

## Eastern Interconnection Regional Reliability Organizations Sign New Agreement

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The six regional councils of the North American Electric Reliability Council (NERC) that form the Eastern Interconnection have signed an agreement to form the *Eastern Interconnection Reliability Assessment Group (ERAG)*.

The Florida Reliability Coordinating Council (FRCC), Midwest Reliability Organization (MRO), Northeast Power Coordinating Council, Inc. (NPCC), ReliabilityFirst Corporation (RFC), SERC Reliability Corporation (SERC), and Southwest Power Pool (SPP) created ERAG to enhance reliability of the international bulk power system through reviews of generation and transmission expansion programs and forecasted system conditions within the boundaries of the Eastern Interconnection.

“A reliability assessment agreement that spans the entire Eastern Interconnection, including portions of Canada, is unprecedented,” commented Bill Reinke, Chairman of the Regional Managers Committee that designed the agreement. “The agreement demonstrates our continued commitment to reliability, and provides opportunities to study the system from a much broader perspective.”

All six regions in the Eastern Interconnection are working with NERC to achieve delegated authority as regional entities for the purpose of proposing reliability standards and enforcing reliability standards consistent with FERC Order 672. These delegated authority agreements will be submitted to FERC for approval. Once granted, the regional entities are expected to create common approaches to compliance and enforcement administration. The new ERAG agreement is one example of how the regions will use common methods to promote compliance with the reliability standards and in turn enhance reliability. ” This agreement reflects the commitment of the regions to work together and with NERC to ensure the reliability of the nation’s bulk power system,” stated Rick Sergel, President and CEO of NERC.

FRCC, MRO, NPCC, RFC, SERC, and SPP are organized for the purpose of ensuring reliability of the bulk power system and the adequacy of infrastructure in their respective regions for the benefit of all end-users of electricity and all owners, operators, and users of the bulk power system engaged in providing electric services in the regions.

ERAG became effective August 1, 2006.

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