



## **MRO NERC Standards Review Forum Charter**

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### **I. Purpose**

The MRO NERC Standards Review Forum (NSRF) is a MRO Compliance Monitoring and Enforcement Program Advisory Council (CMEPAC) subgroup that provides a venue for reviewing and providing NSRF agreed upon comments to NERC Standards Drafting Teams during the NERC Reliability Standards development process and to NERC on other draft policies or processes as directed by the MRO CMEPAC.

### **II. Membership**

Pursuant to MRO's [Policy and Procedure 3: Establishment, Responsibilities, and Procedures of Organizational Groups and MRO Representation on NERC Committees](#) (MRO Policy and Procedure 3), the CMEPAC shall recommend NSRF members based upon experience, expertise and geographic diversity to the board's Organizational Group Oversight Committee (OGOC) for approval. There will be up to twenty-one NSRF members with three seats reserved for each sector. Seats may not be filled from outside the sector designated for a given seat. The NSRF will recommend members to the CMEPAC. Each sector shall have one vote regarding standards. For all other voting matters before the NSRF, each NSRF member shall have one vote. Submissions to NERC from the NSRF should represent the best interest for all MRO members.

The NSRF will annually elect its chair and vice chair pursuant to the process and terms listed in Policy and Procedure 3.

### **III. Key Objectives/Activities**

- Provide a forum for discussion and regional collaboration of comments to be submitted during the development of NERC Standards including: Standards Authorization Requests (SARs); proposed, new, or modified NERC Reliability Standards; Interpretations of existing NERC Reliability Standards; and other draft policies and procedures, etc.
- Identify a point of contact for each NERC project to leverage their technical knowledge during the commenting period of NERC Reliability Standards under development. To satisfy NSRF forum participants, if the NSRF does not have a consensus concerning a comment, the comment will be written again, or dropped completely. (Please note that any person or group may independently submit a comment form for any NERC Reliability Standard under development.)
- Establish a forum for discussion and collaboration on the development of voting recommendations for NERC ballots.
- Include MRO members with relevant experience in the electric utility industry.
- Hold weekly NSRF calls that are open to all stakeholders regardless of their geographic location.
- Work in conjunction with MRO to solicit volunteers from the stakeholder community to serve as participants on subject matter expert teams.

### **IV. Meetings**

The NSRF will meet weekly or as necessary, typically via conference call or web meeting. Meetings of the

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NSRF are open to public attendance. One-third of the members of NSRF will constitute a quorum. A quorum is not required for a general discussion amongst NSRF Members and participants during meetings. The chair or vice chair will preside over the NSRF meeting and determine whether there is a consensus among the participants to file comments and ballot recommendation on behalf of the NSRF. Any NSRF member may make a motion to object to filing comments, which shall carry if approved by a simple majority of NSRF sectors. Additional meeting requirements related to the rules of conduct can be located in MRO Policy and Procedure 3.

The chair, vice chair, or meeting secretary of the NSRF will forward draft meeting minutes to the NSRF members and observers, summarizing the conference call highlights, including comment forms and voting recommendations.

## **V. Reporting Requirements**

The NSRF chair or vice chair will provide a written and/or oral report quarterly describing the activities and actions of the NSRF to the CMEPAC. Annually, the NSRF shall perform a review of this charter and recommend any changes to it to the CMEPAC for approval by the OGOC. The CMEPAC shall provide a summary report, including a statement of its conclusions, to the MRO Board of Directors at the annual meeting.

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