

To: NERC Board of Trustees (BOT)

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Subject: NATF Policy Input to the NERC BOT (August 2019): Proposal for Restructuring NERC Technical Committees

The North American Transmission Forum (the “NATF”) appreciates the opportunity to provide policy input on the proposal to restructure the NERC technical committees (OC, PC, CIPC) for consideration by the NERC Board of Trustees.

Summary Input

- If the NERC Board of Trustees restructures the Technical Committees as proposed, the new Reliability and Security Council (RSC) should include a representative from both the North American Transmission Forum (NATF) and the North American Generator Forum (NAGF). This would help ensure line of sight between ERO managed activities and industry forum activities and initiatives, enhancing the opportunity to eliminate or avoid duplication of effort or potential gaps in solutions.

Full Input

NATF has reviewed the recommendation of the Stakeholder Engagement Team (SET) to establish a Reliability and Security Council (RSC) to replace the existing technical committees, as described in the draft Proposal for Restructuring NERC Technical Committees. If the NERC Board of Trustees decides to implement the SET’s proposal, the NATF recommends the RSC include a representative from both the North American Transmission Forum (NATF) and the North American Generator Forum (NAGF). This would help ensure line of sight between ERO managed activities and industry forum activities and initiatives, enhancing the opportunity to eliminate or avoid duplication of effort or potential gaps in solutions.

NERC and the NATF have entered into a memorandum of understanding in which NERC’s role is to identify existing and emerging risks to BPS reliability with support from industry stakeholders, including the NATF and its membership, and facilitate strategies and activities to appropriately address and effectively mitigate the identified risks. The NATF’s role is to support NERC in identifying and mitigating (where appropriate and practical) risks by providing input to characterize and validate the risks, identify other risk areas, and implement appropriate strategies and activities amongst its members to support mitigation of the identified BPS risks.

While the focus of the SET recommendation and the role of the RSC is on the activities of the NERC technical committees and their associated subcommittees, working groups, and task forces, solutions to industry risks and issues can also come from the industry forums (NATF and NAGF).

Including NATF and NAGF representatives to the RSC creates an approach to effectively address issues with scarce resources and reduce duplication, ensuring we have “the right people working on the right issues.”

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