**July News Bulletin**

**Register for Upcoming Webinars**

We want to help you comply with NERC standards by providing frequent educational opportunities. Join SPP RE and NERC experts for real-time instruction and Q&A in these upcoming webinars:

- **State of the Standards** - Hosted by NERC, 7-25-11, 1:00-5:00 Eastern. [Read the agenda.](#)
- **New (October 1) Mandatory Standards** - Hosted by SPP RE, 7-28-11, 2:00-3:00 PM Central
- **Overview of the Event Analysis Process** - Hosted by SPP RE, 8-25-11, 10:00-11:00 AM Central. Visit our new [System Events page](#) for more information and related documents.

**Join Us for July 25 RE Trustee Meeting**

8:30 AM - 2:00 PM - Kansas City Country Club Plaza

[Register](#) for in-person or net conference attendance. [Background materials](#) are now posted.

**News in Brief from NERC and SPP RE**

**Comment Period Open for Proposed Changes to NERC Rules of Procedure**

NERC is proposing changes to its [Rules of Procedure and associated Appendices 4B and 4C](#). The recommended revisions reflect clarifications and enhancements to the Rules based on experience gained by NERC and the Regional Entities. Comments are due August 15 and must be submitted [electronically](#). NERC intends to post a second set of revisions by August 1 for comment, and plans to submit both sets of changes to the NERC Board of Trustees for approval at its November 3, 2011 meeting.

**Second Quarter Entity Reports Due 8-1, 8-31**

- Self-Certification and Exception Reports are due August 1, 2011
- PRC-004 Periodic Data Submittal (Misoperations Reports) are due August 31, 2011
As stated in the reporting requirements, an attestation form or corporate signature page must be completed and signed by the entity’s senior management and uploaded into webCDMS by the deadline. An email detailing requirements was sent to each registered entity’s primary compliance contact on June 27, 2011. Please contact Greg Sorenson, Jeff Rooker, or Thomas Teafatiller with questions.

Bookmark new webCDMS address!

WebCDMS is used for self-certification, exception reporting, and data submittal. The URL has changed to: [https://www.cdms.oati.com](https://www.cdms.oati.com). Please update your bookmarks and enable this as a trusted site. (Depending on your browser you may get a message asking you to "continue to this website" or select that you “understand the risks.”) A user’s guide is available under Help>Documentation, including information about issuing, renewing, and revoking digital certificates. Please contact Greg Sorenson with questions.

Registration Options for Shared Functions

The new Registration Options for Shared Functions between SPP RTO and Other Registered Entities document reviews the three ways to handle responsibility for a standard or requirement when performed by another party. Please contact Ron Ciesiel for more information.

Revised CAN re: Use of System Operator Laptops

CAN-0005 states that system operator laptops with the capability and purpose of controlling Critical Assets remotely (whether in normal operations or emergencies) should be designated as Critical Cyber Assets under CIP-002-3 Requirement R3. Please contact Kevin Perry with questions.

NERC Case Notes Updated with CIP Info

In its continuing effort to shared lessons learned, NERC developed a new tool called Case Notes. These notes provide helpful and concise compliance guidance based on real-life situations. The document was updated in June and July with a number of CIP-related notes. Entities should always feel free to contact the SPP RE's compliance staff for guidance or information.

Revised NERC Standards Suggestion Form

In June NERC posted a revised version of its Suggestions Form, which you can use to submit standards suggestions for active, future, or new projects or to modify the Standard Development Process. The form is different from a Standard Authorization Request form; it is less formal and does not represent a proposal for a new or modified standard, complete with technical justification.

If you have a suggestion for a new or revised standard that you want considered for inclusion in the 2012-2014 Reliability Standards Development Plan, submit your suggestion by July 29, 2011.

Standards Drafting Team Requests Frequency Response Data by 8-1

In a 7-18 webinar the NERC Frequency Response Standard Drafting Team highly encouraged all Balancing Authorities to participate in a data gathering effort for the Draft BAL-003-1.
Frequency Response Standard. In the next few days NERC will send Balancing Authorities a list of events with which to populate the frequency response spreadsheets. The team would like Balancing Authorities to return completed spreadsheets by August 1.

Reminder - New RE Staff Email Addresses

SPP RE staff have new email addresses to help ensure sensitive compliance information is not erroneously sent to or received by non-RE employees. Now "re" follows the employee’s last name (for instance, Alice Wright’s email address changed from awright@spp.org to awright.re@spp.org). Emails will be forwarded from the old addresses through September 30.

This news bulletin was sent to:
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Critical Infrastructure Protection Working Group exploder
Markets and Operations Policy Committee exploder
Operating Reliability Working Group exploder
RE Authorizing Officers
RE Primary Compliance Contacts
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If you have questions about the SPP RE’s monthly news bulletins or quarterly e-newsletter, please contact Emily Pennel.