

## Minutes Compliance Committee

August 15, 2018 | 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Mountain

The Westin Calgary  
320 4th Avenue SW  
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Janice B. Case, Chair, called to order the duly noticed meeting of the Board of Trustees Compliance Committee (BOTCC) of the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) on August 15, 2018, at approximately 11:00 a.m. Mountain, and a quorum was declared present.

Present at the meeting were:

### **Committee Members**

Janice B. Case, Chair  
Robert G. Clarke  
Kenneth W. DeFontes, Jr.  
Jan Schori  
Roy Thilly

### **Board of Trustees Members**

Frederick W. Gorbet  
David Goulding  
George Hawkins  
Suzanne Keenan  
Robin E. Manning  
James B. Robb, President and Chief Executive Officer

### **NERC Staff**

Charles A. Berardesco, Senior Vice President, General Counsel, and Corporate Secretary  
Tina Buzzard, Associate Director to Office of the President and Chief Executive Officer  
Ed Kichline, Senior Counsel and Director of Enforcement Oversight  
Ken McIntyre, Vice President and Director of Regulatory Programs

### **Regional Entity Staff**

#### ***Florida Reliability Coordinating Council***

Andrew Williamson, Director of Enforcement, Risk Assessment and Mitigation

#### ***Midwest Reliability Organization (MRO)***

Richard Burt, Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer

### **Introduction and Chair's Remarks**

Ms. Case reviewed the Full Notices of Penalty approved at the August 14, 2018, Executive Session, noting the ERO Enterprise's continued focus on violations of Operations and Planning Reliability Standards. Mr. DeFontes emphasized the BOTCC's concerns about registered entity internal controls and an increase in high risk violations related to fundamental utility responsibilities like vegetation management and facility ratings.

## **NERC Antitrust Compliance Guidelines and Public Announcement**

Ms. Case directed the participants' attention to the NERC Antitrust Compliance Guidelines.

### **Minutes**

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the BOTCC approved the May 9, 2018, meeting minutes as presented at the meeting.

### **ERO Enterprise Program Alignment Efforts**

Mr. McIntyre updated the BOTCC on the ERO Enterprise Program Alignment efforts, including the program's progress during its initial implementation year, outreach efforts, and examples of submitted and resolved cases.

Mr. McIntyre discussed the importance of the Compliance and Certification Committee's (CCC) support of the program. He explained that the CCC has formally established a CCC Alignment Working Group responsible for executing the CCC's role within the program, noting its members have participated directly in stakeholder outreach during NERC and Regional Entity conferences.

Mr. McIntyre also noted some early observations, including an increase in cases submitted to the program by stakeholders. This has provided an opportunity to resolve quickly perceived or actual alignment issues related to Compliance Monitoring and Enforcement Program (CMEP) practices.

### **Trends in Operations and Planning Violations**

Ms. Case explained the BOTCC's focus in the areas of vegetation management, facility ratings, and protection system maintenance and testing.

Mr. Kichline presented data for all reported vegetation contacts, detailing recent violations involving these areas of focus, emphasizing the mitigation of risks and enhancement of internal controls. Mr. McIntyre detailed the ERO Enterprise's strategies for assessing the sustainability of the registered entities' internal controls and monitoring compliance with NERC's Operations and Planning Reliability Standards. Mr. Williamson and Mr. Burt discussed these focus areas from the Regional Entity perspective, highlighting specific cases from their regions and best practices regarding assurance of reliability in these areas.

### **CMEP Quarterly Report**

Ms. Case directed the BOTCC's attention to the CMEP quarterly report included in the agenda package. Ms. Case requested that Mr. McIntyre provide an update on the Southwest Power Pool Regional Entity (SPP RE) transition. Mr. McIntyre noted that NERC has assumed the role of Compliance Enforcement Authority for SPP and that the transition of registered entities from SPP RE to MRO and SERC Reliability Corporation has been successful.

**Adjournment**

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

Submitted by,



Charles A. Berardesco  
Corporate Secretary