Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Could my organization be required to register even though it's not subject to FERC jurisdiction?
A. Yes. The U.S. Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPAct), which makes compliance with the reliability standards developed by the ERO, and approved by the FERC, mandatory for all users, owners, and operators of the nation’s bulk power system, applies to all users, owners, and operators of the bulk power system irrespective of whether they are otherwise subject to FERC oversight.

Q. Does registration involve membership in NERC or a Regional Entity?
A. No. Although NERC refers to this activity as a registration, this should not be interpreted as meaning your organization is becoming or is being solicited to become a member of any RE or of NERC itself. Registration with NERC does not imply or in any manner impose membership in the ERO or in any Regional Entity. However, membership may provide additional benefits, including those related to rights to vote for representatives on the stakeholder groups within NERC or a Regional Entity that guide, direct, and provide input to activities and priorities.

Q. Is registration required to receive bills for the NERC and RE fees?
A. The FERC April 18, 2007 Order for the SPP RE Delegation Agreement requires all Load Serving Entities in the SPP area to be allocated a load ratio portion of the NERC and RE fees. Responsibility for paying the NERC and RE fees is not contingent upon registration with the compliance registry. SPP member Balancing Areas have identified Load Serving Entities for billing purposes.

Registration status has no bearing on any responsibilities any organization has pursuant to the approved and mandatory reliability standards; such responsibilities are established by federal legislation and therefore exist whether the affected organization is registered with NERC or not, or whether it is aware that it is registered or not.