

## NERC Standards Review Subcommittee

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The Midwest Reliability Organization (MRO) needs an efficient process for reviewing and providing feedback on items open for comment. The MRO Board has tasked the Standards Committee (SC) with making these comments. Due to the limited time that NERC provides for submitting comments, the MRO has developed a process that clearly defines the various roles of those involved in developing these comments. The SC has established a standing Subcommittee, the NERC Standards Review Subcommittee (NSRS). The NSRS is tasked with the role of carrying out this process for all NERC SARs, Standards, and Interpretations of existing Standards and policies that are posted for public comment. In addition, the NSRS will also compile and forward this voting recommendation to the MRO based on the majority of the NSRS membership and it will be shared with the MRO membership. The MRO will vote this position unless a dissenting opinion emerges. The Chair of the SC may task the NSRS with reviewing documents out for comment from other industry entities, such as FERC, DOE or NAESB, on a case-by-case basis.

#### **Mission:**

The mission of the MRO NSRS is to provide a common platform for the MRO and its member companies to discuss and collaborate on NERC SARs, NERC Standards, Interpretations of existing Standards and for advising the MRO (and its members) regarding the developed comments and voting recommendations.

#### **Scope:**

1. Establish a forum for discussion and collaboration on the development of NERC Standards, to include review of SARs, proposed new or modified NERC Standards, Interpretations of existing Standards, and other items open for comment.
2. Establish a forum for discussion and collaboration on the development of voting recommendations for NERC ballots.
3. Be comprised of MRO members with experience in operating and planning from the electric utility industry.
4. Have an open and equal representation within the entire MRO geographical area (as defined by the MRO).
5. Any MRO member can request to become a NSRS member and would be granted membership based on the approval of the Standards Committee.

#### **Responsibilities:**

The MRO NSRS ensures the proposed new or modified NERC Reliability Standards are vetted through the MRO region in order to facilitate comments, positions, and voting recommendations, while following rules established by the NERC Reliability Standards Development Procedure.

The MRO NSRS will fulfill the commenting requirement by commenting as a group as allowed by NERC. There may be times when a member of the NSRS does not agree with the consensus of the NSRS. In this instance, the non consensus member may elect to have their name removed.

All NSRS members will be listed by default as supporting the comments. In the event that a NSRS member doesn't support the comments they may elect to be removed from the comment form by contacting the NSRS secretary.

Each MRO NSRS member may vote independently as there is no NERC group voting capabilities.

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#### **Organization:**

1. Reports to the MRO SC.
2. Open to the public
3. Conference calls to be conducted weekly
4. There will be a Chair position made up of any person that is a MRO member but not directly employed by the MRO.
5. There will be a Secretary position, held by a MRO staff member.

#### **Deliverables:**

1. Recommended comments concerning SARs to the MRO SC and MRO members.
2. Recommended comments to proposed new or modifications to existing NERC Standards, to the MRO SC and MRO members.
3. Recommend voting positions to the MRO SC and MRO members.
4. Comments on other document reviews as requested by the MRO SC.