Compliance and Certification Committee (CCC)

Chair: Jennifer Flandermeyer   Vice-Chair: Scott Tomashefsky

Purpose: The CCC will engage, support, and advise the NERC Board and NERC Management regarding all facets of the NERC Compliance Monitoring and Enforcement Program, and Organization Registration and Certification Programs and specific elements of the Reliability Standards Development Process.

Top Priorities for SCCG Discussion:
- Issue Triage Process
    - CCC recommendations from RSTC subordinate groups / feedback loops
    - Efficient Stakeholder feedback participation with CCC

What information/guidance/support is needed from another committee?

- RSTC (Facility Ratings, Risk Tool Selection ((Guideline, SAR, White Paper, etc.)), Order 2222)
- SC (Standards Grading, SER collaboration)
- All Committees (Stakeholder Perception Feedback input)
- RISC (Feedback loops for Risk Reliability priorities)

Recent Risk Identification, Mitigation, Monitoring Activity

- Supply Chain Risk Management CMEP implementation
- Facility Ratings Risk Evaluation
- Continued support of ERO Program Alignment topics
- Risk Based Standards and Compliance Oversight
- Compliance Guidance

Upcoming Risk Identification, Mitigation, Monitoring Activity

- Stakeholder Perception Feedback Plan
    - Risk Based Standards
    - Certification Program
    - Enforcement Tools
    - Facility Ratings
    - Supply Chain
    - Align and SEL
- Changes to Internal Audit / CCC engagement
- Q3 Focused Discussion on Enforcement Processes and Administration

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Personnel Certification Governance Committee (PCGC)

Chair: Cory Danson   Vice-Chair: Michael B. Hoke

Purpose: The PCGC shall be to provide oversight to the policies and processes used to implement and maintain the integrity and independence of NERC's System Operator Certification Program.

Top Priorities for SCCG Discussion:
- PER-003 SAR withdrawal

What information/guidance/support is needed from another committee?

- CCC
- RISC
- RSTC
- SC

- PER SAR was withdrawn July 21, 2021. Plan to resubmit the SAR in the future.

Recent Risk Identification, Mitigation, Monitoring Activity
- N/A

Upcoming Risk Identification, Mitigation, Monitoring Activity
- Industry questions about SAR withdrawal.
- The PCGC and the CMWG are working to issue a contract from the RFP recently issued for the research project to quantify/verify the number of Credential Maintenance hours that are needed for each credential or 1 single credential.

Reliability Issues Steering Committee (RISC)

Chair: Nelson Peeler   Vice-Chair: Brian Allen Slocum

Purpose: The RISC is an advisory committee that triages and provides front-end, high-level leadership and accountability for nominated issues of strategic importance to bulk power system reliability.

Top Priorities for SCCG Discussion: How to best coordinate between the RSTC and RISC, ensure effective communication, and execution of RISC identified areas for risk mitigation.

What information/guidance/support is needed from another committee?

- RSTC and RISC to work in collaboration to develop appropriate work plans to address identified risks in the 2021 RISC Report

Recent Risk Identification, Mitigation, Monitoring Activity

- The RISC report was approved by the RISC on July 8 and will be published in August. This report identifies all relevant risks to BPS reliability and their relativity against other risks. It also identifies mitigating activities and attempt to define responsible parties for mitigating those risks. This mitigation will largely happen through the efforts of the RSTC and associated sub-committees.

Upcoming Risk Identification, Mitigation, Monitoring Activity

- The RISC report will be published in August. This report will identify all relevant risks to BPS reliability and their relativity against other risks. It will also identify mitigating activities and attempt to define responsible parties for mitigating those risks. This mitigation will largely happen through the efforts of the RSTC and associated sub-committees.

Reliability and Security Technical Committee (RSTC)

Chair: Greg Ford   Vice-Chair: Rich Hydzik

Purpose: The RSTC strives to advance the reliability and security of the BPS by creating a forum for ideas and interests to support the ERO's mission, and leveraging such expertise to identify solutions to study, mitigate, and/or eliminate emerging risks.

Top Priorities for SCCG Discussion:
- Continue to monitor progress on RSTC work plan
- Prioritize and incorporate RISC report risks into RSTC work plan
- Incorporate metrics into Reliability Guidelines

What information/guidance/support is needed from another committee?

- CCC – Participate in FRTF and SCTF as needed.
- PCGC – N/A
- RISC – Quarterly coordination meeting will continue as the RISC report is developed. Coordination in risk identification and prioritization as well as risk mitigation activities and RSTC work plan updates.
- SC – IRPWG SAR on revisions to TPL-001 was on the June RSTC Agenda but was not endorsed. The IRPWG is seeking guidance fro the RSTC EC. A companion SAR for revisions to TPL-001 from the SPIDERWG is expected to be ready for the September RSTC meeting. The SPIDERWG is also considering revisions to a previously rejected SAR regarding MOD-032. These SARs will be submitted to the SC for action if endorsed by the RSTC. We are also coordinating with SC/NERC legal on the potential for a CIP-002 field test.

Recent Risk Identification, Mitigation, Monitoring Activity

- Approved the 1) *Reliability Guideline: ACE Diversity Interchange; 2) Reliability Guideline: Operating Reserve Management; 3) Balancing and Frequency Control Reference Document; 4) IRPWG San Fernando Disturbance Follow-Up White Paper; 5) Probabilistic Assessments Working Group (PAWG) 2020 ProbA Scenario Case Study Report;* and 6) *PAWG Data Collections Technical Reference Document*

Upcoming Risk Identification, Mitigation, Monitoring Activity

- Industry coordination on energy assessments, metrics, analysis, and unique considerations based on geography.
- Assist on work plans and completion of the ERATF worksheets that facilitate coordination.
- 9th annual Monitoring and Situational Awareness Technical Conference.
- *White Paper: BPS-Connected IBR and Hybrid Plant Capabilities for Frequency Response for posting for comment*
- 2021-2022 WRA input request will be sent to the regions in August.
- *2021 Probabilistic Analysis Forum* in October 2021

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Standards Committee (SC)

Chair: Amy Casuscelli   Vice-Chair: Todd Bennett

Purpose: The SC oversees the development of NERC Reliability Standards as its members review actions to ensure the standards development process is being followed.

Top Priorities for SCCG Discussion:

- 2020 and 2021 Periodic Reviews - Standards Grading
- Standards Efficiency Review
- Standards Committee Process Subcommittee (SCPS)

What information/guidance/support is needed from another committee?

- CCC – Participate and support standards efficiency review as needed.
- PCGC – N/A
- RISC – N/A
- RSTC – Increased awareness of SAR development process through standing agenda item on SC agenda.
- Participation in Standards Drafting Teams

Recent Risk Identification, Mitigation, Monitoring Activity

- Project 2016-02 Virtualization current posting ends August 20, 2021
- Project 2021-04, 2021-05 and 2021-06 current nomination solicitation and SAR postings
- Project 2020-03 Supply Chain Low Impact posting starting end of August 2021

Upcoming Risk Identification, Mitigation, Monitoring Activity

- Standards Development projects coming from NERC technical committees
- Standards Development Plan will be considering the output from the RISC Priorities Report

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Standing Committee Coordination Group Scope Document

July 7, 2021

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Purpose

The Standing Committee Coordination Group (SCCG or Committee) is an advisory committee that supports coordination between the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) standing committees (including the Reliability Issues Steering Committee, Personnel Certification Governance Committee, Standards Committee, Compliance and Certification Committee, and Reliability and Security Technical Committee) on cross-cutting matters of importance to bulk power system (BPS) reliability, security and resilience.

The SCCG advises the NERC standing committees, NERC staff, regulators, Regional Entities, and industry stakeholders on standing committee cross-cutting initiatives to address risks to the BPS by implementing the risk framework and addressing issues identified in the risk registry and/or NERC assessments. The SCCG's activities enhance transparency, efficiency, and effectiveness of NERC Standing Committee work, by ensuring communication and coordination on a regular basis.

See Figure 1 below for illustration of standing committee feedback loop.
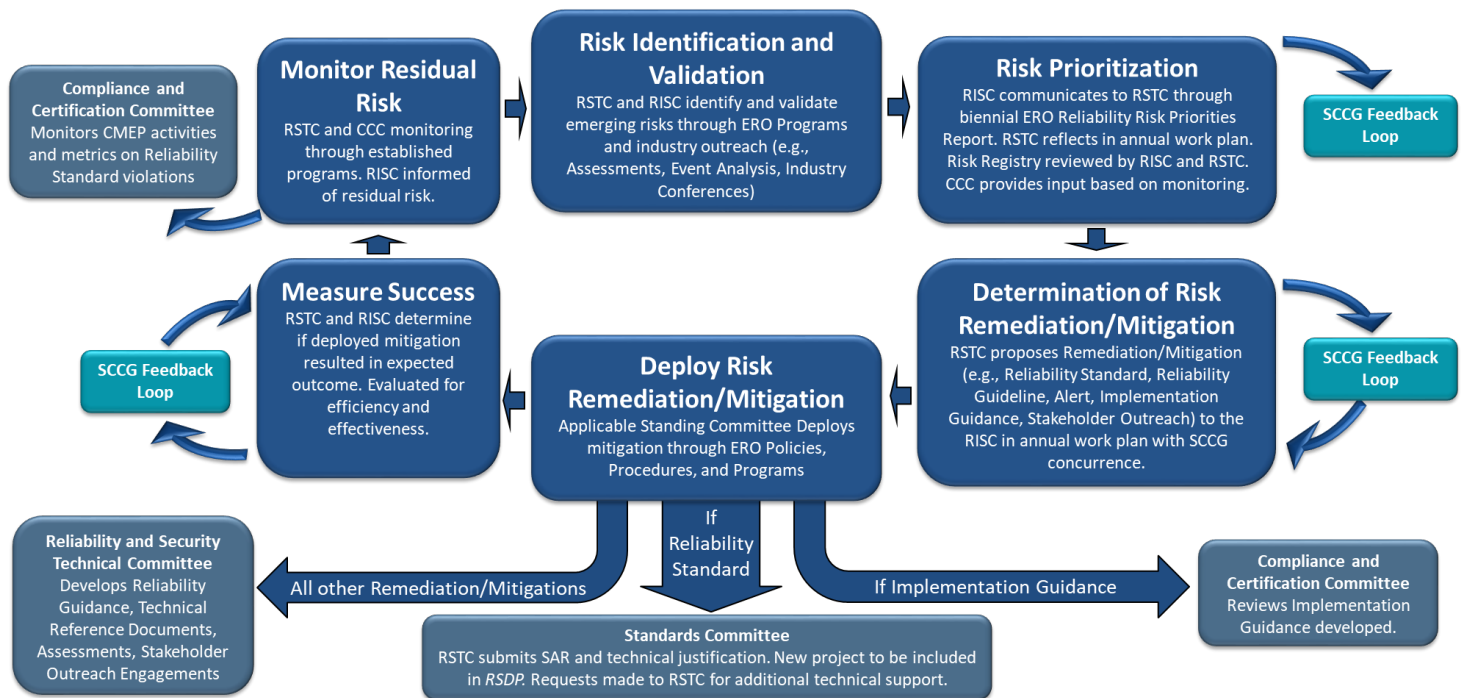

Figure 1 - Standing Committee feedback loop

Reporting

The SCCG shall provide quarterly reports to the standing committees for inclusion in their public Agenda posting on cross-cutting initiatives addressing risks to the reliability, security, and resilience of the BPS. This report shall be prepared in advance and voted on by the SCCG at the SCCG's quarterly meetings.

SCCG Scope Document

Overview and Functions

The SCCG performs two primary functions for the standing committees.

- The first function of the SCCG is to evaluate the manner in which standing committee address risks to the reliability, security and resilience of the BPS by providing a cross-cutting mitigations in a coordinated fashion. The SCCG provides strategic advice to the standing committees and others on the ERO Enterprise's holistic efforts to triage key reliability, security and resilience risks and propose solutions to manage those risks.

- Second, the SCCG provides an annual analysis of NERC initiatives to address risks to the BPS. The comparison of initiatives to ERO Enterprise priorities is designed to support the following activities:
  - Support a BPS risk registry:
    - Identification and description of risks
    - Prioritization of risks
    - Work plan to address risks
    - Status of the work plan
    - Status of risk management or monitoring
  - Feedback on mitigation activities, risk prioritization and measurement of success when addressing risks identified in the risk registry
  - Annual standing committee work plan planning and quarterly coordination

In addition, the SCCG performs such other functions that may be required.

Membership

The SCCG shall be comprised of the following members:

The Chairs and Vice-Chairs of the following NERC Standing Committees:

- Reliability Issues Steering Committee,
- Reliability and Security Technical Committee,
- Standards Committee,
- Compliance and Certification Committee, and
- Personnel Certification Governance Committee

Officers

1. **Selection of the Chairs -** The Vice-Chairs of each of the standing committees shall serve as rotating co-chairs of the SCCG, for a two-year term. The initial co-chairs shall be the Vice-Chairs of the Reliability and Security Technical Committee and Compliance and Certification Committee. They will direct the activities of the SCCG and work toward reaching consensus on all recommendations and actions.

2. **Selection and Duties of the Secretary -** NERC will appoint one senior staff person to serve as a secretary with the responsibility to:

   a. Prepare and distribute notices of Committee meetings, record meeting proceedings, and prepare and distribute post meeting minutes and reports.

   b. Maintain a record of all Committee proceedings, including responses, and correspondence.

   c. Maintain Committee membership records.

Meetings

1. **Meetings -** Meetings shall occur at least once every quarter on a timeline aligned with the NERC Board of Trustee Meeting calendar and can be in person or by conference call as determined by the co-chairs. Notices shall describe the purpose of meetings and shall identify a readily available source for further information about the meeting.

2. **General Requirements -** The Committee shall hold meetings as needed and may use conference calls or email to conduct its business.

3. **Notice -** The SCCG secretary shall announce its regularly scheduled meetings with a written notice (letter or e-mail) to all Committee members not less than ten and no more than sixty calendar days prior to the date of the meeting. This notice requirement may be shortened for special meetings by unanimous consent of the Committee members.

4. **Agenda -** The SCCG secretary shall provide an agenda with a written notice (letter, facsimile, or e-mail) for Committee meetings no less than five business days before a proposed meeting.

   a. The agenda shall include, as necessary, background material for agenda items requiring a decision.

   b. Items not in the agenda that require a decision cannot be added at a meeting without unanimous consent of the members present. Such items may also be deferred to the next meeting so that Committee members have time to consult with others.

5. **Quorum.** The quorum necessary for the transaction of business (*i.e.*, formal actions, if any) at meetings of the committee is a majority of the members currently on the committee roster (*i.e.,* not including vacancies). The Committee may engage in discussions without a quorum present.

6. **Proxies.** Proxies are not permitted.

SCCG Roster – July 2021

The Chairs and Vice-Chairs of the following NERC Standing Committees:

1. Compliance and Certification Committee
   a. Jennifer Flandermeyer, Chair
   b. Scott Tomashefsky, Vice-Chair
   c. Yvette Landin, Secretary

2. Personnel Certification Governance Committee
   a. Cory Danson, Chair
   b. Michael Hoke, Vice-Chair
   c. Barb Nutter, Secretary

3. Reliability Issues Steering Committee
   a. Nelson Peeler, Chair
   b. Brian Slocum, Vice-Chair
   c. Tina Buzzard, Secretary

4. Reliability and Security Technical Committee
   a. Greg Ford, Chair
   b. Rich Hydzik, Vice-Chair
   c. Stephen Crutchfield, Secretary

5. Standards Committee
   a. Amy Casuscelli, Chair
   b. Todd Bennett, Vice-Chair
   c. Alison Oswald, Secretary