

NEW YORK STATE RELIABILITY COUNCIL
MEETING 201: January 8th, 2016
Report for Agenda Item 8.1: Michael Forte
NPCC Board of Directors Report

The next NPCC Board of Directors meeting will be held on February 2nd. The following is a summary of the updates to the work plan and scope of the NPCC Regional Standard Committee (RSC), which were reviewed and approved at the NPCC Board of Directors December 2nd meeting.

NPCC RSC Work Plan and Scope

The Regional Standards Committee (RSC) Work Plan and Scope for the calendar years of 2016 -2017 will be consistent with the NPCC 2016 and 2017 Business Plans and Budgets and Organizational and Strategic Goals. The RSC Work Plan and Scope will also continue to be supportive of the ongoing cost effective and results-based Standard development efforts. The Work Plan and Scope are responsive to the NERC Reliability Standards Development Process and Electric Reliability Organization (ERO) strategic goals. In 2016, the focus of the RSC will be expedited Standards project schedules and enhanced periodic reviews of Standards with the goal of achieving a “steady-state” of Standard development.

I. RSC Work Plan

a. Key Focus Areas

- i. Core Reliability Standards Committee Functions
 - Submission of consolidated comments on NERC Standard development from the NPCC region
 - Review and support of the results-based Standard initiative
- ii. NPCC Standard Activities
 - Review of NPCC Regional Standards with an emphasis on reducing redundancy with continent-wide Standards
- iii. NPCC Directory Criteria Activities
 - Coordinate Directory criteria requirements with Standards requirements to ensure no inconsistencies exist and to identify potential areas for improvements
- iv. RSC 2016-2017 Deliverables
 - Develop ballot recommendations and/or issues notifications for all posted NERC Standards ballots
 - Participate in NPCC Standards and Compliance Workshops

b. Summary of Updates

- i. Incorporation of the goal of achieving a “steady-state” of Standard development
- ii. Replacement of the Cost Effective Analysis Process (CEAP) with the updated NERC Cost Risk Reduction Analysis (CRRRA) program
- iii. Inclusion of RSC focus on and support of the new NERC Compliance Guidance Policy
- iv. Increased participation in revisions to the ERO Standards Process Manual

II. RSC Scope of Work

a. Key Focus Areas

- i. NPCC Regional Standards Process Responsibilities
 - The RSC is responsible for ensuring the quality of all Standards-related

materials

- ii. NPCC Directory and Criteria Process Responsibilities
 - The RSC provides oversight for the development of NPCC Directories and the criteria within each document
- iii. NPCC Reliability Standards Responsibilities
 - Coordinate the activities of NPCC members on Standard Drafting Teams, and encourage NPCC representation on all Standard drafting teams
- iv. FERC Activities Affecting Standards
 - The RSC will review FERC Orders, Rulings and Notice of Proposed Rulemakings (NOPRs) relating to Reliability Standards

b. Summary of Updates

- i. The following goals were incorporated into the RSC Scope of Work:
 - RSC members should base their decisions on what is best for power system reliability and must consider not only what is best for their company, but also what is in the best interest of the broader industry and Bulk Electric System reliability
 - RSC members should make every effort to attend scheduled meetings and, when not available, are required to identify and provide a qualified proxy participant
 - RSC members should participate in technical conferences hosted by NERC, FERC, or other regions on topics of importance to power system reliability when deemed appropriate