Regional Managers Committee

Examination of the
Future Role of the Regional Reliability Councils
&
Assessment of Eastern Interconnection RRC Boundaries

Scope

Assignment: Outline the roles and responsibilities of Regional Reliability Councils and coordinate an assessment of the eight Eastern Interconnection Regional boundaries for consideration at a Members Meeting in October, 2004.

A. Future Role of Regional Reliability Councils
   1. Identify current reliability assurance functions performed and member services provided by the existing Regional Reliability Councils.
   2. Identify future functions to be performed and services to be provided at a regional level.
   3. Establish fundamental principles, including governance, for organizations responsible for the functions and services included in #2.
   4. Identify modifications, if any, to existing RRCs necessary to address #2 and #3.
   5. Investigate alternate methods/models for performing functions and providing services, while respecting fundamental principles.

B. Assessment of Eastern Interconnection Regional Reliability Council Boundaries
   1. Verify current EI regional boundaries.
   2. Identify existing or potential reliability concerns or “seams issues” because of current boundaries.
   3. Consider alternate Regional Reliability Council boundaries
   4. Identify potential efficiencies/enhancements available, as well as, concerns introduced from alternate regional configurations.
   5. Solicit input from broad stakeholder community and liaison with NERC staff.
   6. Interface with NERC BOT

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