

Minutes

Standards Oversight and Technology Committee

November 4, 2015 | 9:15–10:15 a.m. Eastern

Westin Buckhead Atlanta
3391 Peachtree Road NE
Atlanta, GA 30326

Mr. Kenneth G. Peterson, Chair, called to order a duly noticed meeting of the Standards Oversight and Technology Committee (the “Committee”) of the Board of Trustees of the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (“NERC”) on November 4, 2015, at 9:15 a.m. Eastern, and a quorum was declared present. The agenda is attached as **Exhibit A**.

Present at the meeting were:

Committee Members:

Kenneth G. Peterson, Chair
Paul F. Barber
Frederick W. Gorbet
David Goulding

Board of Trustee Members:

Janice B. Case
Gerald W. Cauley, President and Chief Executive Officer
Robert G. Clarke
George Hawkins
Jan Schori
Roy Thilly

NERC Staff:

Charles A. Berardesco, Senior Vice President, General Counsel, and Corporate Secretary
Tina Buzzard, Administrative Associate Director
Howard Gugel, Director of Standards
Stan Hoptroff, Vice President and Chief Technology Officer
Mark G. Lauby, Senior Vice President and Chief Reliability Officer
Sonia Mendonca, Vice President and Deputy General Counsel
Marcus Sachs, Senior Vice President and Chief Security Officer
Janet Sena, Senior Vice President and Director Policy and External Affairs
Timothy Roxey, Vice President and Chief ES-ISAC Operations Officer
Michael Walker, Senior Vice President, Chief Financial and Administrative Officer, and Treasurer

NERC Antitrust Compliance Guidelines

Mr. Peterson directed the participants’ attention to the NERC Antitrust Compliance Guidelines included with the agenda materials, and stated that any additional questions regarding these guidelines should be directed to Mr. Berardesco.

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Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Committee approved the minutes of the August 12, 2015 meeting as presented to the Committee at the meeting.

2016-2018 Reliability Standards Development Plan

Mr. Gugel summarized the draft 2016-2018 Reliability Standards Development Plan (the "RSDP"), referencing the advance Committee materials, and which had been posted for comment. He reminded the Committee that the RSDP was subject to potential modification based on certain events, such as FERC directives. Mr. Gugel also reviewed the various inputs into the RSDP, including the role of the Reliability Issues Steering Committee (RISC), and also summarized the concepts of "steady state" and enhanced periodic reviews. He discussed the various considerations regarding costs and how that would be approached during the enhanced periodic reviews and as a part of the company's strategic plan. There was a general discussion around the cost question, with Mr. Cauley noting that considerations of cost in developing standards is difficult, but that NERC management was committed to attempting to address the issue. After discussion and upon motion duly made, the Committee approved the RSDP as presented to the Committee and recommended Board approval.

Committee Mandate

Mr. Berardesco referenced the proposed amendments to the Committee's mandate, which had been included in the advance Committee materials. He noted that the recommendations were the result of a Legal Department review, using the approach that had been developed for amendments to the mandate for the Compliance Committee. Mr. Berardesco noted there were relatively few changes to the mandate other than organization. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Committee recommended the proposed revisions to the Corporate Governance and Human Resources Committee for ultimate recommendation to the Board.

Reliability Standards Quarterly Status Report and Standards Committee Report

Mr. Gugel presented the Reliability Standards Quarterly Status Report, referencing the detailed materials included in the advance Committee materials, noting the significant decrease in outstanding FERC directives and recommendations from Paragraph 81 and Independent Experts review, as well as the projected reduction in actual requirements applicable to registered entities.

ERO Enterprise IT Application Strategy

Mr. Hoptroff provided an update on the IT application strategy, referencing the detailed materials that had been included in the advance Committee materials, including work on a common model for CMEP tools and an update on the document management program. He also reviewed priorities for future company IT investments. Mr. Allen Mosher noted it would be helpful for future presentations to highlight those IT applications that would affect stakeholders, to help focus their comments and questions.

Adjournment

There being no further business, and upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by,



Charles A. Berardesco
Corporate Secretary

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Call to Order

Introductions and Chair's Remarks

NERC Antitrust Compliance Guidelines—Public Announcement

Agenda Items

1. **Minutes* — Approve**
 - a. August 12, 2015 Meeting
2. **Reliability Standards Development Plan (RSDP)* — Approve and Recommend for Board of Trustees Approval**
3. **Standards Oversight and Technology Committee Mandate* — Approve and Recommend for Corporate Governance and Human Resources Approval**
4. **Reliability Standards Quarterly Status Report and Standards Committee Report* — Review**
5. **ERO Enterprise IT Application Strategy Update* — Review**
6. **Adjournment**

*Background materials included.