

Notice of Workshop
DRAFT PRINCIPLES FOR AN ELECTRIC RELIABILITY ORGANIZATION
THAT CAN FUNCTION ON AN INTERNATIONAL BASIS

Where: Toronto, Ontario
Sheraton Gateway Hotel
Terminal 3, Toronto AMF

When: June 22, 2005
Time: 8:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.

The Workshop is supported by the Federal-Provincial-Territorial Electricity Working Group, the U.S. Department of Energy and the U.S. Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

The Bilateral Electric Reliability Oversight Group (Bilateral Group), which includes representatives of the above-mentioned organizations, is addressing key issues for the transition from the current, North American Electric Reliability Council (NERC) to an Electric Reliability Organization (ERO) that can work on an international basis.

In December of 2004 and April of 2005, two workshops, sponsored by the Bilateral Group, were held including representatives from governments, industry, regulatory agencies, and other stakeholders in the electricity industry. The discussion at those workshops focused on issues related to the establishment and operation of the ERO in the United States and Canada, including the relationship between the ERO and the regulator and the ERO and regional entities. Those two workshops provided the Bilateral Group with valuable input on the structure and operation of the ERO and Regional Entities under the framework of mandatory electricity standards.

Based on the results of the two workshops, the Bilateral Group has developed draft principles for comment for a reliability organization that can function effectively in the United States and Canada. The members of the Bilateral Group have not approved these principles but have agreed to post them on the web and solicit comment on them in a public forum. Accordingly, the Bilateral Group is holding a third workshop. **The workshop is intended to be an interactive session where participants will be able to discuss the content and intent of the draft principles.** The draft principles will be posted publicly prior to the workshop.

This workshop will provide an opportunity to bring stakeholders from both countries together to share their views of these draft principles. The principles are intended to guide the establishment of a reliability organization that can function effectively in the United States and Canada.