History and Introduction to Texas RE

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What is the first word you think of when it comes to Texas RE?

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1965 – Blackout affected 30 million people in northeast U.S. and Canada

1968 – Nine regional organizations joined together to form the National Electric Reliability Council

1977 – Blackout in New York City

1996 – Two blackouts in western United States
2003 – Largest Blackout in North American History
2003 Blackout

- 9,300 Square Miles Impacted
- 50 Million People Affected
- 11 Deaths
- $6 Billion in Losses

Causes:
- Vegetation Overgrowth
- Alarm System Failure
- Human Errors
Major Events Since 2010

2011 Winter Storm

• Extreme cold weather caused widespread generation loss, heightening awareness of cold weather in Texas

San Diego Blackout

• In September 2011, a blackout in San Diego led to ERO-wide review of operational practices

2021 Winter Storm Uri
Federal Power Act Section 215

Energy Policy Act of 2005
Federal Power Act – Section 215

ERO = NERC
ERO Enterprise = NERC + 6 Regional Entities

FERC

MRO  NPCC  RF  SERC  Texas RE  WECC

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In 2006 when FERC certified NERC as the ERO, how many Regional Entities entered into delegation agreements?

A. 4  
B. 6  
C. 8  
D. 10
Electric Reliability Organization (ERO)

Energy Policy Act of 2005 Established ERO

- Develop and enforce reliability standards for the bulk power system
- Independent of all users, owners, and operators of the BPS
- Stakeholder representation
- Equitable allocation of fees to end users
- Fair and impartial enforcement process
- Open process to develop standards

FERC Certifies the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) as ERO - July 20, 2006
What Does Texas RE Do?

Develop, monitor, assess, and enforce compliance with NERC Reliability Standards

Assess and report on the reliability and adequacy of the BPS
Which of the following is NOT a department at Texas RE?

A. Reliability Services
B. Enforcement
C. NERC Assessments
D. Compliance Monitoring
Ensure all applicable users, owners and operators of the Bulk Electric System within the ERCOT Interconnection are:

- Properly registered for their functions
- Certified that they are able to carry out their functions
- Mapped for compliance with NERC Reliability Standards
Standards

- Facilitates NERC Standards Review Forum (NSRF) Meetings
- Votes and Comments on NERC Reliability Standards
- Facilitates Regional Reliability Standards Projects
Compliance Monitoring and Enforcement Program (CMEP)

Risk Assessment

• Performs Inherent Risk Assessments (IRA) and Internal Controls Evaluations (ICE)

Compliance Monitoring

• Assess
• Investigate
• Evaluate
• Audit
Compliance Monitoring and Enforcement Program (CMEP)

Enforcement

- Ensures mitigation of violations
- Issues sanctions/penalties
Reliability Assessment and Performance Analysis (RAPA)

- Monitors the Grid
- Provides Input to Reliability Assessments
- Reviews System Events
- Reviews Disturbances in the ERCOT Interconnection
Communications and Training

Announcements

Texas REview

Talk with Texas RE

Workshops
Slido Question

How much does Texas RE Membership cost annually?

A. No Charge
B. $100 per year
C. $250 per year
D. $500 per year

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Membership

Texas RE is a member-based organization and welcomes new members.

Members vote to approve Texas RE Bylaws and the Board’s Independent Directors.

Members elect sector representatives to the Member Representatives Committee (MRC).

There is no charge for membership.
Provides Advice to the Board Regarding:

- Annual budgets, business plans, and funding mechanisms of Texas RE.
- Development of Regional Reliability Standards and Regional Variances.
- Matters relevant to the reliability of the BPS, and any other matters pertinent to the purpose and operations of Texas RE.

Also oversees the NERC Standards Review Forum (NSRF)
The Board selects Texas RE’s CEO, sets overall goals and policy direction, and approves the Texas RE budget and operations.

- Four Independent Directors
- Two Affiliated Directors (MRC Chair and Vice Chair)
- CEO
- PUCT Chairman or Designee, Non-Voting Ex-Officio
- OPUC Public Counsel, Non-Voting Ex-Officio
Upcoming Board and MRC Meeting Dates

2021

• August 18, 2021
• December 8, 2021

Meetings are held virtually until further notice.
NERC Committees

Reliability and Security Technical Committee (RSTC)

Compliance and Certification Committee (CCC)

• Monitors NERC’s compliance with Rules of Procedure (RoP)
Texas RE Training Opportunities

- **Workshops**
  - Fall Standards and Compliance Workshop - October 14, 2021
  - Winter Weatherization Workshop - September 30, 2021
  - Reliability 101
    - July 15 – Registration & Certification
    - July 20 – Standards Development
    - July 21 – Intro to Align
    - July 22 – Compliance Monitoring
    - July 27 – Foundation of CIP
    - July 29 – Foundation of O&P
    - August 3 – Risk-Based Approach to Reliability
    - August 5 – Initial Engagement Submissions
    - August 9 – Navigating Noncompliance Resolution
    - August 13 – Data Collection

- **Topic-Specific Workshops as Needed**
  - June 3 – CIP Workshop [recording]

- **Talk with Texas RE**
  - Monthly webinar with focused topics

- **Archived Presentations & Recordings**
  - Texas RE [Training Page]
Additional Outreach

Texas RE-Specific

- Texas REview Newsletter
- Announcements
- 2020 Annual Report
- Texas RE ListServ

NERC-Specific

- NERC Newsletter
- NERC Weekly Standards and Compliance Newsletter
- NERC Alerts: nerc.alert@nerc.net
- E-ISAC - Electricity Information Sharing and Analysis Center
Texas RE Website: www.texasre.org

Reliability 101
July 13—August 13, 2021

Upcoming Events

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Texas RE Welcome Packet

Welcome to the Texas RE Region. We look forward to working with you to maintain the reliability of the bulk power system in our interconnection.

Ensuring electric reliability is no small task. To help you get started, we've created a short checklist of action items that will help you get involved and help you stay up-to-date on reliability matters!

Recommended Action Items for Registered Entities
- Review the Texas RE and NERC websites.
- Join the Texas RE network to get Texas RE news in your inbox!
- Become a Texas RE Member if your company is not already. Learn more here!
- Read past announcements and newsletters on the Texas page. Attend our next free training event. Check the Texas RE calendar to see what’s coming up.
- Attend Board and MRC meetings. See our schedule of upcoming meetings.
- Participate in a Regional working group. The NERC Standards Review Forum (NSRF) is a forum for discussion and on standard development projects. The ENCCF Critical Infrastructure Protection Working Group (CIPWG) is a forum for discussing CIP standards.
- Get a webCDMS account. webCDMS is the compliance portal through which you will complete compliance and enforcement activities. Contact support@nerc.com to get your webCDMS Digital Certificates. Two certificates are provided at no cost to each registered entity.
- Email info@nerc.com to sign up for NERC Alerts.

Quick Reference Guide for Registered Entities in the Texas RE Region

Getting Involved
- ENCCF Committees and Governing Council
- NERC Standards Review Forum (NSRF)
- NERC Committees

Education & Training
- Texas RE Training Opportunities
- NERC Resource Library
- NERC Certification Requirements
- Webinars
- CORAS Video Library

Staying Informed
- NERC News
- Texas RE Newsletters
- ERCOT Standards & Compliance Bulletin
- ERCOT Alerts
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Key Takeaways

Yes, FERC has jurisdiction over the ERCOT region for reliability of the BPS!!

Texas RE is the only Regional Entity that serves both a single state and a single interconnection.

Texas RE only monitors NERC Reliability Standards.
Key Takeaways, con’t

- Stakeholder Participation is Essential!
- Texas RE Offers FREE Training!
- Texas RE Membership is FREE!
Slido Question

What is the appropriate shorthand for Texas Reliability Entity, Inc.?

A. TRE
B. Texas RE
C. T-Rel
D. I don’t feel like I’m on a nickname basis with Texas Reliability Entity, Inc. just yet