, Violation Risk Factors (“VRFs”), Violation Severity Levels (“VSLs”), definitions, Regional Interconnection-wide variances (e.g., Quebec’s UFLS), interpretations and clarifications in accordance with the NPCC Regional Standard Processes Manual. The RSC is responsible for promoting and pursuing the quality of all standards-related materials.
 - b. The RSC leadership will be available to advise the NPCC BOD on NERC standards-related matters.
 3. NPCC Criteria and Directory Process Responsibilities
 - a. The RSC provides oversight for the development of NPCC Criteria and Directories. The RSC will provide guidance to all NPCC committees, Task Forces and Working Groups regarding NPCC documents including Criteria, Directories, Procedures, Guidelines, and the Cost Effectiveness Procedure. The RSC will also maintain and oversee the Directory Development and Revision Manual and related processes. The RSC will coordinate with the RCC, activities related to Distributed Energy Resource (“DER”) BES Impact Reporting Form.
 - b. The RSC leadership will be available to advise the NPCC BOD on NPCC Criteria and Directory related matters.
 4. NERC Reliability Standards Responsibilities
 - a. Provide a forum for NPCC members to review, coordinate and submit regional comments to existing or proposed NERC Reliability Standards when posted for comments and ballots.
 - b. Provide a forum for NPCC members to participate in, solicit and provide regional comments on NERC’s process for initiating a standard development activity and their respective Reliability Standards in accordance with the NERC standards development process.
 - c. Provide a forum for NPCC members to participate in and maintain awareness of discussions on emerging risks identified by the NERC standing committees.
 - d. Provide a forum for NPCC members to participate in, solicit and provide regional comments to the Periodic Review Process for standards.
 - e. Identify prospective reliability issues associated with new or revised NERC Reliability Standards and their potential impact on the NPCC Region, (e.g., regional differences).
 - f. Propose solutions to standards development issues, emerging reliability risks and influence the development of NERC Reliability Standards through comments and the coordination of NPCC participation in the NERC standards development process.

- g. Engage participants across the NPCC membership during the standard commenting process to achieve broad regional consensus.
 - h. Follow up on proposed and adopted changes to the NERC standards development process and RoP as they apply to Reliability Standards and provide NPCC members with information to achieve a common understanding of the processes.
 - i. Coordinate the participation of NPCC members involved in standard drafting activities and encourage NPCC representation in all standard drafting activities.
 - j. Coordinate with the NPCC CC when requested, on input to CMEP Implementation Guidance documents in accordance with the CC process for submitting implementation guidance to NERC.
 - k. Participate in standards efficiency reviews and coordinate regional participation in related efforts.
 - l. Promote the targeted reliability activities in the NPCC Long Term Strategy and the ERO Enterprise Long Term Strategy focus areas.
5. FERC Activities Affecting Standards
- a. When requested, participate in technical conferences hosted by NERC, FERC, or the other Regional Entities on topics of importance to bulk power system reliability.
6. NPCC Strategic Initiatives
- a. The RSC will conduct activities as necessary to promote reliable integration of new resources including but not limited to DER and VER. The focus of the RSC activities is to inform stakeholders of new technologies, planning techniques, operational impacts and opportunities to leverage the characteristics of new technologies to provide and enhance essential reliability services. Additionally, the RSC will provide support for regional de-carbonization goals by monitoring NPCC Criteria and Directory development and revision for reliability, security, and resilience issues as well as impediments to meeting de-carbonization goals. Finally, the RSC will develop and revise guidance documents and procedures related to these new technologies.

III. Membership

The Regional Standards Committee will consist of Full Member and General Member representatives from the seven voting sectors as follows:

- Sector 1 – Transmission Owners
- Sector 2 – Reliability Coordinators
- Sector 3 – Transmission Dependent Utilities, Distribution Companies, and Load-Serving Entities
- Sector 4 – Generator Owners
- Sector 5 – Marketers, Brokers, and Aggregators

- Sector 6 – State and Provincial Regulatory and/or Governmental Authorities
- Sector 7 – Sub-Regional Reliability Councils, Customers, Other Regional Entities, and Interested Entities

Members of the RSC (“RSC Member”) will be nominated by their respective companies. NPCC RSC leadership (RSC Chairperson and Co-Vice Chairs) will review and act on all nominations for RSC membership. The nominations will include contact information and qualifications to serve on the RSC highlighting the ability of the nominee to work with their subject matter experts and sufficiently represent their organization’s viewpoint on the RSC.

Each RSC Member is accountable to the members of the RSC for carrying out their responsibilities in accordance with this document.

RSC Members are to represent their companies and sectors and will also work to resolve differences with a principal goal of maintaining or improving Bulk Electric System reliability.

RSC Members should consider not only what is best for their company but also what is in the best interest of the broader industry, and the reliability of the NERC Bulk Electric System and NPCC Bulk Power System.

IV. Meetings

a. Quorum

The quorum necessary for transacting business at the RSC meetings is at least one-half (1/2) of the members in five (5) of the seven (7) sectors.

If a quorum is not present at the beginning of the meeting, the RSC may not take any actions requiring a vote. However, the Chair may, with the consent of the majority of members present, elect to allow discussion of the agenda items.

RSC Members should make every effort to attend scheduled meetings and when not available are required to identify and provide, in writing, a qualified proxy participant to the NPCC staff delegated by the chair prior to the scheduled start of the meeting. RSC business cannot be conducted in the absence of a quorum, and it is essential that each RSC Member make a commitment to be present.

A determination to recommend removal of an RSC Member can be submitted by any RSC member to the RSC chair and shall be considered by the NPCC RSC leadership if that member is excessively absent and provides no proxy for regularly scheduled meetings. In this case the NPCC Member Representative of the RSC Member will be notified of the intended removal of the member from the Roster prior to the formal removal of that member.

b. Voting

Voting may take place during regularly scheduled in-person or virtual meetings and electronic mail. Actions by members of the Regional Standards Committee in a meeting will require the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the weighted sector votes present at any meeting at which a quorum is established. Each member from the seven sectors may cast votes. Only votes **for** or **against** the proposal will be counted.

Each member in a sector receives one vote, and a sector is only considered “voting” only if any member from that sector casts a vote for or against the proposal. The vote of each sector will be weighted based on the number of members who vote in the affirmative in that sector divided by the total number of votes cast in that sector. For example, if half of a sector’s members present vote in favor of a proposal and the other half vote against, the sector’s vote will be weighted at 50%. If the weighted votes in favor of the proposal are equal to or greater than two-thirds, the proposal passes.

At the discretion of the RSC Chair and when consistent with applicable governing rules and procedures (e.g., Regional Standards Process Manual), members may vote on agenda items by exception, in which items are deemed accepted unless a majority of members state they are opposed.

V. Leadership

The RSC will be chaired and assisted by NPCC Standards Program Area staff along with up to two Co-Vice Chairs elected by the RSC from among the members of the RSC at the time the vote is taken. Chair and Co-Vice Chair appointments will be submitted to the NPCC Board of Directors (“BOD”) for final approval. The Co-Vice Chairs will serve a term of two years. The Vice-Chair term may be extended through a motion and subsequent vote by the RSC.

Subcommittees and ad hoc working groups will be formed upon request of the RSC by NPCC Standards Program Area staff. All associated scopes or charters developed will be approved by the RSC.

VI. Version History

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