

Minutes

Compliance Committee Meeting

August 16, 2023 | 9:45-11:00 a.m. Eastern
Hybrid

Westin Ottawa Hotel
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Ottawa, ON K1N 9H4, Canada

Mr. Robin E. Manning, Chair, called to order the duly noticed meeting of the Board of Trustees Compliance Committee (CC or Committee) of the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) on August 16, 2023, at approximately 9:45 a.m. Eastern Time, and a quorum was declared present.

Present at the meeting were:

Committee Members

Robin E. Manning, Chair
George S. Hawkins
Larry Irving
Susan Kelly
Suzanne Keenan
Kenneth W. DeFontes, Jr., *ex officio*

Board of Trustees Members

Jim Piro
Kristine Schmidt

NERC Staff

Tina Buzzard, Assistant Corporate Secretary
Manny Cancel, Senior Vice President and CEO of the E-ISAC
Howard Gugel, Vice President, Compliance Assurance & Registration
Kelly Hanson, Senior Vice President, Chief Administrative Officer
Stan Hoptroff, Vice President, Business Technology
Mark Lauby, Senior Vice President and Chief Engineer
Kimberly Mielcarek, Vice President, Communications
Lonnie Ratliff, Director, Compliance Assurance & Certification
Sônia Rocha, Senior Vice President, General Counsel, and Corporate Secretary
Janet Sena, Senior Vice President, External Affairs
Andy Sharp, Vice President, Chief Financial Officer
Teri Stasko, Assistant General Counsel and Director of Enforcement

Introduction and Chair's Remarks

Mr. Manning welcomed the members of the CC to the meeting. Mr. Manning provided a brief summary of the August 15, 2023 Committee closed meeting.

NERC Antitrust Compliance Guidelines

Ms. Buzzard directed the participants' attention to the NERC Antitrust Compliance Guidelines included in the advance agenda package and indicated that all questions regarding antitrust compliance or related matters should be directed to Ms. Rocha.

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Upon motion duly made and seconded, the CC approved the May 10, 2023 Open Meeting minutes.

Proposed Amendments to the Compliance Committee Mandate

Chair Manning noted that, considering the current volume and complexity of Reliability Standards-related projects and issues, the Board has recognized that an increased focus and Board oversight of Standards development is needed. The CC aids the Board in its oversight of the Compliance Monitoring and Enforcement Program (CMEP) and Organization Registration and Certification Program (ORCP), which work in concert to reduce risks to the reliability and security of the electric grid. Integrating Standards oversight into the existing CC responsibilities associated with the ORCP and CMEP would enhance the Board's oversight of NERC's core regulatory processes along the entire continuum of activities, from standards development, to registration, through compliance and enforcement actions. If approved, the CC will be renamed as the Regulatory Oversight Committee. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the CC approved the proposed amendments to the CC mandate and recommended that the CGHRC approve the proposed amendments to the CC mandate.

Inverter-Based Resources

Mr. Gugel presented on ongoing efforts across the ERO Enterprise to address the rapid integration of bulk power system connected inverter-based resources (IBRs). These efforts include issuing alerts and lessons learned about events involving IBRs, providing input to FERC on ways to improve the interconnection process for IBRs to help ensure reliability, conducting outreach on IBR matters, and looking at updating Standards and registration criteria to account for IBRs. Mr. Gugel provided an overview of IBR Standards enhancements that are underway, updates on NERC's IBR registration work plan, and information shared with industry via the documents posted to the NERC website and webinar series. Attendees had a robust discussion regarding registration and Standards-related questions, prioritization of the work that needs to be done, and ongoing work at the state level regarding IBR matters.

Compliance Monitoring and Enforcement Program (CMEP) and Organization Registration and Certification Program (ORCP) Semi-Annual Report

Mr. Gugel, Ms. Stasko, and Mr. Ratliff presented the 2023 CMEP and ORCP Semi-Annual Report, noting that NERC had incorporated feedback received from industry to make it more useful. NERC staff also provided information and statistics regarding 2023 CMEP and ORCP activities, updates on the transition to the Align Governance Model and the use of Align in several Canadian provinces, CMEP feedback to Standards, various oversight activities, and stakeholder outreach efforts.

Small Group Advisory Sessions

Mr. Ratliff presented on Small Group Advisory Sessions conducted in 2023, noting successful sessions covering CIP-013 supply chain issues and CIP-012 control center communications and the lessons learned by both industry participants and ERO Enterprise staff from these sessions. Mr. Ratliff also reported on cold weather preparedness sessions that had substantial participation by industry. Finally, Mr. Ratliff noted that

future Small Group Advisory Sessions could cover inverter-based resources and CIP Standards supporting virtualization.

Adjournment

There being no further business, and upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by,

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Sônia Rocha
Corporate Secretary