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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 and Review Process.
- (c) Providing consolidated NPCC Regional review and comments to existing and proposed NERC Standards in accordance with the NERC Reliability Standards Development Process.
- (d) Reviewing FERC Orders, Rulings and Notice of Proposed Rulemakings (NOPRs) related to Reliability Standards, by providing a forum for developing consensus viewpoints and submitting comments to FERC if necessary.
- (e) Reviewing NERC Reliability Standard Audit Worksheets (RSAWs) in coordination with the NPCC Compliance Committee (CC) and submitting comments to NERC if necessary.
- (f) Providing 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 NERC and Regional Standards, Variances to NERC Standards, modifications to NPCC Directories and Criteria, and/or interpretations and clarifications thereof.
- (h) In coordination with the CC, address issues identified through the NPCC Regional Feedback Mechanism to continually improve standards and NERC documents such as Guidelines and other technical material.
- (i) Providing a forum for sharing viewpoints and opinions with the goal of achieving consensus regarding reliability attributes of various forms of industry guidance and/or regulations.

Subsequent to receiving comments from NPCC stakeholders the RSC will be responsible for submitting those consensus Regional comments to FERC, NERC or other industry organizations as required.

The RSC is an open and balanced committee inclusive of all stakeholders that provide for, or are materially impacted by the reliability of the Bulk Electric System. The RSC meetings are open

to all stakeholders who want to participate and meeting materials 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 the NPCC Standards Program Area Staff which will administer actions as denoted in the NPCC Regional Standard Processes Manual and coordinate the review and submission of all standards related comments pursuant to the NERC Standards Development Processes Manual and the NERC Rules of Procedure.

The RSC will be chaired and assisted by NPCC Standards Program Area Staff along with co-vice chairs elected by the RSC from among the members of the RSC at the time the vote is taken. Chair and Co-vice chair appointments 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. An RSC Executive Committee will assist in management of the RSC and will be comprised of the Chair, the Co-Vice Chairs and two elected RSC members (the two elected RSC members will be comprised of a Canadian representative and a U.S. representative). Additionally, the two RSC members elected to the RSC Executive Committee by the RSC membership will serve for a two-year term.

Members of the RSC will be nominated by their respective companies. NPCC RSC leadership (RSC Chairperson and Vice Chairperson) 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 Executive Committee. 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. All associated scopes or charters developed will be approved by the RSC in accordance with the most recent approved NPCC Amended and Restated Bylaws.

Each RSC Member is accountable to the members of the RSC and the NPCC Board of Directors for carrying out their responsibilities in accordance with this document.

RSC Members are to represent their companies and sectors and will also work to resolve differences with a principal goal of maintaining or improving power system reliability.

RSC Members should base their decisions on what is best for power system reliability and must consider not only what is best for their company but also what is in the best interest of the broader industry and Bulk Electric System reliability.

RSC Members should make every effort to attend scheduled meetings and when not available are required to identify and provide a qualified proxy participant. RSC business cannot be conducted in the absence of a quorum and it is essential that each RSC member make a commitment to be present. A determination to recommend removal of a member shall be considered by the NPCC RSC Executive Committee if a member is excessively absent and provides no proxy for regularly scheduled meetings.

A. NPCC Regional Standards Process Responsibilities

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

The RSC will be available to advise the NPCC BOD on Regional Standard related matters.

B. NPCC Directory and Criteria Process Responsibilities

The RSC provides oversight for the development of NPCC Directories and the criteria within each document. The RSC will provide guidance to all NPCC Committees regarding the development of NPCC documents including Directories, Procedures and Guidelines.

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

C. NERC Reliability Standards Responsibilities

The RSC will:

- Provide a forum for NPCC review, coordination and submission of NPCC comments to existing or proposed NERC Reliability Standards when posted for NERC “Open Process Review.”
- Provide a forum for NPCC to participate, solicit and provide Regional comments on Standard Authorization Requests (SARs) and their respective Reliability Standards in accordance with the NERC Standard Development Processes Manual.
- Provide a forum for NPCC to participate in, and be kept aware of emerging risks from the NERC Reliability Issues Steering Committee (RISC)
- Provide a forum for NPCC to participate, solicit and provide Regional comments to the Enhanced Periodic Review Process for standards.
- Identify prospective reliability issues associated with new or revised NERC Reliability Standards and their potential impact on the NPCC Region, (i.e., Regional differences).
- Propose solutions or guide the development of the NERC Reliability Standards through effective and timely comments and soliciting NPCC participation on the SAR and Reliability Standard Drafting Teams.
- Develop and maintain a Web-Based Database for tracking and scheduling Standards development activities from a Regional perspective.
- Target a wide range of participants across the NPCC membership during the Standard commenting process in order to achieve broad regional consensus. 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 assistance with 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.
- Coordinate with the CC any NPCC input to the ERO Compliance Guidance Policy in

accordance with the CMEP Implementation Guidance Process.

D. FERC Activities Affecting Standards

The RSC will review FERC Orders, Rulings and Notice of Proposed Rulemakings (NOPRs) relating to ERO and Regional Reliability Standards. The RSC will discuss, develop regional consensus positions, and if necessary, develop recommended comments for consideration by the NPCC Board of Directors to FERC on behalf of NPCC.

When requested, participate in technical conferences hosted by NERC, FERC or other Regions on topics of importance to power system reliability.