



ESCC

Electricity Subsector
Coordinating Council

Industry-Government Collaboration and 2020 Response Activities

ESCC Overview

ESCC Mission

The ESCC serves as the **principal liaison** between the federal government and the electric power industry, with the mission of coordinating efforts to prepare for, and respond to, national-level disasters or threats to critical infrastructure.

ESCC Members

The ESCC includes CEOs and executives from electric companies, public power utilities, and rural electric cooperatives, as well as their trade association leaders, who represent all segments of the electric power industry. Canadian electric company executives also are represented on the ESCC due to the international make-up of the North American energy grid.

Unity of Effort, Unity of Message

Response Activities

- Pandemic planning and Resource Guide
- Hurricanes and Storms: Isaias; Midwest Derecho; Laura; Sally; Beta
- Western Wildfires

Security Focus

- Supply chain risk management
- Enhanced information sharing
- Cyber Mutual Assistance
- Cross-sector dependencies

ESCC COVID-19 Tiger Teams

- The ESCC created eight “tiger teams” to identify and help address major issues and challenges during the pandemic response.
- The teams are comprised of representatives from all segments of the electric power industry, and included participation from the natural gas industry and independent power producers.

Control Center
Continuity

Accessing
Quarantined and
Restricted
Environments

Supply Chain
Challenges

Mutual Assistance
Preparation

Generation
Operational Continuity

IT and
Telecommunications
Issues

Responsible Reentry
and Return to the
Workplace

Public and Internal
Messaging

ESCC COVID-19 Resource Guide

- The “tiger teams” develop tools, resources, and planning considerations that can be used to make localized decisions
- These tools are included in a resource guide that is updated regularly and publicly available on the ESCC website:

www.ElectricitySubsector.org



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Assessing and Mitigating the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

A RESOURCE GUIDE

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Planning for a health emergency, such as the novel coronavirus (or COVID-19), is unique from other business continuity planning because it requires businesses to prepare to operate with a significantly smaller workforce, a threatened supply chain, and limited support services for an extended period of time at an unknown date in the future.

The business continuity and pandemic plans developed by investor-owned electric companies, electric cooperatives, and public power utilities are designed to protect the people working for them and to ensure energy operations and infrastructure are supported properly throughout an emergency.

This document is a resource for electric power industry leaders to guide informed localized decisions in response to the COVID-19 global health emergency. It highlights data points, stakeholders, and options to consider in making decisions about operational status, while protecting the health and safety of employees, customers, and communities.

Sharing practices and expertise will allow participants to make better-informed independent, localized decisions that will help reduce the negative impacts to the country's electric power supply during the COVID-19 global pandemic. The Electricity Subsector Coordinating Council (ESCC) and its members are committed to complying fully with all applicable federal and state antitrust laws. The activities of the ESCC are not intended, and do not constitute an agreement, to influence markets or prices for goods or services. This document will evolve as public health officials and other government sources provide additional data and more is known about COVID-19.

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Next Steps

Reentry Planning

- The ESCC will continue to support companies/utilities/co-ops as they shift from remote operations back to the workplace.
- The transition will occur in phases based on local conditions and focus on the health and safety of the workforce and customers
- Contract tracing programs will be a key part of any reentry plan.

Interim Action Report

- The ESCC has begun a process to assess how it responded to pandemic, and identify opportunities to enhance and strengthen how it continues to respond to this pandemic and any future health emergencies.
- The process began with a series of “hotwash” calls that will inform the development of an Interim Action Report to be released in early August.

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