

# Policy Input Regarding ERO Enterprise CMEP Program Alignment Efforts

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- The Electric Reliability Organization (ERO) Enterprise developed the Program Alignment process to address reported Compliance Monitoring Enforcement Program (CMEP) inconsistencies
- This process emphasizes:
  - Central reporting and tracking of issues by NERC
  - Triage of issues with the ability to leverage input from stakeholders
  - Providing transparency on the issues and recommendations
- The process went live in August 2017





- As structured, will the process be effective in capturing and resolving alignment issues in CMEP?
- Will the process provide the appropriate level of transparency to stakeholders?



- Strong support for the Program Alignment design
- Requests to evaluate effectiveness at mid- and end-year 2018
  - Continue with quarterly updates to NERC Board of Trustees
- Compliments other efforts such as the Standards Efficiency Review and Technical Rationale
- Continue outreach to industry and transparency efforts
  - NERC webinar October 31
  - Topics included at Regional Entity workshops in Q3 and Q4
  - Look for increased opportunities to engage stakeholders through the Compliance and Certification Committee or other means for input





# **Questions and Answers**





# Critical Infrastructure Protection Activities

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## **CIP Program Update**



- Remote Access Filing
- CIP-014 High Impact Filing
- Technical Feasibility Exceptions Filing



## **Remote Access Study Report**

- Filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) on June 30, 2017, in response to Order No. 822
- Published by FERC on October 13, 2017, mostly non-redacted
- Areas of Continued Focus identified with corresponding action items:
  - Effective Mitigating Practices positive observations to be leveraged across industry
  - Areas for Further Analysis perform research, guidance, or standards modifications
  - Enhancement Opportunities encouraging the use of best practices to comply with the Critical Infrastructure Protection (CIP) standards
  - Training and Awareness general training and outreach



# Remote Access: Key Findings

- System-to-system security
- Security of remote user devices
- Use of managed security providers
- Continued focus on compliance performance



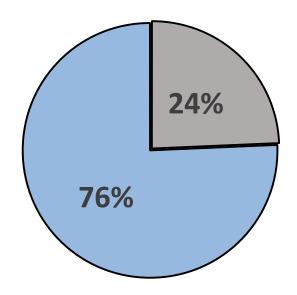
# **High Impact Control Center Filing**

- Filed with FERC on October 2, 2017, in response to Order No.
   822
- Addressed whether all High Impact Control Centers should apply CIP-014-2 physical security controls
- NERC, through its stakeholder process, will seek to further identify those High Impact Control Centers:
  - Have operational control of Bulk Electric System (BES) assets, and
  - If damaged, rendered inoperable, or seized as a result of a physical attack, could result in instability, uncontrolled separation, or Cascading in an Interconnection





#### Percentage of Control Centers Afforded Protection by CIP-014



- Primary "High Impact" Control Centers afforded protection by CIP-014
- All other "High Impact" Control Centers not afforded Protection by CIP-014



# **Technical Feasibility Exceptions**

- Filed with FERC on September 28, 2017
- Assess the status and effectiveness of the Technical Feasibility Exception (TFE) program
- CIP Version 5 Standards reduce the need for TFEs
  - TFEs reduced from 4,323 in 2015 to 400 in 2017
- Next steps





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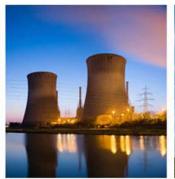
# Compliance Monitoring and Enforcement Program Quarterly Report Q3 2017

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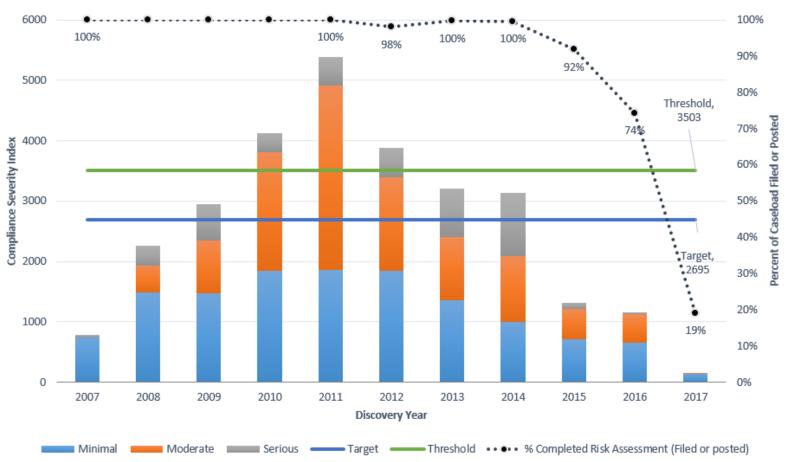
- CMEP Mitigation Process Review
  - CMEP Alignment Activity
  - Assessing the effectiveness of mitigation practices
    - Cause identification
    - Prevention of recurrence
  - Regional Entities (REs) submitted evidence documents in Q3 2017
  - Initial review completion expected in Q4 2017
- Consolidated Hearing Procedure update
  - Revised to include the appointment of an additional panel member
  - NERC awaiting further FERC feedback before posting publicly for comment



## **Compliance Severity Risk Index**

#### **ERO Enterprise Compliance Severity Index**

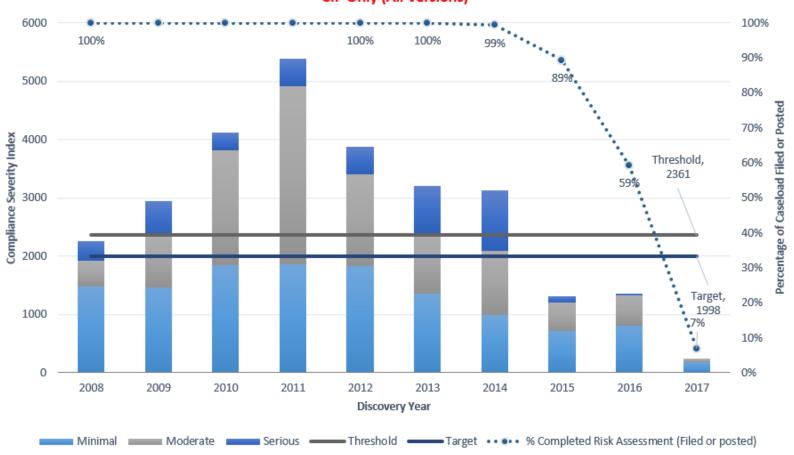






# **Compliance Severity Risk Index**

# ERO Enterprise Compliance Severity Index CIP Only (All Versions)





## Repeat Noncompliance Metric

### Compliance History for Moderate and Serious Risk Noncompliance





# **Compliance Monitoring Highlights**

- Inherent Risk Assessment (IRA)
  - REs completed IRAs for 73 percent of all registered entities
  - IRAs are complete for all Reliability Coordinators, Balancing Authorities, and Transmission Operators
- Internal Controls
  - Enhanced Internal Controls Guide
  - Standardized approach for documenting reviews
  - Outreach



# **Compliance Monitoring Highlights**

- 2018 CMEP Implementation Plan (IP)
  - Eight risk elements
  - Industry webinar conducted and CMEP IP posted in September
  - Regional IPs posted in November
- Coordinated Oversight
  - Multi-Region Registered Entity (MRRE) Participant Surveys
  - ERO Enterprise procedure for MRREs in Coordinated Oversight



## **Compliance Guidance**

- Implementation Guidance
  - 19 Endorsed, 8 Non-endorsed, 1 Retired, and 7 Open
- Pre-qualified Organizations training
- Legacy guidance documents





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