

NEWSLETTER

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RSTC Business

Subcommittees/Working Groups/Task Forces Quarterly Activity

The Reliability and Security Technical Committee (RSTC) establishes subcommittees, working groups, and task forces as necessary. The RSTC is responsible for sponsoring all subordinate subcommittees, working groups, or task forces that it creates, or that its subordinate subcommittees and working groups may establish.

Officers of subordinate groups will be appointed by the chair of the RSTC.

Subcommittees, working groups, and taskforces conduct business in a manner consistent with all applicable sections of the [RSTC Charter](#).

Access to all Subcommittees, working groups, and taskforces can be found on the [RSTC Webpage](#).

Risks Prioritization

Based on the Risk Priorities identified by the Reliability Issues Steering Committee (RISC), the RSTC has identified four strategic priorities: 1) energy assurance, 2) inverter-based resources, 3) distributed energy resources, and 4) supply chain security. Cyber security is integral to each of these strategic priorities. More information on this can be found in Chapter 3 of the [RSTC Strategic Plan](#).

Reliability Guidelines

The objective of the reliability guidelines is to distribute key practices and information on specific issues critical to promote and maintain a highly reliable and secure bulk power system (BPS). Reliability guidelines are not binding norms or parameters to the level that compliance to NERC's Reliability Standards is monitored or enforced. Rather, their incorporation into industry practices is strictly voluntary. Reviewing, revising, or developing a program using these practices is highly encouraged. All current and draft guidelines can be found [here](#). In addition to these Reliability Guidelines, the RSTC also issues other types of deliverables such as policy outreach, white papers exploring technical facts of topics, technical reference documents on a specific topic of interest, implementation guidance under the NERC Board-approved Compliance Guidance Policy, and Standard Authorization Requests. Please see the RSTC Webpage and associated Agendas for more detail.

TOP NEWS

RSTC HOLDS ITS SECOND QUARTER MEETINGS – JUNE 21-22, 2023

LINKS TO ALL ACTIONS

[JUNE 21, 2023, AGENDA PACKAGE](#)

[JUNE 22, 2023, INFORMATIONAL SESSION](#)

[APPROVED | ENDORSED | ACCEPTED - AGENDA ITEMS
JUNE 21-22, 2023](#)



OUR STRATEGY

The RSTC is a standing committee that strives to advance the reliability and security of the interconnected bulk power system (BPS) of North America by:

- Creating a forum for aggregating ideas and interests, drawing from diverse industry stakeholder expertise, to support the ERO Enterprise's mission.
- Leveraging such expertise to identify solutions to study, mitigate, and/or eliminate emerging risks to the BPS for the benefit of industry stakeholders, the NERC Board of Trustees (Board), and ERO Enterprise staff and leadership.
- Coordinating and overseeing implementation of RSTC subgroup work plans.

THANKS FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP



DURING THE RSTC'S JUNE MEETING, RICH HYDZIK WAS ELECTED AS THE NEW CHAIR AND JOHN STEPHENS AS THE VICE CHAIR. THEY OFFICIALLY BEGAN THEIR TERMS ON JUNE 30, 2023, AFTER THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVED THEIR APPOINTMENT IN AN ACTION WITHOUT A MEETING. AT THE END OF THE MEETING, TRUSTEE ROB MANNING AND NERC SENIOR VP MARK LAUBY PAID TRIBUTE TO GREG FORD'S LEADERSHIP AND PATIENCE AS HE CHAIRED THE RSTC FROM ITS INCEPTION THROUGH DIFFICULT TIMES, INCLUDING THE PANDEMIC AND THE CHALLENGES OF FULLY VIRTUAL MEETINGS. GREG SUCCESSFULLY FACILITATED HEALTHY DEBATES AND GAINED THE TRUST OF INDUSTRY AND REGULATORS ON THE COMMITTEE'S CRITICAL WORK PLAN PRIORITIES, INCLUDING THE SUCCESSFUL DEVELOPMENT OF THE RSTC STRATEGIC PLAN AND RISK FRAMEWORK. WE APPRECIATE GREG'S UNWAVERING DEDICATION TO THE COMMITTEE AND THE RELIABILITY, RESILIENCE, AND SECURITY OF THE BULK POWER SYSTEM.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Third Quarter Activities		
RSTC Meeting – September 20-21, 2023	Hybrid Meeting	Salt Lake City, UT
RSTC Members, Presenters, and NERC Staff – In-person	Observers – Virtual	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Annual Sunset Review of Working Groups and Task Forces• Draft RSTC Charter Amendments (review and RSTC comment period)		
Expected Actions Between Meetings		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• FRAA Endorsement (review and endorse)• Long-Term Reliability Assessment (review and comment period: TBD; no ballot)• Winter Reliability Assessment (review and comment period: TBD; no ballot)		