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MRO Encourages Entities to Nominate Participants to NERC Standards Efficiency Review Teams

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SAINT PAUL— Midwest Reliability Organization (MRO) is notifying its registered entities that the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) is implementing a Standards Efficiency Review (SER) to respond to industry concerns regarding the effectiveness of the current set of Reliability Standards. The goal of the SER is to identify potential candidate requirements for retirement, consolidation, or simplification.

NERC is grouping the SER in three teams based on different time horizons associated with Reliability Standards:

- Long-Term Planning
- Operations Planning
- Real-time Operations

NERC is accepting nominations for SER team members until **8 p.m. Eastern, Thursday, November 30, 2017**, and has established a SER Advisory Committee to review candidates. Nominees are not limited to those with expertise in any particular area.

These SER teams will provide an opportunity for industry experts to have direct input in reviewing the current set of Reliability Standards and addressing any concerns. **We encourage your participation!**

For your information, the SER team scope includes:

- Evaluate NERC Reliability Standards using a risk-based approach to identify potential efficiencies through retirement or modification of particular requirements.
- Collaborate and communicate with a cross-functional team of industry experts on a time-sensitive project timeline.
- Use an assessment tool that includes criteria and questions, identify candidate requirements that are not essential for reliability, could be simplified or consolidated, and could thereby reduce regulatory obligations and/or compliance burden.

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- Deliver a final product of recommended actions, with an emphasis on retirements over modifications.
- Flexible schedule and availability are important, considering the timeline.

Please [Click here](#) to open the NERC Unofficial Nomination Form. For more information on the SER teams you can [click here](#) to email Russ Mountjoy, or call him at 651-855-1754.

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Midwest Reliability Organization (MRO) is a non-profit organization dedicated to ensuring the reliability and security of the bulk power system in the north central region of North America, including parts of both the United States and Canada. MRO is one of eight regional entities in North America operating under authority from regulators in the United States and Canada through a delegation agreement with the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC). The primary focus of MRO is ensuring compliance with international reliability standards, performing assessments of the electric grid, and other matters impacting reliability of the bulk electric system.

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