

NPCC Report
NYSRC EC Meeting – June 12, 3030
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The Board met virtually on June 3. The salient points of the meeting where:

- President and CEO Ed Schwerdt discussed NPCC activities on NERC's ERO-wide use of the ALIGN and Secure Evidence Locker (SEL), which are now expected to be in use in Q1/2021. These activities were described in more detail at the May 20th Spring Compliance and Standards Workshop. A follow-up webinar is planned for July 14.
- He also reported on the town hall meeting hosted by the ERO Executive Committee with staff leadership from across the entire ERO Enterprise to reaffirm commitments made for the success of the organization.
- Finally, he reported on a draft Energy Security Whitepaper being developed by NERC and the ISP/RTO Council.
- The Board considered the extension of the NPCC Regional Delegation Agreement with NERC whereby NPCC (and other Regional Entities) are delegated by NERC to conduct compliance activities on their behalf
- Discussed also where plans being made for NPCC's 2021 budget, currently showing a decrease of 2% over the 2020 budget. The final budget is scheduled for approval at the BOD meeting on June 24. NERC plans to submit to FERC the entire ERO Enterprise budget by August 24.
- The main focus areas of NPCC in 2021 will be:
 - DERs
 - Implementation of Align and SEL
 - The changing resource composition
 - Enhancing resilience
 - Identifying emerging risks to reliability
 - Increasing cyber and physical security outreach
- Related to the first point above, NERC major committees and Board met virtually on June 12 and 13. Two major actions to report are:
 - NERC accepted recommendations from many member systems to voluntarily allow BES-CSI compliance evidence to not be placed in the SEL, provided alternate means are agreed to on a case by case basis for such evidence to be turned over confidentially and securely to Regional Entities.
 - NERC is working on its 2021 budget with the goal of maintaining the same level as its 2020 budget.
- The next BOD meeting will be held virtually on June 24.