NEWS BULLETIN

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.

- **SPP RE Soliciting Nominations for NERC Compliance & Certification Committee Member Representative.** We are accepting nominations to fill the recently vacated SPP RE’s member representative spot on the NERC Compliance & Certification Committee (NERC CCC). The NERC CCC supports and advises the NERC Board regarding the NERC Compliance Monitoring and Enforcement, Organization Registration, and Organization Certification programs. The committee also monitors NERC’s compliance with its Rules of Procedures for these programs as well as NERC’s compliance with the Rules of Procedures regarding the Reliability Standards development process. Potential committee candidates should have particular familiarity, knowledge and experience in the area of compliance, compliance enforcement, compliance administration and management, organization responsibilities and registration, organization certification, and NERC and Regional Reliability Standards. Candidates should also be involved with internal compliance programs within their respective organizations. Committee members are expected to attend NERC CCC meetings (generally four meetings per year) and to complete assigned tasks. The attached NERC CCC Charter provides additional information regarding the responsibilities of committee members. If you would like to nominate a candidate to fill this position, please email Alice Wright.

- **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). To help ensure that our entities are aware of changes between the 2010 and 2011 CMEP plans, we will host three Webinar sessions to review NERC’s 2011 CMEP and the SPP RE’s 2011 CMEP Annual Implementation Plan. Among the topics that will be discussed are: Entity Self-Certification Reporting (the reporting requirements for both CIP and
Traditional (693) standards); Event Analysis Process; and the new MOD standards and PRC-023 standard. Supporting material for the webinar is on the SPP RE Training and Education web page in the "Webinars" folder.

We are encouraging all entities to participate in the webinar, especially those that are scheduled to be audited in 2011. (view SPP RE 2011 Draft Audit Schedule)

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 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.

We encourage all entities that are subject to the CIP standards to participate in the webinar, especially those that are scheduled to be audited in 2011. (view SPP RE 2011 Draft Audit Schedule)

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)

• Deadline for Submission of 2010 Annual Entity Self-Certification Reports January 18: The 2010 Annual Entity Self-Certification submission period was opened November 15. **All** registered entities are required to complete and submit, via webCDMS, a Self-Certification Report by no later than 11:59 pm (CST) on January 18. Questions regarding the 2010 Annual Entity Self-Certification reports should be directed to Greg Sorenson, 501-688-1713, or Thomas Teafitller, 501-688-2514.

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