

# Meeting Notes

## Project 2023-09 Risk Management for Third-Party Cloud Services

### Standard Drafting Team

August 16, 2024 | 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. Eastern

#### **Review NERC Antitrust Compliance Guidelines and Public Announcement**

Jason Snider, NERC staff, called attention to the NERC Antitrust Compliance Guidelines and the public meeting notice.

#### **Roll Call and Determination of Quorum**

A team roll call was taken and quorum was determined. The member attendance sheet is attached as attachment 1.

#### **Opening Remarks**

Matt Hyatt, chair, welcomed everyone to the kickoff meeting. The group began with introductions, with Drafting Team (DT) members focusing on providing their background and areas of expertise.

#### **Timeline**

The next agenda item was a review of the current project timeline, first focusing on the upcoming meeting schedule, then moving on to a review of the plan for the rest of the year. Jason Snider explained that the plan involved reviewing the comments received on the SAR, then developing a webinar presentation with the goal of holding the webinar in early September. The webinar would serve as an opportunity for the DT to ask questions of participants to better inform the team of possible revisions necessary for the SAR. The group would then work on responding to the comments received on the SAR, potentially revising the SAR, and developing a Technical Conference to be held in November. The Conference would be used to both educate participants on Cloud Services and further inform potential revisions to the SAR.

#### **SAR review**

The group reviewed the SAR. The group agreed with the general concept of the SAR. The group spent some time discussing the scope of the SAR – was it too limited or not limited enough? This led to discussion of the possibility of a staged approach of systems (EACMS, BCSI, etc.) for cloud use. Jay Cribb noted that the intent was to allow the use of cloud technologies, not require them.

#### **Webinar**

J. Cribb led a discussion with the group on plans for the webinar, asking the group for input on what questions should be asked of those that participate in order to better inform any revisions to the SAR. One key item brought up was developing a specific nomenclature.

### **NIST definition of cloud computing**

M. Hyatt led the group in a review of the [NIST definitions of cloud computing](#). He suggested the group consider using this as a starting point for common nomenclature. The group spent some time discussing the service models (SaaS, PaaS, and IaaS) and how those terms might be used in the standard.

### **SAR Comments**

The group did a brief review of some of the comments received on the SAR. Three DT members volunteered to review the comments and assign general themes to them to provide the DT with a starting point on next steps.

### **Action items**

- Jeff Sykes to review Question 1 SAR comments
- Jeremy Lyon to review Question 2 SAR comments
- William Vesely to review the "Additional Comments" SAR comments
- M. Hyatt and J. Cribb to begin outline for September Webinar

# Attachment 1

Name	Entity	8/16/24
Christopher Anderley	Great River Energy	Y
Jay Cribb	Southern Company Services	Y
Jeff Sykes	Utility Services of Vermont	Y
Jeremy Lyon	Evergy	Y
John Dirks	Salt River Project	N
Joseph Mosher	EDF Renewables	Y
Lew Folkerth	RF	Y
Lindsey Hale	Amazon Web Services	N
Matt Hyatt	Georgia System Operations Corporation	Y
Sam Spoerle	MISO Energy	Y
Stephane Pellerin	Hydro-Quebec	Y
Thad Ness	Florida Power & Light (NextEra Energy)	Y
William Vesely	Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc.	Y