



## **Reliability Standards Development Technical Conference**

**July 6, 2010  
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

### **Agenda**

**10:00 a.m. Commissioners' Opening Remarks**

**10:20 a.m. Introductions**

**Joseph McClelland, Director, Office of Electric Reliability, FERC**

**10:25 a.m. Panel 1: Presentations and Discussion on the Current State of Mandatory Reliability Standards Development**

Presentations: Panelists will be invited to express their general views on the progress of developing and implementing mandatory and enforceable Reliability Standards since the passage of EAct 2005. What is working well? What needs improvement? Panelists should address the following broad questions in their presentations:

- a. How can the Commission, NERC and the industry best identify priorities for ensuring reliability of the bulk power system?
- b. What are the areas for improvement of communication and cooperation between the Commission, NERC and the industry?
- c. What issues have arisen in the development of reliability standards, and what solutions should be explored going forward?

Panelist:

1. Mary Anne Aldred, General Counsel of the Ontario Energy Board
2. John Q. Anderson, Chairman of the Board, North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC)
3. Gregory E. Abel, President and Chief Executive Officer, MidAmerican Energy Holdings Company, on behalf of the Edison Electric Institute
4. Louise McCarren, Chief Executive Officer, Western Electricity Coordinating Council (WECC) and Chair Regional Entity Management Group
5. John Anderson, President, Electricity Consumers Resource Council (ELCON)
6. Mark Crisson, Chief Executive Officer, American Public Power Association (APPA)
7. Stephen J. (Steve) Wright, Administrator and Chief Executive Officer, Bonneville Power Administration

**11:45 a.m. Lunch**

**12:30 p.m. Continuation of Panel 1**

Discussion with Commissioners: Open dialogue and questions and answers between Panel 1 and Commissioners.

**1:30 p.m. Panel 2: Reliability Standards Development Process**

Panelists will address more specifically their views regarding the reliability standards development process. Panelists will be asked to address some or all of the following (Commissioners and staff may ask questions during the presentations):

- a. Are the current processes for timely development of new or revised standards working? If not, how can they be revised? Are additional resources needed?
- b. How well are the current approaches for identifying and resolving ambiguities in reliability standards working (e.g., formal interpretations, NERC advisories, NERC “lessons learned” procedures)? Should streamlined procedures be developed for resolving ambiguities?
- c. What is the best process for identifying the highest priority reliability standards?
- d. How can the reliability standards development process better account for and timely respond to Commission directives?
- e. The need to revise FERC processes to be more open and to fully accommodate industry participation, e.g., lengthening the comment period in NOPRs, and prioritizing standards development and NERC’s compliance with directives.
- f. How can the reliability standards development process better use individual events to produce reliability improvements nationwide?
- g. How can a balance be achieved between documentation requirements needed to ensure compliance and a focus on improving reliability?

Panelist:

1. Gerry W. Cauley, President and Chief Executive Officer, North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC)
2. Allen Mosher, Senior Director of Policy Analysis and Reliability, American Public Power Association (APPA)
3. Nancy Saracino, Vice President, General Counsel, Corporate Secretary and Chief Compliance Officer, California Independent System Operator (CAISO)
4. David Mohre, Executive Director of Energy Policy, National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA)
5. Tim Gallagher, Chief Executive Officer, ReliabilityFirst, on behalf of the Regional Entity Management Group
6. William (Billy) O. Ball, Executive Vice President, and Chief, Transmission Planning and Operations, Southern Company Services, Inc., on behalf of the Edison Electric Institute
7. Nicholas Ingman, Manager, Operational Excellence, Ontario Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO), on behalf of the Canadian Electricity Association