

## Minutes

# Member Representatives Committee

November 15, 2022 | 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Central

JW Marriott  
614 Canal Street  
New Orleans, Louisiana 70130

Vice Chair Jennifer Flandermeyer called to order a duly noticed meeting of the Member Representatives Committee (MRC) of the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) on November 15, 2022, at 1:00 p.m., Central, and a quorum was declared present. The agenda and MRC members and their proxies in attendance are attached as **Exhibits A** and **B**, respectively.

### **Introduction and Chair's Remarks**

Ms. Flandermeyer welcomed MRC members and attendees, acknowledging the NERC Board of Trustees (Board), Kal Ayoub and others from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), State Commissioners CJ Manthe and Matt Schuerger, and CAMPUT representative David Morton.

### **NERC Antitrust Compliance Guidelines and Public Announcement**

Kristin Iwanechko, MRC Secretary, directed the participants' attention to the NERC Antitrust Compliance Guidelines included in the agenda package, and indicated that all questions regarding antitrust compliance or related matters should be directed to Sonia Mendonca, senior vice president, general counsel, and corporate secretary at NERC.

### **Minutes**

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the MRC approved the minutes of the August 17, 2022, and October 12, 2022, meetings as presented at the meeting.

### **Future Meetings**

The schedule of future meeting dates, including the pre-meeting and informational webinars for 2023, was included in the agenda package. Ken DeFontes, Board chair, highlighted upcoming changes to the Board meeting calendar discussed during a recent Board strategic session focused on building a more effective and efficient governance process and shared at the November 7, 2022, Corporate Governance and Human Resources Committee meeting. The Board meeting calendar will be restructured to feature three in-person meetings per year in February, May, and August, with the May meeting being in-person for the Board and MRC only, and virtual for all other stakeholders.

Ms. Flandermeyer noted that the MRC officers will evaluate the MRC's governance processes and effectiveness, with input from the MRC.

### **Election of MRC Officers for 2023**

Ms. Flandermeyer asked Paul Choudhury, MRC representative in Sector 4 and immediate past chair, to chair this item on the agenda. Mr. Choudhury announced the nominations of Jennifer Flandermeyer for chair and John Haarlow for vice chair of the MRC for 2023. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the MRC unanimously approved Ms. Flandermeyer as chair and Mr. Haarlow as vice chair. Ms. Flandermeyer and Mr. Haarlow will assume their new positions at the start of the February 2023 MRC meeting.

### **Schedule for MRC Sector Elections**

Ms. Flandermeyer reminded attendees the nomination period for the annual sector election closes on November 17, 2022, and elections will be held from December 14, 2022, through December 23, 2022.

### **Board of Trustees Nominating Committee Update**

Bob Clarke, chair of the Board Nominating Committee (BOTNC), provided an update on BOTNC activities to fill one open seat on the Board. The BOTNC will interview final candidates following the MRC and Board meetings and provide a recommendation to the MRC in December for election at the MRC's February 2023 meeting.

### **Business Plan and Budget Input Group Update**

Ms. Flandermeyer, chair of the Business Plan and Budget (BP&B) Input Group, noted that the group has not convened since FERC approved the 2023 BP&B and is planning to meet in December in preparation for the 2024 BP&B development process.

### **Regulatory Update**

Ms. Mendonca invited questions or comments regarding the regulatory report, which highlights Canadian affairs, as well as past and future significant FERC filings.

### **Responses to the Board's Request for Policy Input**

Ms. Flandermeyer acknowledged the MRC's responses to Mr. DeFontes' October 12, 2022, letter requesting policy input on standards process improvement opportunities, in addition to the preliminary agenda topics for the November meetings. Responses to the letter are [posted](#) on the NERC website.

### **Standards Process Improvement Opportunities**

Howard Gugel, vice president of engineering and standards at NERC, provided a summary of the recommendations proposed by the Standards Process Stakeholder Engagement Group and the input received from the MRC on the recommendations, as outlined in the posted presentation package. The recommendations target Section 300 of the NERC Rules of Procedure, the Standard Processes Manual, standing committee activities, and a review of the Registered Ballot Body. Following MRC discussion, the Board will convene to discuss MRC feedback before acting on a resolution on the proposal at its meeting the next day.

### **Additional Policy Discussion of Key Items from Board Committee Meetings**

Ms. Flandermeyer reminded attendees that full presentations were conducted at the Board committee meetings and would not be repeated during the MRC meeting. Attendees did not have any additional comments related to the Board's Corporate Governance and Human Resources, Finance and Audit Committee, Compliance, and Technology and Security Committee meetings.

## **MRC Input and Advice on Board Agenda Items and Accompanying Materials**

Attendees did not have comments on the topics included on the Board's agenda for its meeting the next day.

## **Update on FERC Reliability Matters**

Kal Ayoub, deputy director, division of cyber security at FERC, provided an update on the following FERC reliability activities: implementing recommendations from the FERC-NERC inquiry on the 2021 cold weather event; November 2, 2022, Order accepting 2023 business plans and budgets; September 22, 2022, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NOPR) on incentives for advanced cybersecurity investment; August 25, 2022, Order approving revisions to the NERC Rules of Procedure; 2022 report on lessons learned from the FERC-led cybersecurity audits; recent and upcoming FERC technical conferences; and the joint federal-state task force on electric transmission.

## **Bulk Electric System Generation Mix Projections**

Soo Jin Kim, director of power risk issues and strategic management at NERC, noted that an ERO Enterprise review of generation data showed a rapid increase in asynchronous generation within the last five years. In reviewing the data, the ERO Enterprise identified a risk for dispersed power producing resources that are greater than 20 MVA and less than or equal to 75 MVA in the aggregate plant size. NERC formed an executive level advisory group to discuss and develop a strategy for addressing the risk, including whether a review of registration criteria or the definition of the Bulk Electric System will be necessary. Additionally, the Reliability and Security Technical Committee (RSTC) is forming a strategic group to target inverters.

- An MRC member encouraged engagement with state regulators early in the discussions.

## **Bulk Power System Situation Awareness Update and 2022/2023 Winter Preparations**

Darrell Moore, director of bulk power system awareness (BPSA) and personnel certifications at NERC, provided an update on BPSA activities for the third quarter of 2022. He provided an overview of recent significant events (Western Interconnection heat wave, Hurricane Fiona, and Hurricane Ian), mandatory OE-417 and EOP-004 reports, physical security reports, and a 12-month view of Energy Emergency Alert Level 3 (EEA3) reports.

Mr. Moore also provided an overview of responses received by Reliability Coordinators, Balancing Authorities, Transmission Operators, and Generator Owners to the September 12, 2022, Cold Weather Preparedness for Extreme Weather Events Level 2 Alert. NERC staff provided a report to FERC on the alert pursuant to NERC's Rules of Procedure and will post a public summary of the alert responses. NERC and the Regional Entities will reach out to industry to gain further insights into some of the responses.

## **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by,



Kristin Iwanechko  
Secretary

## Agenda

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### Virtual Attendees

[Webcast Link](#)

### Introduction and Chair's Remarks

### NERC Antitrust Compliance Guidelines and Public Announcement\*

### Consent Agenda

1. **Minutes - (Approve)**
  - a. August 17, 2022 Meeting\*
  - b. October 12, 2022 Conference Call\*

### Regular Agenda

2. **Future Meetings\***
3. **Election of MRC Officers for 2023\***
4. **MRC Sector Nominations and Elections Schedule\***
5. **General Updates and Reports**
  - a. Board of Trustees Nominating Committee Update\*
  - b. Business Plan and Budget Input Group Update\*
  - c. Regulatory Update\*
6. **Policy and Discussion Items**
  - a. Responses to the Board's Request for Policy Input\*
    - i. Standards Process Improvement Opportunities\*
  - b. Additional Policy Discussion of Key Items from Board Committee Meetings\*

- i. Corporate Governance and Human Resources Committee
- ii. Finance and Audit Committee
- iii. Compliance Committee
- iv. Technology and Security Committee
- c. MRC Input and Advice on Board Agenda Items and Accompanying Materials\*

## **Technical Updates**

- 7. Update on FERC Reliability Matters\***
- 8. Bulk Electric System Generation Mix Projections\***
- 9. Bulk Power System Situation Awareness Update and 2022/2023 Winter Preparations\***

\*Background materials included.

**Member Representatives Committee - Attendance (November 15, 2022)**

**Voting Members**

<b>First Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>Sector</b>
Jennifer	Flandermeyer	Vice Chair
Joel	Dembowski	1. Investor-Owned Utility
Rachel	Snead	1. Investor-Owned Utility
John	Haarlow	2. State/Municipal Utility
John	Twitty	2. State/Municipal Utility
Greg	Ford	3. Cooperative Utility - <b>Proxy David Revill</b>
Jason	Marshall	3. Cooperative Utility
Edison	Elizeh	4. Federal/Provincial
Francois	Brassard	4. Federal/Provincial
Paul	Choudhury	4. Federal/Provincial
Brian	Evans-Mongeon	5. Transmission-Dependent Utility
Terry	Huval	5. Transmission-Dependent Utility
Martin	Sidor	6. Merchant Electricity Generator - <b>Proxy Alan Johnson</b>
Sean	Cavote	6. Merchant Electricity Generator
Matt	Fischesser	7. Electricity Marketer - <b>Proxy Jody Green</b>
Brad	Cox	7. Electricity Marketer
Venona	Greaff	8. Large End-Use Electricity Customer
Darryl	Lawrence	9. Small End-Use Electricity Customer - <b>Proxy Patrick Cicero</b>
Michael	Moody	9. Small End-Use Electricity Customer
Gordon	van Welie	10. ISO/RTO - <b>Proxy Peter Brandien</b>
Lesley	Gallinger	10. ISO/RTO
Barbara	Sugg	10. ISO/RTO - <b>Proxy Michael Desselle</b>
CJ	Manthe	12. State Government
Matt	Schuerger	12. State Government

**Non-Voting Members**

<b>First Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>Sector</b>
David	Morton	Canadian Provincial
David	Ortiz	U. S. - Federal
Milo	Blair	Regional Entity - NPCC
Todd	Hillman	Regional Entity - SERC
Curt	Brockmann	Regional Entity - Texas RE
Melanie	Frye	Regional Entity - WECC
Kristin	Iwanechko	Secretary