



NORTH AMERICAN ELECTRIC  
RELIABILITY CORPORATION

## Comment Period Opens for Proposed Changes to NERC Rules of Procedure and associated Appendices NERC Stakeholders

The North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) is proposing changes to its Rules of Procedure and associated Appendices in conjunction with its consideration of revisions to the delegation agreements NERC has with the eight Regional Entities.

NERC is soliciting comments on the proposed amendments to the NERC Rules of Procedure and Appendices 4A – Audit of Regional Entity Compliance Program, 4B – Sanction Guidelines and 4C – Compliance Monitoring and Enforcement Program. These documents are now available at: <http://www.nerc.com/page.php?cid=1|8|169>.

**Comments are due April 30, 2010, and must be submitted electronically to [rdacomment@nerc.net](mailto:rdacomment@nerc.net).** NERC intends to submit these changes to the NERC Board of Trustees for approval at its May 12, 2010 meeting. Although the comment period does not close until April 30, 2010, commenters are urged to submit their comments sooner than April 30, 2010, if possible, in order to ensure adequate time for NERC staff and the Regional Entities to consider them.

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## Notice of Proposed Changes to Rules of Procedure and Request for Comments

### Proposed Changes to Rules of Procedure in Connection with Revisions to the Regional Delegation Agreements

**Comments Due: April 30, 2010**

The North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) is proposing changes to its Rules of Procedure and associated Appendices in conjunction with its consideration of revisions to the delegation agreements NERC has with the eight Regional Entities (Florida Reliability Coordinating Council; Midwest Reliability Organization; Northeast Power Coordinating Council; ReliabilityFirst Corporation; SERC Reliability Corporation; SPP Regional Entity, a division of Southwest Power Pool; Texas Regional Entity, a division of Electric Reliability Council of Texas; and Western Electricity Coordinating Council).

The current delegation agreements terminate on May 2, 2011. NERC and the Regional Entities have been working together on revisions to those agreements since the Fall of 2009. On January 29, 2010, NERC posted a set of revisions to the delegation agreements, and NERC and the Regional Entities are now considering the comments received from that posting. NERC and the Regional Entities have also identified a number of changes to various aspects of the Rules of Procedure that are appropriate, and those proposed changes are the subject of this request for comments.

### Materials Included in this Request for Comments

- Summary of Proposed Rule Changes
- Redlined Text of Proposed Changes to Rules of Procedure
- Redlined Text of Proposed Changes to Appendix 4A
- Redlined Text of Proposed Changes to Appendix 4B
- Redlined Text of Proposed Changes to Appendix 4C

### Process

NERC's bylaws specify the procedure to be followed in making changes to NERC's Rules of Procedure. Such changes must be publicly posted for a 45-day comment period before being considered by the NERC Board of Trustees. (Bylaws, Article XI, Section 2.) Such changes must also be approved by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission before they may take effect in the U.S. No equivalent approval is required from any ERO governmental authority in Canada. The changes, if approved, will take effect on the same date throughout the jurisdictions in which NERC operates.

NERC and the Regional Entities are in general agreement about most of the changes proposed in this request for comments. Certain matters, however, are still under discussion between NERC and the Regional Entities, and the final version of the revisions presented to the NERC Board of Trustees for approval will reflect the final resolution of those issues as well as any further changes occasioned by the comments NERC receives in response to this posting.

### **Submission of Comments**

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