

NERC COMPLIANCE FUNDAMENTALS

March 13-14, 2017
W Chicago City Center
Chicago, IL

REQUIREMENTS

TRANSPARENCY

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COMPLIANCE

STANDARDS

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OVERVIEW

Bulk electric system entities registered with the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) continue to wrestle with the complexities of the NERC reliability standards implementation, compliance, and enforcement process. Full audit schedules within each regional entity ensure that the stakes remain high. Critical Infrastructure Protection (CIP) standards add another level of complexity, further demonstrating to the power industry the difficulties of legislating reliability and security.

With the increasing number of new generation and transmission projects being proposed and built, it's important to understand the implications of being a NERC registered entity and the complicated and costly process of compliance. This course is a great place to start for organizations that are a part of the bulk power system in North America. There are a host of important factors to consider that can have a significant impact on operations. One of the key tenets that supports compliance, or can help mitigate a penalty, is a robust culture of compliance. To demonstrate a culture of compliance, a registered entity must show an enterprise-wide commitment to the process.

This course is an in-depth introduction to NERC standards, compliance, and monitoring and is designed to give the necessary background for all staff to understand the concepts and complexities of NERC compliance in order to communicate and build a culture of compliance and reliability and prepare for upcoming audits.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Define the role of FERC, NERC and Regional Entities
- Review the background for the NERC standards and discuss major recent revisions
- Explain how violations are determined and identify which standards are the most violated
- Define a culture of compliance and its importance in the compliance monitoring and enforcement process
- Examine strategies to build an internal compliance program
- Examine the NERC CIP requirements: Current version and upcoming revisions
- Analyze the audit process and demonstrate strategies for success before, during, and after an audit
- Review emerging trends in NERC compliance including CIP Version 5, the Reliability Assurance Initiative (RAI), the new and emerging standards on Physical Security, Geomagnetic Disturbances, Distributed Energy Resources, etc.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- NERC registered entity administrative and support staff
- Compliance managers and directors
- Generation owners and operators to include IPPs and renewable energy project developers
- Transmission owners and operators, including merchant transmission projects
- Attorneys and regulators
- Regional entity and RTO/ISO staff



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Manager, Corporate Compliance, Sunflower

AGENDA

MONDAY, MARCH 13, 2017

8:00 – 8:30 am **Registration and Continental Breakfast**

8:30 am – 5:00 pm **Course Timing**

12:00 – 1:00 pm **Group Luncheon**

Overview of NERC Reliability Standards and Requirements

- NERC as the ERO
- Overview of entity registration
- Standards background and drafting process
- Trajectory of standards
 - o Results based standards
 - o Regional standards
- Compliance and enforcement
- Analysis of most violated non-CIP standards: Hot spots for current versions as well as status of revisions
 - o CIP
 - o PRC 005
 - o FAC 008/009

NERC Compliance in Practice

- Define “culture of compliance ” and strategies to build, communicate and demonstrate a culture of compliance, as mandated by NERC
- The role of a culture of compliance in mitigation
- Preparing for an audit: What to do before, during and after an onsite compliance audit: successful strategies and avoiding common pitfalls
- Discuss the settlement process that occurs after a violation has been found
- Recognize how NERC compliance fits with other enterprise compliance needs and risk management
- Managing documentation and evidence
- Demonstrating a culture of compliance to auditors
- Reliability Assurance Initiative and what it means to you



“Great to hear from NERC employee #1-such great experience and insight that is very hard to find elsewhere!”

Senior Market Analyst, Alberta Utilities Commission



“Excellent content – helps put standards into context. Everyone responsible for managing FERC/NERC issues should participate in this course.”

Sr. Instructor (FERC/NERC), Xcel Energy

AGENDA

TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2017

8:00 – 8:30 am **Continental Breakfast**

8:30 am – 12:00 pm **Course Timing**

NERC Critical Infrastructure Protection (CIP)

This session will provide an overview of the NERC CIP Reliability Standards and provide insight into what it takes to comply with the same on an ongoing basis.

- Introduction
- History and background of the NERC CIP Reliability Standards
- Common assumptions and mistakes
- Prevalent NERC CIP compliance challenges (Version 3)
- A word about CIP Version 5
- Overview of the NERC CIP v3 Reliability Standards
- NERC CIP v5
 - o Overview of Version 5 NERC Cyber Security Standards
 - o Notable differences between Version 3 and Version 5 NERC CIP Reliability Standards
- Tools and resources
 - o A few words about “tools” and NERC CIP compliance
 - o Active vulnerability assessment tools
 - o Danger: Active scanning of ICS environments is risky business!
 - o Resources
- Emerging issues and new standards



“If your organization involves internal audit in your NERC compliance program, this is a must attend program for internal auditors.”

Sr. Internal Auditor, FortisBC Inc.

INSTRUCTOR



David W. Hilt

P.E., President and Owner of Grid Reliability Consulting

Mr. Hilt has nearly 40 years of experience in electric power system engineering, operation, and regulatory activities. He has been a manager responsible for the design, specification, and construction of electric substations from distribution to EHV including protective relaying. He has also managed transmission and resource planning activities for a major Midwestern electric and natural gas utility providing expert testimony before FERC and state regulators for transmission expansion and 20 year resource plans. Mr. Hilt has directed the development and installation of state estimation and OASIS systems for a Midwestern Reliability Coordination Center. As a Vice President at NERC, he led the development of the compliance monitoring and enforcement program for the bulk-power system reliability standards in North America working closely with the industry, FERC, and Canadian regulatory authorities. He also developed audit programs and event analysis and investigation preprocess. While at NERC he led the investigation of the August 2003 blackout in the Northeastern United States and Canada providing the technical input to the U.S. - Canada Power System Outage Task Force report. Mr. Hilt’s recent experience includes assessment of risk from physical attack and grid resiliency.

REQUIREMENTS FOR SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF PROGRAM

Participants must sign in/out each day and be in attendance for the entirety of the course to be eligible for continuing education credit.

INSTRUCTIONAL METHODS

This course will use PowerPoint presentations and group discussions.

PROCEEDINGS

The proceedings of the course will be published, and one copy will be distributed to each registrant at the course.

EVENT LOCATION

A room block has been reserved at the W Chicago City Center, 172 W Adams St, Chicago, IL 60603, for the nights of March 12 – 16, 2017. Room rates are \$129 plus applicable tax. Call **312-332-1200** for reservations and mention the EUCl event to get the group rate. The cutoff date to receive the group rate is February 19, 2017 but as there are a limited number of rooms available at this rate, the room block may close sooner. ***Please make your reservations early.***

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 Early bird on or before February 24, 2017:
 US \$1195

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