NPCC COVID-19 Exception to Compliance Tracking

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To: Registered Entities

From: Scott Nied, Assistant Vice President - Compliance

Re: Reliability Standard Compliance and COVID-19 Response

On March 18, 2020, FERC and NERC jointly issued “Industry Guidance to Ensure Grid Reliability Amid Potential Coronavirus Impacts”. Link to NERC website: FERC_NERC Guidance

NPCC, in collaboration with the entire ERO Enterprise, fully embraces the guidance which outlines how certain compliance issues are to be considered by NPCC.

The guidance includes the following on Reliability Standards:

- The effects of the coronavirus will be considered an acceptable basis for non-compliance with obtaining and maintaining personnel certification, as required in Reliability Standard PER-003-2, for the period of March 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020. Registered entities should notify their Regional Entities and Reliability Coordinators when using system operator personnel that are not NERC-certified.

- The effects of the coronavirus will be considered an acceptable reason for case-by-case non-compliance with Reliability Standard requirements involving periodic actions that would have been taken between March 1, 2020 and July 31, 2020. Registered entities should notify their Regional Entities of any periodic actions that will be missed during this period.

If your entity discovers a noncompliance issue with a Reliability Standard due to your COVID-19 response plan, please notify NPCC Compliance at COVID19_Notifications@npcc.org. NPCC will then provide you with instructions to securely submit a detailed explanation of your situation via the NPCC Drive using the NPCC COVID-19 Exception Tracking form.

Contact NPCC in advance if you have any questions on this process and/or to discuss whether a self-report may be in order.

Regards,

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