

# NPCC Regional Standards Committee

## Work Plan for Calendar Years 2026-2027

### I. Purpose

The following Regional Standards Committee (“RSC”) Work Plan activities for the calendar years of 2026-2027 will be consistent with the NPCC 2026 and 2027 Business Plans and Budgets, and the NPCC Long-Term Strategy. The Work Plan also continues to support other reliability activities related to the de-carbonization goals of the NPCC region. The Work Plan supports the 2025 ERO Enterprise Work Plan Priorities and the ERO Reliability Standards Development activities.

The activities listed in this work plan are based on the current planned execution of the NERC Reliability Standards Development Plan (“RSDP”), proposed strategic direction of the NPCC BOD and NERC Board of Trustees BOT as well as additional Directives from the FERC Orders. Changes to these programs, the NERC RSDP, the NERC RoP, or the NPCC Standards or Directory processes may necessitate changes to listed activities, including revised scheduling of the activities, removal of certain activities, and/or the addition of activities. If significant changes occur during the year, the RSC Work Plan will be revised in advance of the NPCC BOD’s annual review and will be forwarded to the NPCC BOD for approval.

### II. NPCC Reliability Standards Committee Program Responsibilities (related to Standards)

1. Monitor NERC’s Reliability Issues Steering Committee (“RISC”) risk profiles and other reliability related issues and priorities. Review the 2025 ERO Reliability Risk Priorities Report to assess reliability issues and the need for NERC and NPCC Standards and Criteria development, or for the development of guidelines or other reliability solutions. Coordinate NPCC’s input into those decisions.
2. Coordinate and provide input to the development and prioritization of ERO reliability standards within the NERC Reliability Standards Development Plan through active participation with the periodic review activities.
3. Provide ongoing input to the NERC Standards Periodic Review Template used to determine the effectiveness of standards.
4. Continue to coordinate NPCC regional input for cost effectiveness activities conducted during NERC’s standards development process.
5. Oversee, and participate in the Regional Standards Development Process, basing any development, revision, or retirement of NPCC Regional Reliability Standards on the continued reliability-related needs of the NPCC region or continent-wide ERO standards; and initiate any future revision(s) which may be necessary.

6. Coordinate any NPCC regional standards development activity with NERC standards development activity to avoid duplication and ensure resources are available for efficient and effective standards development and implementation.
7. Engage in the NERC Compliance Guidance Policy process. Support the inputs through the NPCC Compliance Committee (“CC”) by providing technical and policy related opinions as necessary.
8. Coordinate NPCC participation in reviews and revisions of NERC standards when addressing reliability directives from FERC and any Canadian provincial governmental authority directives.
9. Participate in any NERC Task Forces, Working Groups, and subcommittees which may drive NERC and NPCC standards development activities.
10. Conduct thorough reviews of all NERC standards being developed or revised and coordinate timely consensus-based comments within the NPCC region based on reliability needs, results-based requirements, and periodic review activities, by leveraging the expertise of the NPCC RSC and Task Forces.
11. Develop and submit comments and/or documents during NERC’s standards initiating process when necessary to enhance a standard and address reliability related issues for approved or draft standards.
12. Develop, as needed, any regional variances to NERC Reliability Standards and NPCC Regional Standards in accordance with the NPCC Regional Standard Processes Manual.
13. Summarize project development revisions and background for NPCC members for all NERC Standards under development.
14. Provide guidance to NPCC Regional Standard Drafting Teams in critical areas of results-based standards, Violation Severity Levels (VSL), and Violation Risk Factor (VRF) development, as well as in ensuring quality.
15. Respond to FERC and provincial filings and interrogatories on issues related to NPCC Regional and NERC Standards as requested. Coordinate formal NPCC input to NERC filings and petitions.
16. Serve as a liaison for the NPCC region to the NERC RISC for all new and emerging reliability risks related to the development or revision of standards.
17. Coordinate input for the NPCC region to the NERC Reliability and Security Technical Committee (“RSTC”) as necessary.
18. Participate in or observe the proceedings of various NERC groups to contribute to the continued improvement of NERC Standards and processes.
19. Develop proposals for standards, variances, and standard clarifications utilizing NPCC technical resources as assigned by the NPCC Reliability Coordinating Committee (RCC), or RSC.
20. Work with the NPCC CC and NPCC staff to develop the necessary compliance elements of the regional standards, for example, VSLs.
21. Revise, as necessary, and implement the NPCC Cost Effectiveness Analysis Procedure and as needed, apply this procedure to Directories being revised or developed. Promote and participate in any NERC cost effectiveness analysis activities conducted during formal industry comment periods of ERO draft continent-wide standards.

22. Ensure that the appropriate NPCC Task Forces review NERC standards-related issuances and provide input to support development of NPCC consensus opinions based on cost effectiveness.
23. Promote NPCC membership participation in NERC standards drafting activities, solicit technically qualified candidates from NPCC stakeholder companies to participate, and advocate for NPCC representation in each of the NERC standards drafting activities.
24. Promote among NPCC stakeholders issues related to BES reliability and standards development.
25. Participate in NPCC Compliance and Reliability Conferences.
26. Participate in the revision and redrafting of the NERC Rules of Procedure (RoP) and other NERC documents related to standard development as these documents come up for review and/or modification.
27. Coordinate implementation of the NERC standards development processes and NPCC regional standard processes and recommend revisions as necessary.
28. Coordinate with the RCC, all activities related to input received from the “Distributed Energy Resources (DER) BES Impact Reporting Form.”
29. Provide oversight of, and further develop as may be necessary, the process, information, and promotion of the “DER BES Impact Reporting Form.”

### **III. NPCC Regional Standards Committee Program Responsibilities (related to Criteria and Directories)**

1. Coordinate NPCC Directory development activities with the regulatory authorities in the U.S. and applicable provincial governmental authorities in Canada.
2. Identify the need for new or modified NPCC Criteria and Directories, Guidelines and Procedures pursuant to Section 313 responsibilities of the NERC RoP.
3. Revise and maintain the NPCC Directory Development and Revision Manual & Process for the Review and Approval of Criteria, Guidelines, and Procedures as needed to identify incremental reliability benefit and cost effectiveness as directed by the NPCC Board of Directors (BOD) and Full Members.
4. Coordinate Criteria and Directory requirements with NPCC Regional and NERC Standards requirements to avoid inconsistencies or duplication and to identify potential areas for improvements.
5. Develop filings for the Directories for the New York State Public Service Commission to fulfill obligations for the “Carve-out” outlined in FERC Order 672 for mandatory adherence to more stringent NPCC criteria for New York State<sup>1</sup>.
6. Develop filings of Directories as required to Canadian provincial governmental authorities as per the various memoranda of understanding.
7. Announce development activities pertaining to the NPCC Directories and NPCC guidance documents which will enable users, owners, and operators of the Bulk Power

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<sup>1</sup> See NYS Public Service Commission Case #PSC-13-07-00008-A dated August 8, 2007.

System in the NPCC region to be aware of and apply the NPCC regionally specific criteria.

#### IV. Version History

Approved On	Effective Date	Changes Made/Comments	Changed By	Reviewer/Approver
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