

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Mandatory Reliability Standards
for the Bulk-Power System

Docket No. RM06-16-000

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTICE OF TECHNICAL CONFERENCE

(June 30, 2006)

As announced in a Notice of Technical Conference issued on May 31, 2006, in the above referenced proceeding, a technical conference will be held in the offices of the Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C on July 6, 2006, from approximately 9:30 am to 3:00 pm (EST). All interested persons may attend and registration is not required.

The conference will assist in developing a public record in anticipation of the Commission acting on a petition filed by the North American Electric Reliability Council (NERC) for approval of reliability standards. An agenda is included with this notice.

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Magalie R. Salas
Secretary

**Review of the North American Electric Reliability Council's
Proposed Reliability Standards
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Technical Conference**

**July 6, 2006
9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

- 9:30 a.m. Opening Remarks
Joseph T. Kelliher, FERC Chairman**
- 9:45 a.m. Introductions
Joseph McClelland, Director, Division of Reliability,
Office of Energy Markets and Reliability, FERC**
- 9:50 a.m. Panel 1: Effectiveness of North American Electric Reliability
Council's (NERC's) Proposed Reliability Standards**

Panelists will provide their views on the proposed Reliability Standards in the context of the May 11, 2006 Staff Preliminary Assessment, focusing on the following questions:

- Do the proposed standards meet the criteria established in Order No. 672¹ for Commission approval?
- To the extent some standards do not meet the criteria, which should be addressed first? Are there some that have a greater impact on reliability?
- Is it appropriate to focus on the Blackout Report recommendations that have not yet been addressed by the standards, or are there other standards that should receive a higher priority?
- Should all Reliability Standards have performance metrics to gauge the effectiveness of the standards? How quickly can such specific performance metrics be developed? Is there another process that could be used to develop metrics for existing standards?
- What are the implications of applying the EPCRA definition of the Bulk Power System instead of the NERC definition of the Bulk Electric System?
- How do we define the “Users, Owners, and Operators” of the “Bulk-Power System?”

¹ *Rules Concerning Certification of the Electric Reliability Organization; and Procedures for the Establishment, Approval, and Enforcement of Electric Reliability Standards*, 114 FERC ¶ 61,104 (2006).

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- How should a work plan be developed that schedules standards for revision? What are the opportunities for participation in this process by the interested stakeholders?
- What coordination is necessary with other state, federal, and/or international regulators to ensure a good transition to mandatory reliability standards?
- What process should the United States, Canada, and Mexico follow for review and approval of Reliability Standards to meet possible time constraints?

Panelists:

Richard P. (Rick) Sergel, President and CEO, North American Electric Reliability Council

Michael Morris, President and CEO, American Electric Power, on behalf of Edison Electric Institute

Charles Yeung, Executive Director, Interregional Affairs, Southwest Power Pool, on behalf of the ISO/RTO Council

Scott M. Helyer, Vice President, Transmission, Tenaska, Inc., and Chairman, Energy Standards Working Group, Electric Power Supply Association
Canadian Representative, to be announced

12:00 p.m. Lunch

1:00 p.m. Panel 2: What's Needed to Achieve the Goal

Panelists will address the questions listed above, providing a more in-depth assessment of the standards and appropriate priorities, processes, and metrics needed to ensure a reliable Bulk Power System.

Panelists:

Steve Ruckert, Director, Standards and Compliance, Western Electric Coordinating Council

Allen Mosher, Director of Policy Analysis, American Public Power Association

Steven C. Cobb, Manager, Transmission Services, Salt River Project, on behalf of the Large Public Power Council

David A. Whiteley, Senior Vice President, Energy Delivery Services, Ameren, On behalf of the Edison Electric Institute

James C. Nixon, Director, Energy Markets, Alcoa Inc.
Canadian Representative, to be announced

3:00 p.m. Concluding Remarks

Joseph T. Kelliher, FERC Chairman