

# Minutes Regulatory Oversight Committee Open Meeting

August 14, 2024 | 10:05 a.m. – 11:05 a.m. Pacific

## In-Person

Hyatt Regency Vancouver  
655 Burrard St.  
Vancouver, BC V6C 2R7, Canada  
Conference Room: Regency A/B/C

Mr. Robin E. Manning, Chair, called to order the duly noticed open meeting of the Board of Trustees Regulatory Oversight Committee (ROC or Committee) of the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) on August 14, 2024, at approximately 10:05 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  
Kristine Schmidt  
Kenneth W. DeFontes, Jr., *ex officio*

### Board of Trustees Members

James B. Robb, NERC President and Chief Executive Officer  
Jane Allen  
Robert G. Clarke  
Suzanne Keenan  
Jim Piro  
Colleen Sidford

### NERC Staff

Tina Buzzard, Assistant Corporate Secretary  
Manny Cancel, Senior Vice President and CEO of the E-ISAC  
Howard Gugel, Vice President, Compliance Assurance and Registration  
Kelly Hanson, Senior Vice President, Chief Operating Officer  
Latrice Harkness, Director, Standards Development  
Nina Johnston, Assistant General Counsel and Director of Corporate Risk Management  
Soo Jin Kim, Vice President, Engineering and Standards  
Mark Lauby, Senior Vice President and Chief Engineer  
Justin Lofquist, Director of Enterprise Applications Architecture  
Kristin Miller, Director, Internal Audit  
Kaiesha Morgan, Program Specialist, Corporate Governance and Enforcement  
Lauren Perotti, Assistant General Counsel  
Lonnie Ratliff, Director, Compliance Assurance and Certification  
Sônia Rocha, Senior Vice President, General Counsel, and Corporate Secretary  
Camilo Serna, Senior Vice President, Strategy and External Engagement  
Andy Sharp, Vice President, Chief Financial Officer  
Teri Stasko, Assistant General Counsel and Director of Enforcement

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

Chair Manning welcomed the members of the ROC and other attendees to the meeting. Chair Manning provided a brief summary of the August 7, 2024 Committee Executive 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.

## **Minutes**

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the ROC approved the May 8, 2024 ROC Open Meeting minutes.

## **Regional Canadian Activities**

Damase Hebert, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary, Northeast Power Coordinating Council, Inc. (NPCC), Richard Burt, Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Midwest Reliability Organization, Inc. (MRO), and Steven Noess, Vice President of Reliability and Security Oversight, Western Electricity Coordinating Council (WECC) noted that under Canada's constitution, each province controls the electricity generation, intra-provincial electricity transmission, electricity distribution and market structure within its borders. Therefore, NERC, MRO, NPCC, and WECC operate under various regulatory constructs and under various agreements with interconnected provinces in Canada to conduct or participate in registration, compliance monitoring, and enforcement of Reliability Standards. Messrs. Hebert, Burt, and Noess provided an overview of their respective Regional Entity roles in applicable Canadian Provinces.

## **Section 321 of the NERC Rules of Procedure: Special Rule to Address Order No. 901 Directives for the Work Plan Milestone 2 Projects**

Chair Manning noted that the North American grid has been undergoing significant changes. He shared that, for some time now, NERC has been working with industry to address challenges relating to inverter-based resources (IBRs). As early as 2016, NERC began generating multiple event reports, industry guidance, alerts and other outreach efforts. It is with this background that FERC issued Order No. 901 in October 2023, directing NERC to develop standards that address IBR reliability issues.

Chair Manning stated that drafting teams have been working to address the directives diligently using NERC's open and inclusive standard development process. He announced 2 of the 3 draft IBR standards due in November had successful ballots. However, he expressed concerns that the normal standards drafting process may not ensure timely completion of the ride-through draft standard and requested that Ms. Kim present the results of the ballots and provide options to address the draft ride-through standard. Chair Manning further requested that industry provide comments after Ms. Kim's presentation.

Ms. Kim presented the results of the latest ballots and shared options available to the Board. Industry members then provided their comments to the Committee. Industry members expressed concerns regarding ride through requirements, including the standard may require decommissioning of legacy resources and perceived constraints of the FERC order. Industry generally appreciates the opportunity for a technical conference.

After listening to comments from industry and Committee members, the Committee unanimously voted to recommend that the Board (1) employ the special processes described in Sections 321.2 – 321.4 of the NERC Rules of Procedure to develop one or more proposed draft standards that are responsive to the IBR grid disturbance ride-through issues identified in the directives issued by FERC in Order No. 901; and (2) direct the Standards Committee to work with NERC staff to convene a public technical conference, prepare a memorandum summarizing the issues and alternatives considered, use the input from the technical conference to revise the standard(s), and re-ballot the standard(s) one additional time, noting this process must be completed by Monday, September 30, 2024.

**Align History, Governance, and Maturity**

Given on the importance of receiving industry feedback on the generator ride-through matter, the Committee deferred a presentation on Align History, Governance, and Maturity to the ROC open meeting in February.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by,



Sônia Rocha  
Corporate Secretary