



**2024 Scope of Work
for the
Regional Standards Committee**

The NPCC Regional Standards Committee (“RSC”) aligns its activities with the NPCC and NERC Strategic Plans and is charged with:

- (a) Managing and maintaining the NPCC Regional Standards Development Process in accordance with the Regional Standard Processes Manual (RSPM).
- (b) Managing and maintaining the process for NPCC Criteria and Directory Development.
- (c) Providing consolidated NPCC Regional review and comments to existing and proposed NERC Standards in accordance with the NERC Standard Processes Manual (SPM).
- (d) Reviewing FERC Orders and Notice of Proposed Rulemakings (“NOPRs”) related to Reliability Standards.
- (e) Reviewing any new and revised NERC Reliability Standard Audit Worksheet (“RSAW”), as may be requested by the NPCC Compliance Committee (“CC”) and submit comments to NERC as appropriate.
- (f) Providing consolidated NPCC Regional review and comments to the existing and proposed NERC Standards Development Processes Manual and to the NERC Rules of Procedure (RoP) as they relate to Standards Development.
- (g) Determining the need for, and development of, NERC and Regional Standards, Variances to NERC Standards, modifications to NPCC Criteria and Directories, and/or interpretations and clarifications thereof.
- (h) In coordination with the NPCC CC, address issues identified through the NPCC Regional Feedback Mechanism to continually improve standards and NERC documents which includes Guidelines and other technical material.
- (i) In coordination with the Reliability Coordinating Committee (“RCC”), address issues identified through the “Distributed Energy Resource (DER)/Variable Energy Resources (VER) BES Impact Reporting Form”, conduct, maintain, and further develop the process as necessary.
- (j) Providing a forum for information with the goal of sharing best practices on reliability issues associated with industry standards, guidance and/or regulations. In addition, forum topics may include emerging issues such as building electrification, electric vehicle charging, and transmission integration.
- (k) After receiving comments from NPCC stakeholders on relevant NERC documents, the RSC will be responsible for coordinating consensus and the NPCC Standards Program Area Staff will submit Regional comments to NERC.

The RSC is an open and balanced committee inclusive of all stakeholders that provide for, or are materially impacted by, the reliability of the NERC Bulk Electric System and the NPCC Bulk Power System as defined by Criteria A-10. The RSC meetings are open to all stakeholders who want to participate, and meeting materials will be publicly posted on the NPCC Website.

Decisions of the NPCC RSC will be adopted under a sector-based voting structure as described in the NPCC Amended and Restated Bylaws.



The RSC will coordinate its work through the NPCC Standards Program Area Staff which will submit standards related comments pursuant to the NERC SPM and the NERC RoP.

The RSC will be chaired and assisted by NPCC Standards Program Area Staff along with Co-Vice chairs elected by the RSC from among the members of the RSC at the time the vote is taken. Chair and Co-Vice Chair appointments will be submitted to the NPCC Board of Directors for final approval. The Co-Vice chairs will serve a term of two years. The Vice-Chair term may be extended through a motion and subsequent vote by the committee.

Members of the RSC will be nominated by their respective companies. NPCC RSC leadership (RSC Chairperson and Co-Vice Chairpersons) will review and consider the approval of all nominations to the RSC. The nominations will include contact information and qualifications to serve on the committee. Each of the NPCC Sectors as defined in the NPCC Amended and Restated Bylaws will be open to representation on the RSC in accordance with the NPCC Amended and Restated Bylaws.

Subcommittees and ad hoc Working Groups will be formed upon request of the RSC by NPCC Standards Program Area Staff. All associated scopes or charters developed, will be approved by the RSC.

Each RSC Member is accountable to the members of the RSC for carrying out their responsibilities in accordance with this document.

RSC Members are to represent their companies and sectors and will also work to resolve differences with a principal goal of maintaining or improving Bulk Electric System reliability.

RSC Members should consider not only what is best for their company but also what is in the best interest of the broader industry and NERC Bulk Electric System and NPCC Bulk Power System reliability.

RSC Members should make every effort to attend scheduled meetings and when not available are required to identify and provide a qualified proxy participant. RSC business cannot be conducted in the absence of a quorum, and it is essential that each RSC Member make a commitment to be present. A determination to recommend removal of an RSC member shall be considered by the NPCC RSC leadership if that member is excessively absent and provides no proxy for regularly scheduled meetings. In this case the NPCC Member Representative will be notified of the intent to remove the member from the Roster prior to the formal removal of that member.

A. NPCC Regional Standards Process Responsibilities

The RSC is responsible for managing the Regional standards process for the development of ERO Regional Standards, Violation Risk Factors (“VRFs”), Violation Severity Levels (“VSLs”), definitions, Regional Interconnection-wide variances (e.g., Quebec’s UFLS), interpretations and clarifications in accordance with the NPCC Regional Standard Processes Manual and the NPCC Amended and Restated Bylaws pertaining to quorum and voting rules. The RSC is responsible for promoting and pursuing the quality of all standards-related materials.

The RSC will be available to advise the NPCC BOD on NERC standards related matters.



B. NPCC Criteria and Directory Process Responsibilities

The RSC provides oversight for the development of NPCC Criteria and Directories within each document. The RSC will provide guidance to all NPCC Committees, Task Forces and Working Groups regarding NPCC documents including Criteria, Directories, Procedures, Guidelines, and the Cost Effectiveness Procedure. The RSC will also maintain and oversee the Directory Development and Revision Manual and related processes. Coordinate any NPCC Regional Criteria and Directory activity with NERC Standards development activity to avoid duplication. DER/VER BES Impact reporting activities will be coordinated with the Reliability Coordinating Committee (“RCC”).

The RSC will be available to advise the NPCC BOD on NPCC Criteria and Directory related matters.

C. NERC Reliability Standards Responsibilities

The RSC will:

- Provide a forum for NPCC review, coordination, and submission of regional comments to existing or proposed NERC Reliability Standards when posted for NERC “Open Process Review.”
- Provide a forum for NPCC to participate, solicit and provide Regional comments on Standard Authorization Requests (“SARs”) and their respective Reliability Standards in accordance with the NERC SPM.
- Provide a forum for NPCC to participate in and be kept aware of emerging risks from the NERC Reliability Issues Steering Committee (“RISC”) and Reliability and Security Technical Committee (“RSTC”).
- Provide a forum for NPCC to participate, solicit and provide Regional comments to the Periodic Review Process for standards.
- Identify prospective reliability issues associated with new or revised NERC Reliability Standards and their potential impact on the NPCC Region, (e.g., Regional differences).
- Propose solutions to standards development issues, emerging reliability risks and guide the development of the NERC Reliability Standards through comments and coordination of NPCC participation on the SAR, Periodic Review and Reliability Standard Drafting Teams (SDT).
- Engage participants across the NPCC membership during the standard commenting process to achieve broad Regional consensus.
- Follow up on proposed and adopted changes to the NERC SPM and RoP as they apply to Reliability Standards and provide NPCC members with information to achieve a common understanding of the processes.
- Coordinate the activities of NPCC members on SDTs and encourage NPCC representation on all SDTs.
- Coordinate with the NPCC CC on input to CMEP Implementation Guidance documents in accordance with the CC process for submitting implementation guidance to NERC.
- Participate in the NERC Standards Efficiency Review and coordinate Regional participation in related efforts.
- Conduct DER and VER forums to promote best practices and information sharing as NPCC experiences increased penetration of DER and VER.
- Conduct outreach with State and Provincial Governmental authorities to provide an



industry point of contact for regulatory mandates.

- Promote the targeted reliability activities in the NPCC Strategic Plan and the ERO Long term strategy focus areas.

D. FERC Activities Affecting Standards

The RSC will review and discuss FERC Orders and NOPR relating to ERO and Regional Reliability Standards.

When requested, participate in technical conferences hosted by NERC, FERC, or the other Regions on topics of importance to power system reliability.

E. Non-Jurisdictional

The RSC will conduct activities as necessary to promote reliable integration of new resources including but not limited to DER and VER. The focus of the RSC activities is to inform stakeholders of new technologies, planning techniques, operational impact, and opportunities to leverage the characteristics of new technologies to provide and enhance essential reliability services. Provide support for Regional de-carbonization goals by monitoring NPCC Criteria and Directory development and revision for reliability, security, and resilience issues as well as impediments to meeting decarbonization goals. Additionally, the RSC will develop, and revise guidance documents and procedures related to these new technologies.