

NERC Standards Review Subcommittee Procedure

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Mission Statement

The mission of the NERC Standards Review Subcommittee (NSRS) is to provide a forum for discussion, collaboration, and research on NERC SARs, Standards under Development, Interpretations, and existing Standards. The scope of this Subcommittee may also include review of policies posted for public comment and relevant Standards and Variances from other Regions outside of ERCOT. The NSRS will report its findings and recommendations to the Reliability Standards Committee (RSC), to assist in regional industry analyses for Standards being developed and balloted by NERC.

Scope and Procedure

1. The NSRS of the Reliability Standards Committee (RSC) of the Texas Reliability Entity (Texas RE) was formed for the purpose of: (i) reviewing NERC and Regional standards under development in North America (and related items), (ii) disseminating that information within the ERCOT Region, and (iii) providing the RSC and stakeholders in the ERCOT Region with recommendations, suggestions and comments regarding these NERC Standards activities.

The NSRS may also, from time-to-time, (i) Review documents out for comment from other industry entities, such as FERC, DOE or NAESB, on a case-by-case basis as they may impact NERC Standards; and (ii) Review Regional Variance Requests and Regional Standards under development from outside the ERCOT Region.

2. Participation in NSRS is voluntary and open to interested entities and individuals in the ERCOT Region. All positions adopted by NSRS and recommendations made by NSRS are non-binding on any party, and are published for the benefit of and consideration by any interested party. No one is obligated to vote in accordance with NSRS recommendations or to join in NSRS comments.
3. The NSRS Chair or a designee will provide an NSRS Report at each RSC meeting. This report will include an overview of items discussed by NSRS, including NERC standards open for ballot or comment, standards activities in other Regions, and any voting recommendations or comments issued by NSRS.
4. NSRS will designate an NSRS member or observer as the “Point of Contact” for each standard or other item that it takes up for consideration and possible action by NSRS. The Point of Contact will propose action on the item (if desired) and lead NSRS discussion of the item.
5. Texas RE Staff will facilitate the work of the NSRS, including (a) tracking NERC Standards Under Development and other items under review, (b) preparing and publishing meeting announcements and agendas, and (c) documenting NSRS activities and actions.

6. The NSRS:

- Will operate in an informal fashion for the first 6 to 12 months, after which it will consider becoming reorganized as a formal group.
- Should seek experienced operating and planning personnel as members and as participants in evaluating proposed standards and revisions.
- When formalized, should have at least 1 representative from each Sector and a Sector-based voting structure.
- Should strive for member representation and participation from large and small companies.

Note: If anything in this procedure is inconsistent with Texas RE governing documents, including the Delegation Agreement and all attachments (such as the Bylaws and the Standards Development Process), the governing documents shall take precedence.