

EPRI and NERC Collaborate to Enhance Electric Grid Resilience and Reliability as U.S. Transitions to Cleaner Energy

PALO ALTO, CA (July 22, 2021) – The Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) and the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) today announced a new agreement to collaboratively enable improved resilience and reliability of the North American electric grid. As the U.S. takes critical steps to reduce carbon emissions across the economy, the two organizations will leverage their collective knowledge to more efficiently and effectively respond to power sector challenges.

The agreement calls for the two organizations to meet regularly and coordinate on several fronts, including supporting effective deployment of industry resources to address emerging issues, jointly sponsoring workshops or meetings, and identifying and collaborating on key projects and activities.

“EPRI’s and NERC’s respective experts are at the forefront of R&D to enhance electric grid resilience,” said Rob Chapman, EPRI’s senior vice president of energy delivery and customer solutions. “By strengthening collaboration, we can better accelerate energy system innovation and solve reliability challenges before they happen.”

“We are pleased to refresh our memorandum of understanding to continue our successful collaborations with EPRI,” said Mark Lauby, NERC’s senior vice president and chief engineer. “The transformation of the grid presents a number of challenges today and into the future. The results of our joint planning and subsequent research projects provide the science, tools, and processes needed to effectively mitigate existing and emerging risks to the reliable operation of the North American bulk power system.”

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About EPRI

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challenges in electricity, including reliability, efficiency, health, safety and the environment. EPRI's members represent more than 90 percent of the electricity generated and delivered in the United States, and international participation extends to 40 countries. EPRI's principal offices and laboratories are in Palo Alto, Calif.; Charlotte, N.C.; Knoxville, Tenn.; and Lenox, Mass. Follow EPRI on Twitter @EPRINews and on LinkedIn.

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About NERC

Electricity is a key component of the fabric of modern society and NERC, as the Electric Reliability Organization, serves to strengthen that fabric. The vision for the ERO Enterprise, which is comprised of NERC and the six Regional Entities, is a highly reliable and secure North American bulk power system. Our mission is to assure the effective and efficient reduction of risks to the reliability and security of the grid.

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