### UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BEFORE THE FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

)

)

#### North American Electric Reliability Corporation

**Docket No. FA11-21-000** 

## COMPLIANCE FILING OF THE NORTH AMERICAN ELECTRIC RELIABILITY CORPORATION

#### I. <u>INTRODUCTION</u>

The North American Electric Reliability Corporation ("NERC")<sup>1</sup> submits this compliance filing in accordance with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's ("FERC" or "Commission") January 16, 2013 Settlement Order in Docket No. FA11-21-000 ("Settlement Order").<sup>2</sup> In the Settlement Order, the Commission approved a Settlement Agreement between the FERC Office of Enforcement ("OE") and NERC relating to OE's findings and recommendations in its 2012 performance audit of NERC. Specifically, Section II.7(b)(i) of the Settlement Agreement requires that:

Within forty-five days of the end of each quarter, beginning with the quarter ending March 31, 2013, NERC will file with the Commission the unaudited report of the NERC budget-to-actual spending variances during the preceding quarter. This report will include information *regarding sources and uses* of operating and working capital reserves and will match or exceed the level of detail of the quarterly budget-to-actual variance report of NERC expenditures attached to the agenda of NERC Board of Trustees Finance and Audit Committee's October 2012 meeting.<sup>3</sup>

Attached hereto is the variance report for the first quarter of 2024, in accordance with the

Settlement Order. On May 8, 2024, the NERC Finance and Audit Committee reviewed and

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> FERC certified NERC as the electric reliability organization ("ERO") pursuant to Section 215 of the Federal Power Act in its order issued July 20, 2006 in Docket No. RR06-1-000. Order Certifying North American Electric Reliability Corporation as the Electric Reliability Organization and Ordering Compliance Filing, 116 FERC ¶ 61,062 (2006).

See N. Am. Elec. Reliability Corp., Order Approving Settlement Agreement, 142 FERC ¶ 61,042 (Jan. 16, 2013) [hereinafter Settlement Order].

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> *Id.* (emphasis added).

recommended that the NERC Board of Trustees ("Board") accept the report. The NERC Board

accepted the report at its May 9, 2024 meeting.

## II. NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS

Notices and communications with respect to this filing may be addressed to the

following:

Shamai Elstein Associate General Counsel North American Electric Reliability Corporation 1401 H Street NW, Suite 410 Washington, DC 20005 202-603-3331 shamai.elstein@nerc.net Andy Sharp Vice President, Chief Financial Officer North American Electric Reliability Corporation 3353 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 600 – North Tower Atlanta, GA 30326 404-446-9732 andy.sharp@nerc.net

## III. <u>DISCUSSION OF SIGNIFICANT VARIANCES BETWEEN THE 2024 BUDGET</u> AND 2024 FIRST QUARTER ACTUAL FINANCIAL RESULTS

In the attached variance report, NERC outlines the following:

- (a) a comparison of actual (unaudited) financial results through March 31, 2024 to NERC's budgeted expenditures through March 31, 2024; and
- (b) additional discussion of significant variances by NERC department or program area and by major activity within departments and program areas. NERC treats "significant" variances as those that are \$500,000 or more.
- A. <u>2024 First Quarter Actual Financial Results vs. 2024 Budget Variances of</u> \$500,000 or More by Revenue and Expense Category

Four revenue and expense categories had a budget variance \$500,000 or more as of March

31, 2024:

• Contracts and Consultants expenses were \$1,775,858 (33.2%) under budget. By year-end, Contracts and Consultants expenses are expected to be \$674,198 (3.2%) over budget. Contracts and Consultants expenses are under budget year-to-date due to lower third-party contractor costs for CRISP and overall timing of expenses. Contracts and Consultants expenses are projected to be over budget at year-end due to increased support needs for (1) standards development activities; (2) studies related to generation and extreme weather; (3) automation, system conversion, and improved experience efforts for new and existing technology tools; and (4) temporary backfills for vacant positions. This projected increase is offset by lower spending on a new System Operator Certification and Continuing Education Database (SOCCED) system (being deferred in 2024 and is expected to be completed in 2025) and projected lower support needs for the Interregional Transmission Capability Study (ITCS). This is further illustrated in the table in the attached Variance Summary detailing Contracts and Consultants expenses by department.

- Office Costs, Professional, and Misc. expenses were \$1,078,413 (24.8%) under budget. These expenses are under budget year-to-date largely due to (1) timing of software licenses and support expenses; (2) lower than expected telephone and expensed A/V and hardware lease costs; and (3) lower outside counsel and insurance expenses. At year-end, software licenses and support expenses are expected to be near budget, with the remaining reasons contributing to the overall projected under budget variance in these areas.
- Fixed Asset Additions were \$747,261 (64.6%) under budget. This category is currently expected to be \$522,609 (11.3%) over budget at year-end. This category is under budget year-to-date primarily because of timing of expenditures. This area is projected to be over budget at year-end due to additional leased asset expenditures (directly offset by financing lease proceeds) and additional capital software expenditures.

• Net Financing Activity was \$883,649 (136.2%) over budget. The Net Financing Activity budget is comprised of loan and lease financing proceeds (borrowings) and principal payments. The budget included a total of \$4.2M for both loan borrowings for capital software projects and leased assets, spread evenly throughout the year. The year-to-date variance is primarily because NERC did not borrow during the first quarter. By year-end, NERC is projecting to borrow \$140k more than budgeted due to additional leased asset needs, offset by lower than budgeted loan payments/debt service from less-than-budgeted borrowing in 2023.

An additional expense category is currently expected to have a variance of greater than \$500,000 at the end of the year:

Personnel expenses were \$451,490 (2.6%) under budget as of March 31. They are expected to be \$668,753 (1.0%) under budget at year-end. Personnel expenses are under budget year-to-date primarily due to lower medical insurance premiums and retirement plan costs. Personnel expenses are projected to be under budget at year-end primarily due to lower medical insurance premiums and retirement costs, as well as timing of new hires.

# B. <u>2024 First Quarter Actual Results vs. 2024 Budget Variances of \$500,000 or More</u> by Department or Program Area

Two departments or program areas had a variance exceeding \$500,000 as of March 31, 2024.

 Business Technology was \$1,093,208 (20.2%) under budget primarily due to lower Personnel costs, (including the transfer of an FTE to Compliance Assurance to support Align activities), and timing of expenses. It is projected to be under budget at year-end due to lower Personnel and Office costs, offset by higher Contracts and Consultants costs. • CRISP was \$1,032,216 (10.0%) under budget due to lower third-party contractor costs. It is expected to be under budget at year-end due to lower projected Personnel costs partially due to the reallocation of FTE time to the E-ISAC department.

#### IV. CONCLUSION

NERC respectfully requests that the Commission accept this filing as compliant with Section II.7(b)(i) of the Settlement Agreement and the Commission's Settlement Order in Docket No. FA11-21-000.

Respectfully submitted,

#### /s/ Shamai Elstein

Shamai Elstein Associate General Counsel North American Electric Reliability Corporation 1401 H Street NW, Suite 410 Washington, DC 20005 202-603-3331 shamai.elstein@nerc.net

Counsel for North American Electric Reliability Corporation

Dated: May 14, 2024

# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that I have served a copy of the foregoing document upon all parties

listed on the official service list compiled by the Secretary in this proceeding.

Dated at Washington, D.C. this 14th day of May 2024.

/s/ Shamai Elstein

Shamai Elstein Counsel for North American Electric Reliability Corporation

# ATTACHMENT



# Summary of Unaudited Results For the Period Ending March 31, 2024

Table	e of Contents		
1.	Executive Summary	Page	
	a. Projected Year-End Results	2	
	b. Year-to-Date Actual Results	3	
2.	Detailed Operating Results		
	a. Variances by Revenue and Expense Category	4	
	b. Variances by Department	6	
3.	Supplemental Schedules		
	a. Schedule 1 – Year-End Projected Reserves	7	
	b. Schedule 2 – E-ISAC & CRISP Summary of Activity	8	
	c. Schedule 3 – Summary of Investments	10	

# **Executive Summary**

# Projected Year-End Results (\$ millions)

						Over
<b>FUNDING</b>	Pr	ojected	В	udget	(ι	Jnder)
Revenues	\$	110.4	\$	110.4	\$	-
Funding from Reserves						
Assessment Stabilization Reserve		1.3		1.3		-
TOTAL FUNDING	\$	111.7	\$	111.7	\$	-
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>						
Expenses (excluding Depreciation)	\$	111.1	\$	111.6	\$	(0.5)
Fixed Asset Additions		5.1		4.6		0.5
Net Financing Activity		(3.1)		(2.6)		(0.5)
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$	113.1	\$	113.6	\$	(0.5)
RESERVE INCREASE (DECREASE)	\$	(1.4)	\$	(1.9)	\$	0.5

Expenses (excluding Depreciation) are projected to be under budget at year-end primarily due to lower Personnel, Office, and Professional Services costs. Fixed Asset Additions are expected to be over budget due to additional leased assets and capital software expenditures, offset by Net Financing Activity. The net result is a projected year-end reserve increase of \$0.5M more than budget. This activity is explained in more detail in the remainder of the report.

# Year-to-Date Actual Results (\$ millions)

					C	Dver
<b>FUNDING</b>	Α	ctual	В	udget	(U	nder)
Revenues	\$	27.6	\$	27.6	\$	-
Funding from Reserves						
Assessment Stabilization Reserve		0.3		0.3		-
TOTAL FUNDING	\$	27.9	\$	27.9	\$	-
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>						
Expenses (excluding Depreciation)	\$	25.5	\$	28.8	\$	(3.3)
Fixed Asset Additions		0.4		1.2		(0.8)
Net Financing Activity		0.2		(0.6)		0.8
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$	26.1	\$	29.4	\$	(3.3)
RESERVE INCREASE (DECREASE)	\$	1.8	\$	(1.5)	\$	3.3

Expenses (excluding Depreciation) are under budget year-to-date primarily because of lower Contracts and Consultants, Office, and Professional Services costs, as well as Fixed Asset Additions, partially offset by Net Financing Activity. The net result is a year-to-date reserve increase of \$3.3M more than budget. This activity is explained in more detail in the remainder of the report.

# **Detailed Operating Results**

## Variances by Revenue and Expense Category

			YTD	Over		Annual	Annual		Annual	Over
	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Over (Under)	(Under)	_	Projection	Budget	0	ver (Under)	(Under)
TOTAL FUNDING	\$ 27,968,803	\$ 27,929,207	\$ 39,596	0.1%	\$	111,758,739	\$ 111,716,829	\$	41,910	0.0%
EXPENDITURES										
Personnel	16,915,575	17,367,066	(451,490)	(2.6%)		65,112,590	65,781,342		(668,753)	(1.0%)
Meetings and Travel	934,823	876,700	58,123	6.6%		3,628,629	3,506,800		121,829	3.5%
Contracts and Consultants	3,566,426	5,342,284	(1,775,858)	(33.2%)		22,043,333	21,369,135		674,198	3.2%
Office Rent	757,878	772,465	(14,587)	(1.9%)		3,089,858	3,089,858		-	0.0%
Office Costs, Professional, and Misc.*	3,265,594	4,344,007	(1,078,413)	(24.8%)		16,880,710	17,376,029		(495,319)	(2.9%)
Other Non-Operating	29,441	117,010	(87 <i>,</i> 569)	(74.8%)		339,212	468,040		(128,828)	(27.5%)
Fixed Asset Additions*	408,739	1,156,000	(747,261)	(64.6%)		5,146,609	4,624,000		522,609	11.3%
Net Financing Activity**	235,084	(648,565)	883,649	(136.2%)		(3,072,707)	(2,594,260)		(478,446)	18.4%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 26,113,560	\$ 29,326,966	\$ (3,213,406)	(11.0%)	\$	113,168,234	\$ 113,620,944	\$	(452,710)	(0.4%)
RESERVE INCREASE (DECREASE)	\$ 1,855,244	\$ (1,397,759)	\$ 3,253,002	(232.7%)	\$	(1,409,495)	\$ (1,904,115)	\$	494,620	(26.0%)
FTEs	235.2	251.1	(16.0)	(6.4%)		240.9	251.1		(10.2)	(4.1%)

# Total NERC (including CRISP)

\* Excludes depreciation expense

\*\* A positive amount indicates that NERC is paying off more principal than it is receiving in proceeds. A negative amount indicates that NERC is receiving more in proceeds than it is paying off principal.

The following is a brief description of variances by category, as illustrated in the table above:

- Personnel expenses are under budget year-to-date due to lower medical insurance premiums and retirement plan costs. Personnel expenses are projected to be under budget at year-end primarily due to lower medical insurance premiums and retirement costs, as well as new hire and other projected compensation.
- Contracts and Consultants expenses are under budget year-to-date due to lower third-party contractor costs for CRISP and overall timing of expenses. Contracts and Consultants expenses are projected to be over budget at year-end due to increased support needs for (1) standards development activities; (2) studies related to generation and extreme weather; (3) automation, system conversion, and improved experience efforts for new and existing technology tools; and (4) temporary backfills for vacant positions. This is offset by lower spending on a new System Operator Certification and Continuing Education Database (SOCCED) system that will be completed in 2025 and projected lower support needs for the Interregional Transmission Capability Study (ITCS). This is further illustrated in the table below detailing Contracts and Consultants expenses by department.

	YTD			YTD		YTD	%	Annual	Annual		Annual	%
CONTRACTS and CONSULTANTS	Actua		E	Budget	0	ver (Under)	Over (Under)	 Projection	Budget	Ove	er (Under)	Over (Under)
Reliability Standards and Power Risk Issues and Strategic Management	\$ 35,	019	\$	54,972	\$	(19,954)	(36.3%)	\$ 581,488	\$ 219,888	\$	361,600	164.4%
Compliance Assurance	27,	449		168,733		(141,284)	(83.7%)	598,520	674,933		(76,413)	(11.3%)
Registration and Certification	11,	259		26,347		(15,088)	(57.3%)	105,388	105,388		-	0.0%
Compliance Enforcement	27,	449		174,233		(146,784)	(84.2%)	620,520	696,933		(76,413)	(11.0%)
Engineering and Security Integration	414,	278		25,000		389,278	1557.1%	450,000	100,000		350,000	350.0%
Reliability Assessment and Technical Committees	247,	053		379,350		(132,297)	(34.9%)	1,381,900	1,517,400		(135,500)	(8.9%)
Advanced System Analytics and Modeling		-		14,250		(14,250)	(100.0%)	157,000	57,000		100,000	175.4%
Performance Analysis	44,	366		36,000		8,366	23.2%	229,565	144,000		85,565	59.4%
Situation Awareness	12,	020		20,750		(8,730)	(42.1%)	83,000	83,000		-	0.0%
Event Analysis	2,	793		41,250		(38,458)	(93.2%)	165,000	165,000		-	0.0%
E-ISAC	742,	179		597,809		144,370	24.1%	2,667,256	2,391,237		276,019	11.5%
Training, Education and Personnel Certification	63,	333		218,065		(154,732)	(71.0%)	509,860	872,260		(362,400)	(41.5%)
General and Administrative and Executive	(1,	675)		31,250		(32,925)	(105.4%)	89,000	125,000		(36,000)	(28.8%)
Legal and Regulatory	59,	054		63,750		(4,696)	(7.4%)	255,000	255,000		-	0.0%
External Affairs		500		78,750		(78,250)	(99.4%)	90,000	315,000		(225,000)	(71.4%)
Business Technology	652	696	:	1,149,274		(496,578)	(43.2%)	4,928,274	4,597,096		331,178	7.2%
Human Resources and Administration	251	284		208,750		42,534	20.4%	863,826	835,000		28,826	3.5%
Finance and Accounting	192	922		135,000		57,922	42.9%	610,178	540,000		70,178	13.0%
TOTAL (excluding CRISP)	\$ 2,781,	977	\$3	3,423,534	\$	(641,557)	(18.7%)	\$ 14,385,775	\$ 13,694,135	\$	691,640	5.1%
CRISP	784,	449		1,918,750		(1,134,301)	(59.1%)	 7,657,558	 7,675,000		(17,442)	(0.2%)
TOTAL (including CRISP)	\$ 3,566,	426	\$ 5	5,342,284	\$	(1,775,858)	(33.2%)	\$ 22,043,333	\$ 21,369,135	\$	674,198	3.2%

- Office Costs, Professional Services, and Miscellaneous expenses are under budget year-to-date largely due to (1) timing of software licenses and support expenses; (2) lower than expected telephone and expensed A/V and hardware lease costs; and (3) lower outside counsel and insurance expenses. At year-end, software licenses and support expenses are expected to be near budget, with the remaining reasons contributing to the overall projected under budget variance in these areas.
- Fixed Asset Additions are under budget year-to-date primarily because of timing of expenditures. This area is projected to be over budget at year-end due to additional leased asset expenditures (directly offset by financing lease proceeds) and additional capital software expenditures.
- The Net Financing Activity budget is comprised of loan and lease financing proceeds (borrowings) and principal payments. The budget included a total of \$4.2M for both loan borrowings for capital software projects and leased assets, spread evenly throughout the year. The year-to-date variance is primarily because NERC did not borrow during the first quarter. By year-end, NERC is projecting to borrow \$140k more than budgeted due to additional leased asset needs, offset by lower than budgeted loan payments/debt service from less-than-budgeted borrowing in 2023.
- Reserves are over budget year-to-date by \$3.3M, primarily due to the reasons noted above for timing of costs for Contracts and Consultants and Fixed Asset Additions, and timing of and lower spending on Office Costs, offset by Net Financing Activity. Reserves are projected to be over budget by \$0.5M at year-end mainly due to lower projected Personnel, Office, Professional Services, and debt service costs.

	YTD	YTD	YTD	Over	Annual	Annual	Annual	Over
DIRECT EXPENSES, FIXED ASSETS, AND FINANCING ACTIVITY	Actual	Budget	Over (Under)	(Under)	Projection	Budget	Over (Under)	(Under)
Reliability Standards and Power Risk Issues and Strategic Management	\$ 1,351,113	\$ 1,350,870	\$ 243	0.0%	\$ 5,550,719	\$ 5,178,957	\$ 371,763	7.2%
Compliance Assurance	1,574,860	1,681,897	(107,037)	(6.4%)	6,483,952	6,515,768	(31,816)	(0.5%)
Registration and Certification	328,088	327,427	660	0.2%	1,278,018	1,251,212	26,806	2.1%
Compliance Enforcement	981,373	1,159,255	(177,882)	(15.3%)	4,337,326	4,491,305	(153,979)	(3.4%)
Engineering and Security Integration	1,000,475	768,144	232,332	30.2%	2,944,578	2,949,925	(5,347)	(0.2%)
Reliability Assessment and Technical Committees	1,086,445	1,238,811	(152,366)	(12.3%)	4,864,201	4,815,683	48,517	1.0%
Advanced System Analytics and Modeling	469,215	626,012	(156,797)	(25.0%)	2,169,943	2,404,937	(234,993)	(9.8%)
Performance Analysis	561,660	587,578	(25,918)	(4.4%)	2,372,893	2,291,015	81,878	3.6%
Situation Awareness	862,136	1,027,493	(165,356)	(16.1%)	3,571,175	3,988,335	(417,160)	(10.5%)
Event Analysis	541,634	650,036	(108,402)	(16.7%)	2,301,232	2,470,380	(169,148)	(6.8%)
E-ISAC	4,065,506	4,010,062	55,444	1.4%	15,617,449	15,455,423	162,026	1.0%
Training, Education and Personnel Certification	405,609	548,072	(142,462)	(26.0%)	1,832,199	2,149,794	(317,595)	(14.8%)
General and Administrative and Executive	2,247,220	2,409,936	(162,716)	(6.8%)	9,736,134	9,479,271	256,862	2.7%
Legal and Regulatory	1,407,909	1,592,271	(184,361)	(11.6%)	5,897,673	6,075,391	(177,719)	(2.9%)
External Affairs	1,284,559	1,259,153	25,406	2.0%	4,875,036	4,548,817	326,219	7.2%
Business Technology	4,325,069	5,418,276	(1,093,208)	(20.2%)	20,740,703	21,180,319	(439,616)	(2.1%)
Human Resources and Administration	1,259,435	1,125,181	134,254	11.9%	4,601,594	4,370,563	231,030	5.3%
Finance and Accounting	864,248	847,291	16,956	2.0%	3,642,565	3,285,324	357,241	10.9%
TOTAL (excluding CRISP)	\$ 24,616,554	\$ 26,627,764	\$ (2,011,210)	(7.6%)	\$102,817,389	\$102,902,421	\$ (85,031)	(0.1%)
CRISP	1,497,006	2,699,202	(1,202,196)	(44.5%)	10,350,844	10,718,523	(367,679)	(3.4%)
TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES, FIXED ASSETS, AND FINANCING ACTIVITY	\$ 26,113,560	\$ 29,326,966	\$ (3,213,406)	(11.0%)	\$113,168,234	\$113,620,944	\$ (452,710)	(0.4%)

# Variances by Department

Following is a brief description of significant variances by department, as illustrated in the table above:

- <u>Reliability Standards and Power Risk Issues and Strategic Management</u> Projected to be over budget primarily due to increased Contracts and Consultants support needs for standards development and study activities.
- <u>Situation Awareness</u> Projected to be under budget primarily due to lower Personnel and software licenses and support costs.
- <u>Training, Education and Personnel Certification</u> Projected to be under budget primarily due to lower spending on a new SOCCED system that will not be completed until 2025.
- <u>General & Administrative and Executive</u> Projected to over budget mainly due to higher Personnel and software licenses and support costs.
- <u>External Affairs</u> Projected to over budget mainly due to higher Personnel costs, offset by lower Contracts and Consultants expenses.
- <u>Business Technology</u> Under budget year-to-date primarily due to lower Personnel costs, (including the transfer of an FTE to Compliance Assurance to support Align activities), and timing of expenses. Projected to be under budget at year-end due to lower Personnel and Office costs, offset by higher Contracts and Consultants costs.
- <u>Finance and Accounting</u> Projected to be over budget due to higher Contracts and Consultants costs to support system conversion activities.
- <u>CRISP</u> Under budget due to lower third-party contractor costs. Expected to be under budget at year-end due to lower projected Personnel costs partially due to the reallocation of FTE time to the E-ISAC department.

# **Supplemental Schedules**

### Schedule 1 – Year-End Projected Reserves

Reserve Account	1/1/2024 Beginning Balance <sup>(1)</sup>	F	Budgeted unding/(Use) <sup>(2)</sup>	Unbudgeted Funding/(Use) <sup>(3)</sup>	Operating and Financing Activity Versus Budget <sup>(4)</sup>	12/31/2024 Ending Balance
NERC Operating Contingency	\$ 13,229,753	\$	(1,300,000)	\$ -	\$ 1,598,912 <b>\$</b>	13,528,665
Future Obligations	2,908,227		218,053	-	-	3,126,280
Assessment Stabilization	2,256,000		(1,300,000)	-	-	956,000
System Operator	908,879		(604,115)	-	246,980	551,744
CRISP Defense Fund	500,000		-	-	-	500,000
CRISP Operating	3,615,851		-	(450,000)	(51,272)	3,114,579
CRISP Equipment Reserve	 450,000		-	450,000	-	900,000
Total Reserves	\$ 23,868,710	\$	(2,986,062)	\$ -	\$ 1,794,620 <b>\$</b>	22,677,268

#### NOTES:

(1) 2024 beginning balances have been adjusted from the 12/31/2023 variance report balances as the result of a reconciliation to the final audited balance sheet.

(2) The 2024 Business Plan & Budget (2024 BP&B) contained a budgeted use of NERC Operating Contingency Reserves (OCR) totaling \$1,300,000 to fully fund the incremental Interregional Transfer Capability Study (ITCS) FTEs hired in 2023 and a budgeted use of \$1,300,000 of Assessment Stabilization Reserves (ASR) to fund the net ITCS non-personnel costs.

The 2024 BP&B included a use of System Operator Reserves derived from budgeted revenues being \$604,115 lower than budgeted expenses.

(3) The CRISP participants agreed to transfer \$450k from the CRISP Operating Reserve to fund the CRISP Equipment Reserve.

(4) This column primarily reflects the net impact of normal operations. For example, under normal circumstances, if tracking well under budget in actual expenditures, this would reflect additional funds into the reserve account. It also reflects the increase or decrease in working capital during the period.

The net increase in reserves related to the CRISP department is \$181,748, with \$233,020 going into the NERC OCR for the portion of CRISP costs funded by assessments and \$51,272 coming out of the CRISP Operating Reserve for CRISP costs funded by the CRISP participants.

# Schedule 2 – E-ISAC and CRISP Summary of Activity

	YTD	Annual	Annual	F	Projected
FUNDING	 Actual	 Projection	Budget	Over (Under)	
Assessments	\$ 7,444,284	\$ 29,777,134	29,777,134	\$	0
Other Funding	 2,663,684	11,162,052	11,276,439		(114,387)
TOTAL FUNDING	\$ 10,107,967	\$ 40,939,187	41,053,573	\$	(114,387)
EXPENDITURES					
Personnel Expense	\$ 3,393,865	\$ 12,771,469	13,072,503	\$	(301,034)
Meetings and Travel Expense	165,951	547,686	483,000		64,686
Operating Expenses (excluding Depreciation)	2,002,696	12,505,837	12,440,651		65,185
Other Non-Operating Expenses	-	-	8,791		(8,791)
Fixed Asset Purchases (excluding Fixed Asset Allocation)	-	173,000	173,000		(0)
Net Financing Activity (excluding Net Financing Activity Allocation)	 -	(29,699)	(4,000)		(25,699)
Total Direct Costs (excluding Depreciation and Allocations)	\$ 5,562,512	\$ 25,968,293	26,173,946	\$	(205,653)
Indirect Expense Allocation	3,431,495	14,449,411	14,590,026		(140,615)
Fixed Asset Allocation	71,119	727,686	617,658		110,028
Net Financing Activity Allocation	 40,373	(383,811)	(328,056)		(55,755)
TOTAL EXPENDITURES (excluding Depreciation, including Allocations)	\$ 9,105,498	\$ 40,761,579	41,053,574	\$	(291,995)
RESERVE INCREASE (DECREASE)	\$ 1,002,469	\$ 177,608	5 (0)	\$	177,608

#### TOTAL E-ISAC (including CRISP)

# Schedule 2 (continued) – E-ISAC and CRISP Summary of Activity

CRISP

FUNDING		YTD Actual	Annual Projection	Annual Budget	rojected er (Under)
Assessments	\$	619,291	\$ 2,477,166	\$ 2,477,166	0
Other Funding		2,379,432	10,041,117	10,319,598	(278,481
TOTAL FUNDING	\$	2,998,723	\$ 12,518,283	\$ 12,796,764	\$ (278,481
EXPENDITURES					
Personnel Expense	\$	451,510	\$ 1,478,668	\$ 1,780,267	\$ (301,599
Meetings and Travel Expense		82,693	235,000	146,000	89,000
Operating Expenses (excluding Depreciation)		962,803	8,497,176	8,652,256	(155,080
Other Non-Operating Expenses		-	-	-	-
Fixed Asset Purchases (excluding Fixed Asset Allocation)		-	140,000	140,000	(0
Net Financing Activity (excluding Net Financing Activity Allocation)		-	-	-	-
Total Direct Costs (excluding Depreciation and Allocations)	\$	1,497,006	\$ 10,350,844	\$ 10,718,523	\$ (367,679
Indirect Expense Allocation		437,254	1,939,532	2,037,792	(98,260
Fixed Asset Allocation		9,062	97,677	86,268	11,408
Net Financing Activity Allocation		5,144	(51,519)	(45,820)	(5,699
TOTAL EXPENDITURES (excluding Depreciation, including Allocations)	\$	1,948,466	\$ 12,336,535	\$ 12,796,764	\$ (460,229
RESERVE INCREASE (DECREASE)	ć	1,050,257	\$ 181,748	\$	\$ 181,748

**Note** - In its July 8, 2022 order in Docket No. RR21-9-001, the Commission held that expenditure of funds paid by new CRISP participants for costs associated with joining the program should be included in NERC's quarterly variance reports and annual true-up filings. Accordingly, NERC notes that year-to-date billings sent by NERC to new CRISP participants related to the program's third-party subcontractor total \$0. Year-to-date expenses sent by the third-party contractor to NERC for new CRISP participants total \$0.

#### E-ISAC (excluding CRISP)

FUNDING	 YTD Actual	 Annual Projection	Annual Budget	rojected er (Under)
Assessments	\$ 6,824,992	\$ 27,299,969	\$ 27,299,969	\$ 0
Other Funding	 284,252	 1,120,935	956,841	164,094
TOTAL FUNDING	\$ 7,109,244	\$ 28,420,904	\$ 28,256,810	\$ 164,094
EXPENDITURES				
Personnel Expense	\$ 2,942,356	\$ 11,292,801	\$ 11,292,236	\$ 564
Meetings and Travel Expense	83,258	312,686	337,000	(24,314)
Operating Expenses (excluding Depreciation)	1,039,893	4,008,661	3,788,396	220,265
Other Non-Operating Expenses	-	-	8,791	(8,791)
Fixed Asset Purchases (excluding Fixed Asset Allocation)	-	33,000	33,000	-
Net Financing Activity (excluding Net Financing Activity Allocation)	 -	(29,699)	(4,000)	(25,699)
Total Direct Costs (excluding Depreciation and Allocations)	\$ 4,065,506	\$ 15,617,449	\$ 15,455,423	\$ 162,026
Indirect Expense Allocation	2,994,240	12,509,879	12,552,234	(42,355)
Fixed Asset Allocation	62,057	630,009	531,389	98,620
Net Financing Activity Allocation	 35,228	(332,292)	(282,236)	(50,056)
TOTAL EXPENDITURES (excluding Depreciation, including Allocations)	\$ 7,157,032	\$ 28,425,044	\$ 28,256,810	\$ 168,234
RESERVE INCREASE (DECREASE)	\$ (47,788)	\$ (4,140)	\$ (0)	\$ (4,140)

Summary of Results as of March 31, 2024

	Q	uarter-End	Ticker		S&P	Annualized
		Balance	Symbol	Fund Name	Credit Rating	Yield
Cash Sweep Accounts						
Operating Account Sweep	\$	32,164,158	TDDXX	BlackRock Liquidity Fund FedFund Dollar	AAAm	4.94%
SOCCED Account Sweep		1,606,309	TDDXX	BlackRock Liquidity Fund FedFund Dollar	AAAm	4.94%
CRISP Account Sweep		3,834,495	TDDXX	BlackRock Liquidity Fund FedFund Dollar	AAAm	4.94%
Total Cash Sweep Accounts	\$	37,604,962				
Investment Account						
Reserve Funds	\$	10,750,957		IAM Bank Sweep Collateralized		5.24%
Total Investments	\$	10,750,957				

# Schedule 3 – Summary of Investments