

Standards Committee Nomination Form

2017-2018 Term Elections

The North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) [Standards Committee](#) (SC) has two members from each of the ten industry segments. Each SC member is elected by the segment he or she represents. The SC reports to the NERC Board of Trustees and oversees the development of NERC Reliability Standards by performing tasks governed by the [Standard Processes Manual](#), the [Standards Committee Charter](#), and the [SC Work Plan](#).

Any person may nominate any other person to serve on the SC, with the limitation that the nominee must be employed by or an agent of an entity that is registered in that segment of the [Registered Ballot Body](#) (RBB) of the [Standards Balloting and Commenting System](#). The nominee is not required to be the RBB representative from that organization.

Nominations are currently being accepted for each of the ten segments. Election of representatives is governed by the NERC Rules of Procedure, Appendix 3B: [Procedures for Election of Members of the Standards Committee](#).

You may use this form to nominate candidates for segments 1 through 10. You may submit more than one nomination. Please, however, use one form per nomination. You are welcome to nominate yourself.

Nominee's name and contact information.	
Name	Mark Buchholz
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Has the nominee been contacted to verify willingness to serve on the SC?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
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<p>Does the nominee meet the following definition of “Canadian” contained in the NERC Rules of Procedure?</p> <p><i>“Canadian” means one of the following: (a) a company or association incorporated or organized under the laws of Canada, or its designated representative(s) irrespective of nationality; (b) an agency of a federal, provincial, or local government in Canada, or its designated representative(s) irrespective of nationality; or (c) a self-representing individual who is a Canadian citizen residing in Canada.</i></p>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Person making this nomination (if different from nominee).	
Name	Lloyd Linke – Vice President of Operations for UGPR
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Please indicate the industry segment number (1-10) in which the nominee seeks election:
Segment 6

Please provide a brief summary of the nominee’s qualifications for this SC position. (The summary should be no longer than a single page of single-spaced text.)

Mr. Buchholz is a 1988 graduate of South Dakota State University. Since his completion of a Bachelors of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering, Mr. Buchholz has been employed with the U.S. Department of Energy, Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) serving in various operations and maintenance positions at WAPA’s Headquarter’s Office in Lakewood, CO; the WAPA-UGPR, South Dakota Maintenance Office; the WAPA-UGPR Maintenance Engineering Office; and the WAPA-UGPR Watertown Operations Office.

Since May 2010, Mr. Buchholz has served as the NERC Compliance Manager for WAPA’s Upper Great Plains Region. Mr. Buchholz is a member of the Mid-Continent Compliance Forum (MCCF) Steering Committee; the Midwest Reliability Organization (MRO) Compliance Committee; the MRO Standards Committee; the MRO Performance Risk Oversight Subcommittee; and the Southwest Power Pool (SPP) Reliability Compliance Workgroup.

Mr. Buchholz's duties as the WAPA-UGPR Compliance Manager includes providing technical expertise to WAPA managers and employees on NERC Reliability Standard compliance issues. Mr. Buchholz serves as WAPA UGPR's technical expert on the NERC Reliability Standards and provides guidance on the interpretation of Reliability Standards and their application that allows the organization to meet the requirements of the Standard prior to enforcement. Mr. Buchholz's duties also include the review of proposed new or revised Reliability Standards and Interpretations to determine potential impacts to the organization and to provide an opportunity for WAPA UGPR provide comment to NERC.

Mr. Buchholz's participation on the MRO Standards Committee has provided an opportunity to participate and gain experience in acting as a resource for MRO stakeholders to learn more about the application and development of NERC Reliability Standards through communication, education, and training.

Mr. Buchholz's experience and responsibilities within WAPA and his participation on various committees and workgroups within the MRO and SPP footprints aligns well with the purpose and function of the NERC Standards Committee and if appointed, will provide a useful perspective on the future development and maintenance of the NERC Reliability Standards.

Please complete this form no later than **Tuesday, October 11, 2016** and send to monica.bales@nerc.net.