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Scope of Work for the Regional Standards Committee (RSC)

The NPCC Regional Standards Committee (RSC), a committee of the NPCC Board of Directors (BOD), is charged with:

- (a) managing the NPCC Regional Standards Development Process.
- (b) managing the NPCC Directory and Criteria Development Process.
- (c) providing consolidated NPCC Regional review and comment to the existing and proposed NERC Standards and participating in the NERC Reliability Standards Development Process.
- (d) reviewing the FERC Orders, Rulings and Notice of Proposed Rulemakings (NOPRs) related to reliability Standards, providing a forum for developing consensus viewpoints, and submitting comments to FERC, as necessary.
- (e) reviewing NERC Reliability Standard Audit Worksheets working in coordination with the NPCC Compliance Committee (CC) and submitting comments to NERC, as necessary.
- (f) providing, as necessary, consolidated NPCC Regional review and comment to the existing and proposed NERC Standards Development Processes Manual, and to the NERC Rules of Procedure as they relate to Standards Development.
- (g) determining the need for and development of interpretations and clarifications.
- (h) providing a forum for sharing viewpoints and opinions with the goal of achieving consensus.

After receiving input from any or all NPCC groups and for all submissions of standards related comments on behalf of NPCC, the RSC will be the only body submitting those comments to FERC, NERC, or any other industry entities.

The RSC is an open and balanced stakeholder committee inclusive of all stakeholder interests that provide for or are materially impacted by the reliability of the Bulk Power System. The RSC meetings are and will be open to all stakeholders who want to participate and will be publicly posted on the NPCC Website.

Decisions of the NPCC RSC will be adopted under a sector based voting structure as described in the NPCC Amended and Restated Bylaws.

The RSC will coordinate its work through NPCC Standards Staff which will administer the NPCC Regional Standards Process and coordinate the review and submission of comments.

The RSC will be chaired by a NPCC member of Staff who will be assisted by the NPCC Regional Standards Process Manager (also a member of NPCC Staff) along with co-vice chairs elected by the RSC from the existing members of the Committee at the time the vote is taken. Co-vice chairs nominations will be approved by the NPCC Board. The co-vice chairs will serve a term of two years. The vice-chair term may be extended through a motion and subsequent vote by the committee in accordance with the NPCC Amended and Restated Bylaws.

Members of the RSC will be nominated by their respective companies. NPCC RSC leadership will review the nominations which will include contact information and qualifications to serve on the committee. Appointments to the RSC will be approved by the RSC leadership. Each of the NPCC Sectors as defined in the NPCC Amended and Restated Bylaws will be represented on the RSC.

Subcommittees and ad hoc Working Groups will be formed upon request of the RSC, by NPCC Standards program area Staff and all associated scopes or charters developed will be approved by the RSC in accordance with the most recent approved NPCC Amended and Restated Bylaws.

A. Management of the NPCC Regional Standards Process

The RSC is responsible for managing the standards process for development of standards, Violation Risk Factors (VRFs), Violation Severity Levels (VSLs), definitions, variances, interpretations, and clarifications in accordance with the NPCC Regional Standard Processes Manual. The RSC is responsible for ensuring the quality of all Standards related materials.

The RSC will be available to advise the NPCC BOD on any standard related matters.

All RSC Regional Standard related decision making activities will be approved or rejected by a vote as outlined in the NPCC Amended and Restated Bylaws as they pertain to quorum and voting rules.

B. Management of the NPCC Directory and Criteria Process

The RSC manages and has oversight of the development processes for NPCC Directories and the Criteria within each document. The RSC is also responsible for ensuring that the content of each Directory is consistent with the overall objectives of the NPCC Directory project. The RSC will provide guidance to all NPCC Committees regarding the development of NPCC documents.

The RSC will be available to advise the NPCC BOD on any Directory and Criteria related matters.

C. NERC Reliability Standards

The RSC will:

- Provide NPCC review and coordinate the submission of NPCC comments to existing and developing NERC Reliability Standards when posted for NERC “Open Process Review.”
- Provide a forum for NPCC to participate, solicit, and provide Regional comments as new Standard Authorization Requests (SARs), and their respective Reliability Standards, are developed in accordance with the NERC Standard Development Processes Manual.
- Provide a forum for NPCC to participate, solicit, and provide Regional comments from a reliability perspective on Reliability Standard Audit Worksheets (RSAW) after receiving CC input.
- Identify upcoming issues associated with new NERC Reliability Standards and their potential impact on the NPCC Region, (i.e. Regional Difference).
- Propose solutions or guide the development of the Standards through effective and timely comments and soliciting NPCC participation on the SAR and Reliability Standards drafting teams.
- Develop and maintain a Web-Based Database for tracking and scheduling Standards development activities from a Regional perspective.
- Target a wider range of participants in the standard commenting process. Develop databases and e-mail list servers to engage more members and to elicit different perspectives.
- Follow up on proposed and adopted changes to the NERC Standard Development Processes Manual and Rules of Procedure as they apply to Reliability Standards, and provide NPCC members with basic information (or pointers to the NERC Website) for a common understanding of the process.
- Coordinate the activities of NPCC members on standard drafting teams, and encourage NPCC representation on all standard drafting teams.

D. FERC Activities Affecting Standards

The RSC will review FERC Orders, Rulings and Notice of Proposed Rulemakings (NOPRs) relating to Reliability Standards. The RSC will discuss, develop comments, and if necessary submit the comments to FERC on behalf of NPCC.