

Announcement

NERC General Counsel Announces Plans to Retire in August; Replacement Search Begins

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WASHINGTON, D.C. – Charles (Charlie) Berardesco, senior vice president, general counsel and corporate secretary, announced plans to step down from his duties on August 31.

Berardesco joined NERC in July 2012, where he led Electric Reliability Organization efforts, including serving as interim chief executive officer during NERC’s CEO transition and elevating and enhancing NERC’s legal, enforcement and corporate governance functions.

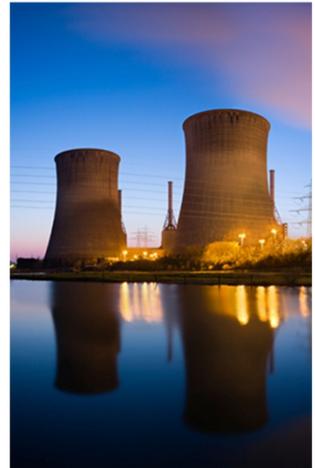
“Charlie has done an outstanding job during his tenure at NERC,” said Roy Thilly, NERC Board of Trustees chair. “He was instrumental in leading NERC as interim CEO during our time of transition. Charlie’s expertise will be missed as he moves on to this next phase. We wish him the very best.”

Prior to joining NERC, Berardesco was senior vice president, general counsel, corporate secretary and chief compliance officer of Constellation Energy. In this role, he had primary responsibility for the company’s legal strategies and policies, including corporate governance, legal compliance and ethics, regulatory and corporate finance activities, mergers and acquisitions, and litigation.

Berardesco practiced law for nearly 20 years, serving as in-house counsel and with law firms prior to joining Constellation. He is active in numerous charitable and membership organizations, including service as board chair for the Gay Men’s Chorus of Washington, chair of the board of advisors of the Duke University Chapel, a member of the board of director of Chorus America, president of the University Club of Washington and a member of the advisory council of The George Washington University Law School. Berardesco also served as a member of the Business Council of the Human Rights Campaign.

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“It has been an honor to work at NERC and with each of my colleagues whom I shall miss working with on a regular basis. I am proud of what we accomplished during the past nearly seven years,” Berardesco said. “I strongly support NERC’s important mission to address risks to the reliability and security of the grid, and I look forward to seeing more success from NERC in the years to come.”

“Charlie is a talented and distinctive attorney who has been a tremendous asset to NERC and the Electric Reliability Organization over his years of service,” said Jim Robb, president and CEO. “We wish him the absolute best in his retirement and expect him to continue achieving great things.”

Sonia Mendonca will serve as interim general counsel and corporate secretary, working closely with Berardesco to ensure a seamless transition. NERC will work with its Board of Trustees and senior leadership to begin the talent search.

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The vision for the Electric Reliability Organization (ERO) Enterprise, which is comprised of the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) and the seven Regional Entities (REs), is a highly reliable and secure North American bulk power system (BPS). Our mission is to assure the effective and efficient reduction of risks to the reliability and security of the grid.