

Announcement

Michael Ball Selected to Lead NERC's E-ISAC

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WASHINGTON, D.C. – NERC announced the selection of Michael Ball as NERC senior vice president and chief executive officer (CEO) of the Electricity Information and Analysis Center (E-ISAC), effective April 14. Following a comprehensive search, Ball will succeed Manny Cancel, who is retiring on May 30. Cancel will stay on as an advisor through May.

“I’m excited to welcome Michael to the NERC team. His experience working with the E-ISAC over the years coupled with his relationships and reputation with industry leaders and key government agencies will provide us with the skills needed to continue maturing and elevating our E-ISAC capabilities,” said Jim Robb, NERC president and CEO. “Add in his years of security and leadership experience, and Michael’s knowledge will help us successfully meet our strategic priorities — now and into the future.”

Most recently, Ball served as senior vice president and chief security officer for Berkshire Hathaway Energy, where he led a security team focused on strategic global cyber and physical security policies and practices. During his 27 years with the company, he also led the risk management program and PacifiCorp’s quality assurance and business continuity teams.

“I’ve had the privilege of protecting critical infrastructure throughout my 27 years at Berkshire Hathaway Energy,” Ball said. “I’m honored to carry that mission forward on a broader scale, supporting industry as a whole and the key services that our members and stakeholders provide to their communities.”

As CEO of the E-ISAC, Ball will be responsible for providing leadership in the development of the E-ISAC’s mission, strategy and goals as well as developing a comprehensive tactical plan to accomplish these goals. Ball also will collaborate closely with the diverse E-ISAC members and external stakeholders — inclusive of all sizes, types, geographic scope and regulatory requirements — and with federal, provincial and state partners to share critical information to safeguard the grid in the ever-changing threat landscape.

Ball will work closely with the Member Executive Committee, a key advisory group of senior security leaders across industry, to ensure the E-ISAC remains member-focused and effectively supports the security posture of the sector. He will also work closely with the Electricity Subsector Coordinating Council to advance the security posture of the electric sector and help operationalize the council’s direction.



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