



2020 Scope of Work for the Regional Standards Committee (RSC)

The NPCC Regional Standards Committee (RSC), a committee of the NPCC Board of Directors (BOD), aligns its activities with the NPCC and NERC Strategic Plans and is charged with:

- (a) Managing and maintaining the NPCC Regional Standards Development Process.
- (b) Managing and maintaining the process for NPCC Directory Development and Revision and the Process for the Review and Approval of Criteria, Guidelines, and Procedures.
- (c) Providing consolidated NPCC Regional review and comments to existing and proposed NERC Standards in accordance with the NERC Reliability Standards Development Processes.
- (d) Reviewing FERC Orders, Rulings and Notice of Proposed Rulemakings (NOPRs) related to Reliability Standards, by providing a forum for developing consensus.
- (e) Reviewing any new and revised NERC Reliability Standard Audit Worksheet (RSAW), as may be requested by the NPCC Compliance Committee, and submit comments to NERC as appropriate.
- (f) Providing consolidated NPCC Regional review and comments 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 Compliance Committee, address issues identified through the NPCC Regional Feedback Mechanism to continually improve standards and NERC documents which includes Guidelines and other technical material.
- (i) In coordination with the Reliability Coordinating Committee, address issues identified through the “Distributed Energy Resource (DER) BES Impact Reporting Form”, conduct, maintain, and further develop the process as necessary.
- (j) Providing a forum for sharing viewpoints and opinions with the goal of achieving consensus regarding reliability attributes of various forms of industry standards, guidance and/or regulations. In addition, forum topics may include emerging issues such as the changing generation resource mix and DER.

Subsequent to receiving comments from NPCC stakeholders, the RSC will be responsible for submitting those consensus Regional comments to NERC.

The RSC is an open and balanced committee inclusive of all stakeholders that provide for, or are materially impacted by the reliability of the NERC Bulk Electric System and the NPCC Bulk Power System as defined by Criteria A-10. 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 submitted to the NPCC Board of Directors for final approval. 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 a two-year term.

Members of the RSC will be nominated by their respective companies. NPCC RSC leadership (RSC Chairperson and Co-Vice Chairpersons) will review and consider the approval of all nominations to the RSC. The nominations will include contact information and qualifications to serve on the committee. Each of the NPCC Sectors as defined in the NPCC Amended and Restated Bylaws will be open to representation on the RSC in accordance with the NPCC Amended and Restated Bylaws.

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 Bulk Electric 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 NERC Bulk Electric System and NPCC Bulk Power 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 Regional standards process for the development of ERO Regional Standards, Violation Risk Factors (VRFs), Violation Severity Levels (VSLs), definitions, Regional Interconnection-wide variances (Quebec), 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 promoting and pursuing the quality of all Standards-related materials.

The RSC will be available to advise the NPCC BOD on standards 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, Task Forces and Working Groups regarding NPCC documents including Directories, Criteria Procedures and Guidelines. The RSC will also maintain and oversee the Directory Development and Revision Manual and related processes.

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 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 to standards development issues, reliability emerging risks or guide the development of the NERC Reliability Standards through effective and timely comments and soliciting NPCC participation on the SAR, Periodic Review and Reliability Standard Drafting Teams.

- Develop and maintain a web-based Database for tracking and scheduling Standards development activities from a Regional perspective.
- Engage 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 processes.
- Coordinate the activities of NPCC members on Standard Drafting Teams, and encourage NPCC representation on all Standard Drafting Teams.
- Coordinate with the NPCC Compliance Committee (CC) any NPCC input to CMEP Implementation Guidance documents in accordance with the CC process for submitting implementation guidance to NERC.
- Participate in the NERC Standards Efficiency Review and coordinate Regional participation in related efforts.
- Remain engaged as NPCC experiences further penetration of DER, energy storage devices and undergoes the public policy driven changing resource mix to identify reliability risks and opportunities and to promote solutions to known and newly identified adverse impacts to reliability.
- Coordinate with State and Provincial Governmental authorities on solutions to current and anticipated reliability risks as well as addressing resilience.

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 the other Regions on topics of importance to power system reliability.