The SPP RE is issuing this news bulletin to keep our registered entities informed about current and emerging NERC and SPP RE initiatives, as well as compliance training opportunities. We encourage you to take note of the items listed below and forward this bulletin to other individuals assigned to your compliance programs.

- **Field-testing for NERC’s Event Analysis Program Started October 25:** On Monday, October 25, 2010, NERC initiated a trial period of the program that will review events which meet the reporting thresholds of Appendix B, “Event Categories and Levels of Analysis” (view NERC October 12 Webcast: ERO Event Analysis Process Document or read more about NERC’s Event Analysis Program) SPP RE-specific information regarding the Initial Event Reporting and Event Analysis Interface is detailed in the attached letter.

- **SPP RE Seeks to Heighten Entities’ Awareness of Reporting and Notification Requirements of EOP-002 and PRC-001:** To help our registered entities improve compliance, thereby improving Bulk Electric System reliability, SPP RE Executive Director of Compliance Ron Ciesiel reviewed the requirements of EOP-002, Capacity and Energy Emergencies, and PRC-001, System Protection Coordination, at recent Market Operations and Policy Committee and SPP RE Trustee meetings. During his review of EOP-002, Mr. Ciesiel emphasized that this standard addresses both capacity and energy emergencies, and that an emergency alert is indicated when an entity issues a “public appeal” in anticipation of being unable to meet its capacity obligations or energy obligations, regardless of whether a “real-time” emergency eventually occurs. Concerning PRC-001, Mr. Ciesiel stressed that entities are required to notify superior or affected reliability entities when a protective relay or equipment failure reduces system reliability. Mr. Ciesiel’s review of these two standards is available on the SPP RE webpage in the Lessons Learned folder.

- **SPP RE to Host Webinar to Review the 2011 Annual CMEP Implementation Plan:** NERC recently posted its 2011 Annual CMEP Implementation Plan as well as the 2011 Actively Monitored Standards and the 2011 Initial Audit Schedule. (View NERC’s 2011 Implementation Plan, Actively Monitored Reliability Standards List, and Initial Audit Schedule). We will host three Webinar sessions to review NERC’s 2011 CMEP and the SPP
RE’s 2011 CMEP Annual Implementation Plan, which will be posted on our webpage following NERC’s approval.

Because the number of participants is limited to fifty per session, individuals are required to register in advance. To register for the 2011 Annual CMEP Implementation Plan Review webinar, click one of the session dates/times below:

- **December 2**: 2:00-3:30 (CST)
- **December 6**: 10:30-12:00 (CST)
- **December 8**: 9:00-10:30 (CST)

**SPP RE to Host Webinar to Share Lessons Learned- CIP-009 Standard Review:** [CIP-009-3-Cyber Security- Recovery Plans for Critical Cyber Assets](#) is one of the top ten most violated standards both nationally and in the SPP RE footprint. To help entities better understand the requirements of CIP-009-3, we have scheduled two webinar sessions to review this standard and share lessons learned.

Because the number of participants will be limited to fifty per session, individuals are required to register in advance. To register for the Lessons Learned- CIP-009 Standard Review Webinar, click on the one of the session dates/times below:

- **December 14**: 12:00-1:30 (CST)
- **December 15**: 9:30-11:00 (CST)

**2011 NERC and RE Assessments Posted:** On October 21, 2010, FERC issued an order conditionally accepting the 2011 business plans and budgets of NERC and the eight regional entities, including the SPP Regional Entity. ([View the FERC Order.](#)) A copy of the “2009 NEL Calculations and Allocations to Load Serving Entities (or Designee) for the 2011 NERC and RE Assessments,” which is Appendix 2 of NERC’s 2011 BPB, is available on the SPP website in the [SPP RE Business Plan and Budgets](#) folder.

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