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Q1

Information about the nominator:

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Information about the nominee:

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Q3

Briefly describe the nominee's experience and qualifications to serve on the RISC:

Felek has over 30 years of electric industry experience in cybersecurity, engineering, consulting, risk management, audit, and compliance. He is currently the Vice President and Chief Security Officer at Southwest Power Pool where he's responsible for cybersecurity, physical security, and emergency management. As a consultant at Ernst & Young, Felek has worked with many Responsible Entities on implementing solutions for cybersecurity, IT, and OT infrastructure. He has additional experience as a NERC CIP Compliance Advisor and Auditor, where he helped shape and implement the NERC CIP v5 cybersecurity standards, and he has operational experience as a SCADA engineer at Progress Energy, Mirant Corporation, and Georgia Power Company, where he started his career at a coal generating plant. Felek has an electrical engineering degree from Auburn University and is an (ISC)2 Certified Information Systems Security Professional.

If selected, in addition to SPP, Felek would represent all 9 North American RTOs/ISOs through the ISO/RTO Council's Information Technology Committee (ITC).

Nomination Form for the Reliability Issues Steering Committee Membership

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Select each area for which the nominee has expertise or oversight: Description of each Risk Profile can be found in the The 2023 ERO Reliability Risk Priorities Report

**Energy Policy,
Security Risks,
Critical Infrastructure Interdependencies,
Grid Transformation**

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Select each NERC Region that you represent:

**MRO,
WECC**

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Select each Industry Segment that you represent:

RTOs, ISOs

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Select each Registered Function for which the nominee has expertise or oversight: These functions are defined in the NERC Functional Model, which is downloadable from the NERC Web site.

**Balancing Authority,
Compliance Enforcement Authority,
Generator Operator,
Generator Owner,
Reliability Coordinator,
Transmission Operator,
Transmission Owner**

Page 2: Reference Information

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