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To: INDUSTRY STAKEHOLDERS

RE: **Final Version of the ERO Event Analysis Process Document and Completion of Field Trial for NERC's Event Analysis Program**

Ladies and Gentlemen:

In October 2011, the Electric Reliability Organization (ERO) completed Phase II of a field trial of the Event Analysis Process Document. A large number of improvement opportunities and other enhancements were identified during this second phase of the field trial. The Event Analysis Working Group (EAWG) reviewed these topics and interfaced with stakeholders. As a result, a final revision based on the feedback was generated in the latest version of the "Electric Reliability Organization: Event Analysis Process – Version 1 – February 2012." This version of the document was endorsed by the Operating and Planning Committees in January 2012; and approved by the NERC Board of Trustees on February 9, 2012. This version will go into effect on February 21, 2012.

The document will be reviewed and maintained on an annual basis as described in the process document.

NERC will schedule two follow-up industry webinars in the future to review the latest changes and revisions to the process document and to answer questions.

The document has been posted on the [Events Analysis – EA Program](#) page of the NERC website.

The ultimate goal of the Event Analysis Program is to more rapidly and effectively disseminate lessons learned from selected system event(s), conditions, and trends to the industry that provide benefit through enhanced reliability. By integrating industry engagement and collaborative review of disturbances within the framework of the ERO Event Analysis Program, it is anticipated that effectiveness, predictability, consistency and timeliness in the event analysis process will continually improve.

It is important to recognize that reporting under the event analysis process **does not supersede** the reporting requirements currently in force through federal statutes or NERC Reliability Standards.

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These include the United States Department of Energy Form OE-417 and the following NERC Reliability Standards:

- NERC Reliability Standard EOP-002-2.1, "Capacity and Energy Emergencies"
- NERC Reliability Standard EOP-004-1, "Disturbance Reporting"
- NERC Reliability Standard TOP-007-0, "Reporting SOL and IROL Violations"
- NERC Reliability Standard CIP-001-1, "Sabotage Reporting"
- NERC Reliability Standard CIP-008-3, "Cyber Security: Incident Reporting and Response Planning"

As we continue to implement the event analysis process, please feel free to call your regional liaisons or NERC with any questions you may have or assistance you may require in implementing this program.

Sincerely,



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