

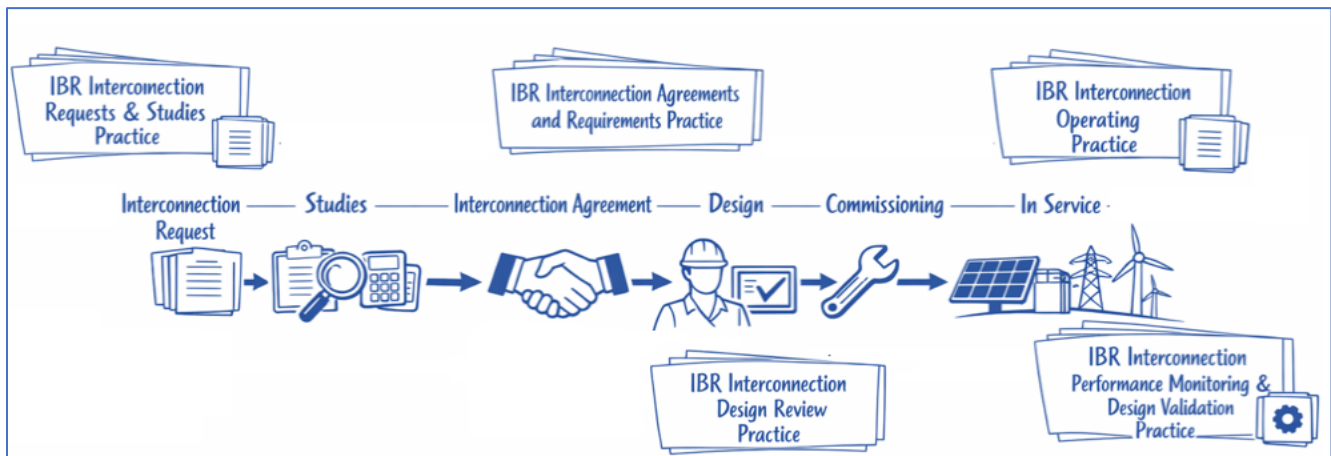
North American Transmission Forum External Newsletter

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NATF Resources for Inverter-Based Resources (IBRs) and Large Loads

The industry is experiencing a range of challenges with connecting inverter-based resources to transmission systems and reliably and securely integrating new large loads to the grid. The NATF supports member needs by issuing IBR practice documents and through ongoing project work for large loads.

The NATF IBR Interconnection Lifecycle program provides guidance for managing challenges related to connecting an IBR facility. Widespread adoption of these practices will streamline the interconnection process and ensure consistent management of the task of integrating IBR into the bulk power system.



In addition to products available to members, the NATF has produced two IBR-related practice documents that have been approved by the NATF board for public distribution and anticipates the release of additional documents soon. These documents can be accessed via the NATF public website under the [“Planning and Modeling” section of Documents](#), or on the NERC IBR Registration Initiative page.

Last year, the NATF established the Reliable Addition of Large Datacentric Loads (RALDL) program, which will produce several documents to support the reliable integration of these loads. The RALDL project team, which consists of more than 80 participants from 35 companies, is nearing completion of a practice document on interconnection requests and studies for large datacentric loads. The project team is also developing performance requirements and a formal practice document on monitoring large datacentric loads to build on the content covered in our special webinar on the topic held in December 2025.

NERC-NATF-EPRI GETS Conference

The NATF, NERC, and EPRI will host a conference on grid enhancing technologies (GETs) on May 14, 2026, at EPRI’s Charlotte campus. This in-person conference will promote superior practices and allow participants to learn from those in the industry currently using GETs. Additional information, including the conference announcement and registration information, can be found [here](#).

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External Speakers at Recent Members Meeting

Dr. James Merlo, CEO of the North American Generator Forum (NAGF), and Michael Ball, CEO of the E-ISAC, attended our members' meeting last month. James presented a summary of the NAGF's strategic, operational, and tactical plans for the upcoming year and highlighted new opportunities for collaboration, with a strong emphasis on continuing our long history of teamwork. Michael provided an update on the current security landscape as seen by E-ISAC and overviewed the recent GridEx exercise and efforts to address lessons learned.

NATF Supply Chain Security Criteria and Questionnaire Redlines Posted for Industry-Wide Comment

The NATF has reviewed suggested modifications to the *NATF Supply Chain Security Criteria* and the *Energy Sector Supply Chain Risk Questionnaire*. The proposed changes have been posted on the [NATF Supply Chain Industry Coordination](#) page. A summary of changes is available in the "Change Log" section of each document, and changes are indicated by red font.

The revision team will review feedback on the proposed changes and make final determinations. The updated documents will be posted in May following NATF approval.

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