

Meeting Notes

Project 2023-09 Risk Management for Third-Party Cloud Services Standard Drafting Team

September 20, 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

M. Hyatt, chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting. He explained that today's call would focus on finishing the webinar slides and then moving on to drafting questions to ask afterwards.

Presentation development

The group resumed review of the "Managing responsibility & accountability" slides. J. Dirks presented the changes made based on feedback during the previous teleconference, which was well received. The group discussed FEDRAMP and how it might apply here. M. Hyatt stressed the need for the discussion to stay high-level – the focus was on scope now, not problem-solving.

Questions for end of presentation

The group spent the remaining time developing questions to ask at the conclusion of the presentation. M. Hyatt suggested the group keep the questions easily answerable, and include one comment box at the end. This would help ensure the group receives good, useful feedback.

The questions the group drafted were:

1. What role do you hold in your company?
 - a. CIP Compliance Expert
 - b. Industry Specialist
 - c. C-Level
 - d. Consultant
2. How urgent is this project for your organization?
 - a. Scale 1-5

3. Which key driver(s) is the most important to your organization that this team could address regarding cloud use? (choose all that apply)
 - a. Migration of essential services to “cloud” platforms
 - b. Low to medium rating transition
 - c. BCSI usage in third-party “cloud” services
 - d. Trend to preferring “cloud” services over traditional solutions
 - e. Other (specify)
4. Top three security or reliability concerns regarding cloud use?
 - a. Identity and access management
 - b. Data protection
 - c. Patching and vulnerability management
 - d. Security event monitoring, incident response
 - e. Resilience and system recovery
 - f. Physical security
5. Appetite for change to cloud

Action items

- Team to resume drafting questions at the next teleconference.

Attachment 1

Name	Entity	9/20/24
Christopher Anderley	Great River Energy	Y
Jay Cribb	Southern Company Services	Y
Jeff Sykes	Utility Services of Vermont	Y
Jeremy Lyon	Eergy	Y
John Dirks	Salt River Project	Y
Joseph Mosher	EDF Renewables	N
Lew Folkerth	RF	Y
Lindsey Hale	Amazon Web Services	Y
Matt Hyatt	Georgia System Operations Corporation	Y
David Dunn	ddEnerCIP	N
Stephane Pellerin	Hydro-Quebec	N
Thad Ness	Florida Power & Light (NextEra Energy)	N
William Vesely	Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc.	Y