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NERC Reliability Working Group

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The North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) Reliability Working Group (NRWG) reports to the Reliability and Operations Subcommittee (ROS).


Purpose & Scope

The NRWG functions as a forum for all ERCOT Market Participants to share information on issues impacting entities registered with NERC. The NRWG serves as an interface between NERC registered entities in the ERCOT Region to discuss the following:

- best compliance practices
- audit experiences
- violations and possible violations of standards
- lessons learned
- industry policies, direction and trends
- current compliance-related events and programs of general interest
- compliance with new or modified NERC Reliability Standards;
- the ERCOT Protocols and Guides as they relate to NERC requirements 

NRWG will not provide on behalf of ERCOT or its members, comments on interpretations, standards under development or any other regulatory issues ~~that require~~requiring official balloting or comments, ~~on behalf of ERCOT or its members~~. 

Participation in ERCOT NRWG Meetings

- ~~NRWG meetings will be open to all stakeholders, including ERCOT, the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) staff, and any other appropriate governing agency staff who wish to participate, except during discussions of confidential information relating to:~~
 - ~~(i) Critical Energy Infrastructure Information (CEII), or~~
 - ~~(ii) Registered Entities' experience and practices relating to compliance with NERC Reliability Standards.~~

~~The NRWG Chair or Vice Chair is responsible for determining when NRWG meetings should be held in closed session.~~

- ~~When NRWG meetings are held in a closed session, only members who have:~~

- ~~(i) signed the appropriate ERCOT Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA) or an acknowledgement thereof, and~~
- ~~(ii) received approval from the ERCOT Legal Department~~

~~may participate in those meetings. The ERCOT Legal Department will maintain a list of members who have signed the appropriate ERCOT NDA or acknowledgement and coordinate with the NRWG Chair and Vice-Chair regarding closed session meetings.~~

Membership

~~Membership of the NRWG consists of representatives~~Representatives from Transmission and/or Distribution Service Providers (TDSPs), Qualified Scheduling Entities (QSEs), Resource Entities, ~~and (REs) or~~ ERCOT; qualify for NRWG membership. Members may vote for the Chair and Vice-Chair.



Chair and Vice-Chair

~~The NRWG members shall select a Chair and Vice-Chair positions shall be selected by the NRWG to a term of 12 months, on a one year, rolling basis, and reviewed by the NRWG annually to a calendar year term.~~ The Chair shall represent the NRWG should a report to any official entity become necessary. The Vice-Chair shall act as Chair at NRWG meetings in the absence of the Chair. The Vice-Chair position is intended to prepare the Vice-Chair for a later role as Chair. The Vice-Chair may serve as Chair in the year immediately following the year s/he serves as Vice-Chair if s/he accepts the position and the NRWG membership approves.



Meetings

The NRWG shall meet as often as necessary, as determined by the NRWG Chair.

All meetings of the NRWG shall be called by the Chair or as directed by ROS and all meeting notices with the agenda shall be sent to the NRWG email list and posted to the ERCOT website at least one (1) week prior to the meeting.

The Chair shall preside at all meetings and prepare agendas for such meetings. In the absence of the Chair and the Vice-Chair, the group shall select another NRWG member to preside at the meeting. The Chair or the presiding member shall be guided by input from ~~the membership~~members in ~~the conduct of~~conducting the meetings.



NRWG meetings are open to all stakeholders, including ERCOT staff, the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) staff, Texas Reliability Entity (Texas RE) staff, and any other appropriate governing agency staff who wish to participate, except during discussions of confidential information in closed session relating to:

- (i) Critical Energy Infrastructure Information (CEII), or
- (ii) Registered Entities' experience and practices relating to compliance.



The NRWG Chair or Vice-Chair is responsible for determining when NRWG meetings should be held in closed session.

When NRWG meetings are held in a closed session, only NRWG members meeting the following requirements may participate:

- (i) the member signed the appropriate ERCOT Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA) or an acknowledgement thereof,
- (ii) the ERCOT Legal Department approved the signed NDA, and
- (iii) the member: (1) is directly employed by a Transmission and/or Distribution Service Provider (TDSP), Qualified Scheduling Entity (QSE), Resource Entity (RE) operating in the ERCOT Region, or ERCOT, or (2) is directly employed by an Affiliate of an above-referenced entity, or (3) is a consultant or contract labor authorized to represent a specific TDSP, QSE or RE in the ERCOT Region by that entity and who does not represent the business interests of the company with which s/he is directly employed.

The ERCOT Legal Department will maintain a list of members who have signed the appropriate ERCOT NDA or acknowledgement and coordinate with the NRWG Chair and Vice-Chair regarding attendance of closed session meetings. The ERCOT Legal Department requires reaffirmations of NDAs every two years.



~~Minutes or notes of NRWG meetings, along with other communications, shall be recorded and distributed, except for closed sessions, to all members of the NRWG. Additionally, the public portion of such information will be posted on the ERCOT website.~~

The Chair (or Vice-Chair) will provide (1) updates to the ROS as necessary, and (2) updates to the NRWG regarding the content of ROS meetings as it may influence or impact NRWG activities.



Email Lists

Any stakeholder may join the NRWG email list hosted by ERCOT. This list receives general meeting information. NRWG members who meet the requirements for participation in closed session may request to be added to the NRWG-Restricted email list. This list may share compliance-related information that members consider to be confidential.



Amendment

This Charter may be amended upon request of any member of the NRWG and approval by the ROS, provided such amendment may not conflict with the ERCOT Bylaws, Board Procedures, Board Resolutions, Protocols, Operating Guides, and NERC Reliability Standards.

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