

## NERC Standards Review Subcommittee

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The MRO NERC Standards Review Subcommittee (NSRS) was established by the MRO Standards Committee (SC) to provide an efficient process for reviewing and providing comments during the NERC Standards development process and for other draft policies or processes open for comment, as directed by the MRO SC. The NSRS process clearly defines the various roles of those involved in developing these comments.

The NSRS is tasked with the role of conducting a review and comment process for all NERC Standard Authorization Requests (SAR) and Standards, and for Interpretations of existing Standards and policies that are posted for public comment. The NSRS will compile a voting recommendation based on the majority opinion of the NSRS membership. The recommended voting position will be forwarded to the MRO Regional Entity (RE) and the MRO stakeholders. The MRO registered entities, as a commenting group, will vote this position unless a dissenting opinion emerges.

NSRS may also review documents out for comment from other industry entities, such as FERC, DOE, NAESB or adjacent REs, on a case-by-case basis.

#### **Mission:**

The mission of the MRO NSRS is to provide a common platform for the MRO stakeholders to discuss and collaborate on NERC SARs, NERC Standards, Interpretations of existing Standards and for advising the MRO (and stakeholders) 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, etc.
2. Establish a forum for discussion and collaboration on the development of voting recommendations for NERC ballots.
3. Be comprised of MRO stakeholders with experience in operating and planning from the electric utility industry.
4. Have an open and equal representation within the entire MRO geographical area.
5. Any MRO stakeholder can request to become a NSRS member via the NSRS Secretary and on the approval of the Standards Committee.

#### **NSRS Commenting Process:**

Comments need to reflect the concerns of all MRO members and MRO Committees and should identify all MRO members supporting such comments. The following is an initial description of the NSRS commenting process.

1. The NSRS Secretary will monitor the NERC web site to identify when NERC has opened an item for comment.
2. The NSRS Secretary will notify the NSRS that NERC has initiated a comment period and assign a Point of Contact (POC).
3. The NSRS POC will develop an initial Draft comment and incorporate comments from other NSRS members. Once all comments are compiled, the POC will forward the comment form to the NSRS Secretary for weekly NSRS conference call discussion.

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4. Once the initial draft comments are completed, the NSRS Secretary will forward the comments to NERC and subsequently to the SC and non NSRS MRO members.
5. The NSRS Secretary will forward voting recommendations to the NSRS, SC, and non NSRS MRO members.

#### **NSRS Composition:**

The MRO has 10 sectors (listed below) and it is the intent to have equal representation from each sector.

Cooperative	(C)
Canadian Utility	(CU)
Federal Power Marketing Agency	(FMPA)
Generator and/or Power Marketer	(GPM)
Investor Owned Utility <3000MW	(IOU<)
Investor Owned Utility >3000-MW	(IOU>)
Large End-Use Electricity Customer	(LEU)
Municipal Utility	(MU)
Regulatory Participant	(RP)
Transmission System Operator	(TSO)

#### **Responsibilities:**

The MRO NSRS ensures the proposed new or modified NERC Reliability Standards are vetted through the MRO region by facilitating 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. All NSRS members will be listed by default as supporting the comments. In the event that a NSRS member doesn't support the comment(s), they may elect to be removed from the comment form by making a request to the NSRS secretary.

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

#### **Organization:**

1. NSRS reports to the MRO SC.
2. The process is open to the public.
3. Conference calls will be conducted weekly.
4. The Chair position will be a member of the subcommittee.
5. The Secretary will be a MRO staff member.

#### **Deliverables:**

1. Recommend comments concerning SARs.
2. Recommend comments concerning proposed new or modifications to existing NERC Standards.
3. Recommend voting positions.
4. Comment on other documents as requested by the MRO SC Chair, NSRS members, or interested MRO stakeholders.