

The comments below are from the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) in response to NERC's request for feedback on their draft 2025 Business Plan and Budget.

*NERC's increased activity requires industry support to implement, matching staffing requirements to keep up is a continual industry concern and makes cost recovery difficult. The majority of the budget increases proposed by NERC do provide a discernable path to services that should enrich the region. BPA supports the efforts for the updated website and upcoming registration for the IBRs. We appreciate the three-year budget projection and the thoughtful approach to relocating NERC's infrastructure to Charlotte, NC. Some of our concern focus on the additional VP & SVP positions added to the management structure, NERC may wish to consider a leaner organizational model.*

*Affordability across the nation on power rates in general is getting the attention of regulators, legislators, and the elected officials. BPA's mission is to create and deliver the best value for our customers and constituents in the Northwest power system. Concerning NERC's budget, some of the increases seemed high compared to the general rate of inflation. Over the next several years, it is imperative to make sure that the rate of increase does not significantly outpace the rate of inflation without a good justification.*