

NEWSLETTER

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RSTC Business

Risks Prioritization

Based on the Risk Priorities identified by the Reliability Issues Steering Committee (RISC), the RSTC has identified four strategic priorities: 1) energy assurance, 2) inverter-based resources, 3) distributed energy resources, and 4) supply chain security. Cyber security is integral to each of these strategic priorities. More information on this can be found in Chapter 3 of the [RSTC Strategic Plan](#).

Subcommittees/Working Groups/Task Forces Quarterly Activity

The Reliability and Security Technical Committee (RSTC) establishes subcommittees, working groups, and task forces as necessary. The RSTC is responsible for sponsoring all subordinate subcommittees, working groups, or task forces that it creates, or that its subordinate subcommittees and working groups may establish.

Officers of subordinate groups will be appointed by the chair of the RSTC.

Subcommittees, working groups, and taskforces conduct business in a manner consistent with all applicable sections of the [RSTC Charter](#).

Access to all Subcommittees, working groups, and taskforces can be found on the [RSTC Webpage](#).

Reliability Guidelines

The objective of the reliability guidelines is to distribute key practices and information on specific issues critical to promote and maintain a highly reliable and secure bulk power system (BPS). Reliability guidelines are not binding norms or parameters to the level that compliance to NERC's Reliability Standards is monitored or enforced. Rather, their incorporation into industry practices is strictly voluntary. Reviewing, revising, or developing a program using these practices is highly encouraged. All current and draft guidelines can be found [here](#). In addition to these Reliability Guidelines, the RSTC also issues other types of deliverables such as policy outreach, white papers exploring technical facts of topics, technical reference documents on a specific topic of interest, implementation guidance under the NERC Board-approved Compliance Guidance Policy, and Standard Authorization Requests. Please see the RSTC Webpage and associated Agendas for more detail.

TOP NEWS

THE RSTC HELD ITS THIRD QUARTER MEETINGS SEPTEMBER 20-21, 2023

LINKS TO ALL ACTIONS

[RSTC MEETING AGENDA PACKAGE - SEPTEMBER 20, 2023](#)

[RSTC INFORMATIONAL SESSION - SEPTEMBER 21, 2023](#)

[APPROVED | ENDORSED | ACCEPTED - AGENDA ITEMS SEPTEMBER 20-21, 2023](#)



OUR STRATEGY

The RSTC is a standing committee that strives to advance the reliability and security of the interconnected bulk power system (BPS) of North America by:

- Creating a forum for aggregating ideas and interests, drawing from diverse industry stakeholder expertise, to support the ERO Enterprise's mission.
- Leveraging such expertise to identify solutions to study, mitigate, and/or eliminate emerging risks to the BPS for the benefit of industry stakeholders, the NERC Board of Trustees (Board), and ERO Enterprise staff and leadership.
- Coordinating and overseeing implementation of RSTC subgroup work plans.



RSTC CHAIR

RICH HYDZIK

Rich Hydzik was elected as the new Chair during the RSTC's June meeting and officially began his term on June 30, 2023. Rich is a Principal Transmission Operations Engineer at Avista. He has been working in System Operations since 2004, with a range of responsibilities including operational powerflow studies, coordinating regional contingency reserve programs, developing system operating procedures, and ensuring organizational compliance with various NERC BAL, INT, PRC, TOP, and VAR standards, as well as providing system operator training. Before joining System Operations, Rich spent ten years as a system protection engineer, working on generation, distribution, and transmission applications ranging from 69kV to 500kV, from design to field commissioning. He also served as a transmission system planning engineer for three years. Rich holds a BSEE from Gonzaga University and is a registered Professional Engineer in the state of Washington.



RSTC VICE CHAIR

JOHN STEPHENS

John Stephens officially began his term as Vice Chair during the RSTC's June meeting on June 30, 2023. John has an extensive background in bulk power system operations and planning, spanning over 30 years. He currently holds the position of Director for Power System Control and Planning at City Utilities of Springfield (MO) in the MRO Region and SPP RTO, where he has been employed for 26 years. John's career began in Transmission Planning and Tariff Operations at Tucson Electric Power.

John holds a Master's degree in Electrical Engineering from Clemson University (MSEE '93) and a Bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering from Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology (BSEE '91). He is also a registered Professional Engineer in Missouri. John has been actively involved in the NERC Reliability and Security Technical Committee since its inception in 2020, and has previously served on the NERC Operating Committee and Reliability Issues Steering Committee.

UPCOMING EVENTS

ELECTIONS AND NOMINATIONS

- OCTOBER–NOVEMBER – SECTOR NOMINATION PERIOD AND ELECTIONS (IF NECESSARY)
- NOVEMBER–DECEMBER – NOMINATING SUBCOMMITTEE EVALUATION OF RSTC MEMBERSHIP EXPERTISE/DIVERSITY (REVIEW AND ENSURE PROPER BALANCE BETWEEN SECTOR AND AT-LARGE MEMBERS)
- DECEMBER – AT-LARGE MEMBERS NOMINATION PERIOD

RSTC MEETING – DECEMBER 6-7, 2023 VIRTUAL MEETING

- RSTC STRATEGIC PLAN (REVIEW AND APPROVE)
- RSTC CHARTER AMENDMENTS (REVIEW AND APPROVE)

WEBINARS

LTRA UPDATE | NOVEMBER 2, 2023 | PM EASTERN
2023 PROBABILISTIC ANALYSIS FORUM (PAF) (HYBRID) | OCTOBER 10 – 12, 2023

OTHER MEETINGS

PROTECTION SYSTEM MISOPERATION WORKSHOP | OCTOBER 25–26, 2023
RESOURCES SUBCOMMITTEE (RS) MEETING | OCTOBER 25– 26, 2023
2023 NERC–NATF–EPRI ANNUAL TRANSMISSION PLANNING AND MODELING WORKSHOP | NOVEMBER 1–2, 2023
REAL TIME OPERATING SUBCOMMITTEE (RTOS) MEETING | NOVEMBER 8, 2023

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE UPCOMING EVENTS PLEASE VISIT OUR [NERC.COM](https://www.nerc.com) CALENDAR

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