

FAQ about NPCC for New Members

1. *Who may become an NPCC Member?*

Any person or entity with an interest in the reliable operation of the Northeastern North American bulk power system that applies and maintains its membership in accordance with the [Bylaws](#).

NPCC is an open and inclusive organization.

2. *What happens when I submit an application?*

NPCC staff will review the information in the online form for completeness. If more information is required, NPCC staff will reach out to your point of contact to fully vet the application. The application will be brought before the NPCC Board at its next meeting for appropriate sector assignment.

NPCC's General Counsel will notify you of the Board action and provide you with legal forms necessary to complete membership consistent with the Bylaws. These include a Hold Harmless Agreement and Code of Conduct. Once the forms are signed and returned to NPCC, your membership application is approved and you have the full rights and obligations of an NPCC Member.

3. *What is the difference between General and Full Membership?*

General Membership is voluntary and is open to any person or entity that has an interest in the reliable operation of the Northeastern North American Bulk Power System.

Full Membership is available to entities that participate in electricity markets in the international, interconnected bulk power system in Northeastern North America. Independent system operators (ISOs), regional transmission organizations ("RTOs), Transcos and other organizations or entities that perform the Balancing Authority function operating in Northeastern North America are expected to be Full Members of NPCC. The New York State Reliability Council and any other sub-regional reliability councils which may be formed are expected to be Full Members. Full Members are subject to compliance with regionally-specific more stringent reliability criteria for their generation and transmission facilities on which faults or disturbances can have a significant adverse impact outside of the local area and which are identified utilizing a reliability impact-based methodology.

4. *Who approves my sector designation?*

The NPCC Board of Directors is responsible for ensuring members are assigned to the appropriate sector, pursuant to Article 4.5.

5. *How are my interests represented?*

There are two Board Directors who represent each stakeholder sector.

6. *How can I contact my sector's Board Members?*

After you receive a login to the NPCC website, you can find the NPCC Directory on the [About](#) page. The Directory also lists the members of the Committees, task forces and working groups.

7. *What are my obligations as a Member?*

Members have the following obligations:

- To promote, support and comply with the purposes, mission and policies of NPCC. The mission of NPCC is to promote and enhance the reliability of the international, interconnected bulk power system in Northeastern North America.
- Consistent with their registered entity status, the responsibility to plan and design its bulk power system and to conduct its operations in compliance with Reliability Standards, Regional Reliability Standards and Regional Variances consistent with applicable laws, regulations, permits and licenses.
- To submit such data and reports as required by NPCC in order to perform compliance enforcement obligations delegated to it by the ERO, subject to established procedures and to the terms of applicable confidentiality agreements.
- As a condition of membership in NPCC, each person or entity registering as a Member shall execute a Hold Harmless Agreement with NPCC consistent with Article 4.3(a) of the Bylaws. This Agreement will be provided to you by the NPCC General Counsel shortly after assignment to your sector and should be signed within 60 days of receipt.

Members must designate a primary representative and an alternate representative with authority to receive notices, cast votes, execute waivers and consents, and enter into binding agreements on behalf of the Member.

Members should endeavor to update NPCC of changes to in order to enable NPCC to maintain a current roster of the Members of NPCC, including each Member's designated representative and alternate representative.

Full Members have additional obligations such as planning, designing and conducting operations consistent with NPCC's regionally specific, more stringent criteria to ensure a high level of reliability, notifying NPCC and Members of certain conditions, and providing data and reports as may be required. Please see Article 9.1(2) [hyperlink] for more information.

8. What are my rights as a Member?

Members have the following Rights:

- The right to attend all meetings of the General Membership of NPCC. Subject to procedures established by the committees and to the terms of applicable confidentiality agreements, Members may also attend meetings of NPCC's committees, task forces and any other such NPCC groups. Members have similar access to meeting minutes.
- The right to vote to amend Bylaws and to vote to establish, modify or eliminate NPCC Regional Reliability Standards and programs.
- For Full Members only, the right to vote to establish, modify or eliminate NPCC's regionally specific more stringent reliability criteria.

9. How do I terminate Membership?

All General Members and Full Members, other than Full Members that perform the Balancing Authority function, may terminate their membership in NPCC at any time upon fifteen days' written or electronic notice without liability to NPCC.

A Full Member that performs the Balancing Authority function may terminate its rights and obligations (other than its obligation to pay its proportionate share of the Criteria Services division expenses of NPCC) at any time upon one year's written notice to the President and CEO.

10. Does a membership expire?

No. Membership in NPCC shall be retained so long as a Member meets its respective qualifications, obligations, and conditions of membership. To that end, in order to protect its Members, NPCC reserves the right to revoke access to information including but not limited to the website if a Member's legal documents are not timely, complete and up to date.

11. Who do I call if I have questions about NPCC membership?

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