

Pre-Qualified Organization (PQO)

Overview for NSRF


PQO: What is it?

- A Pre-Qualified Organization (PQO) is an industry stakeholder group or organization that can propose Implementation Guidance to the ERO Enterprise to consider for endorsement.
- NERC will only consider requests for Implementation Guidance that have been vetted through one of the several organizations that are “pre-qualified”.

List of PQOs

American Public Power Association (APPA)	Canadian Electricity Association (CEA)	Edison Electric Institute (EEI)
Electricity Consumers Resource Council (ELCON)	Electric Power Supply Association (EPSA)	EnergySec
ISO/RTO Council	Large Public Power Council (LPPC)	National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC)
National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA)	North American Generator Forum (NAGF)	North American Transmission Forum (NATF)
Northwest Public Power Association (NWPPA)	Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI)	Transmission Access Policy Study Group (TAPS)
Western Interconnection Compliance Forum (WICF)	NERC Reliability and Security Technical Committee (RSTC)	Regional Entity Stakeholder Committees

Where does NSRF fit?

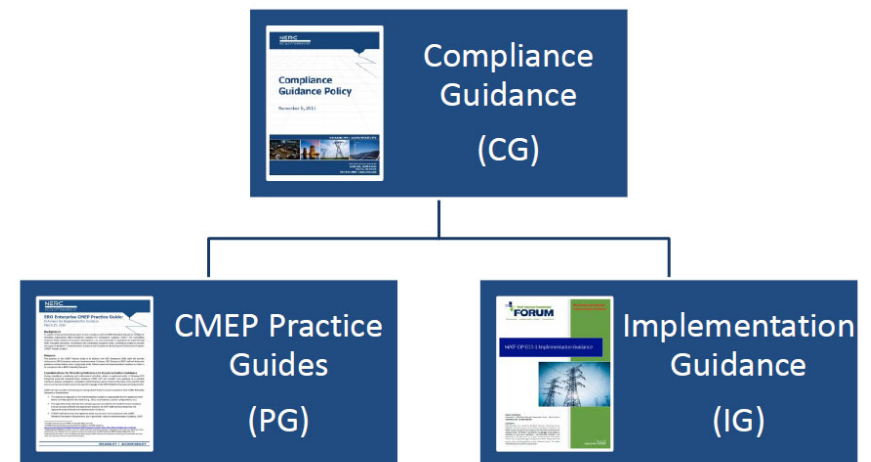


Texas RE Member
Representative Committee
(MRC) is a Regional Entity
Stakeholder Committee
recognized by NERC as a
PQO.

The NERC Standards
Review Forum (NSRF)
is a stakeholder
group that reports to
the MRC.

What is Implementation Guidance?

- Examples or approaches that illustrate how an entity could implement a Reliability Standard.**
 - Can address specific issues members of the PQQ are facing.
- Vetted by industry prior to being submitted for endorsement.**
 - PQQ's Implementation Guidance is vetted amongst the members of the PQQ.
- Not exclusive and do not guarantee compliance.**
 - Does not prescribe the only approach.
 - Highlights one or more approaches that would be effective ways to comply



Implementation Guidance

There are currently 21 ERO Enterprise-Endorsed [Implementation Guidance](#) documents.

- 12 CIP
- 1 FAC
- 4 PRC
- 3 TOP
- 1 TPL

Process of Endorsement



Development

NERC recommends developing Implementation Guidance before it is needed by industry.

Implementation Guidance Training

- NERC provides Implementation Guidance training before developing guidance

Use Development Tools

- Implementation Guidance template
- Implementation Guidance Under Consideration or Development spreadsheet
- PQO/SDT Contact Information spreadsheet
- The Implementation Guidance Development and Review Aid

Collaborate

- Avoid duplicative work
- Leverage knowledge across organizations

Implementation Guidance Management

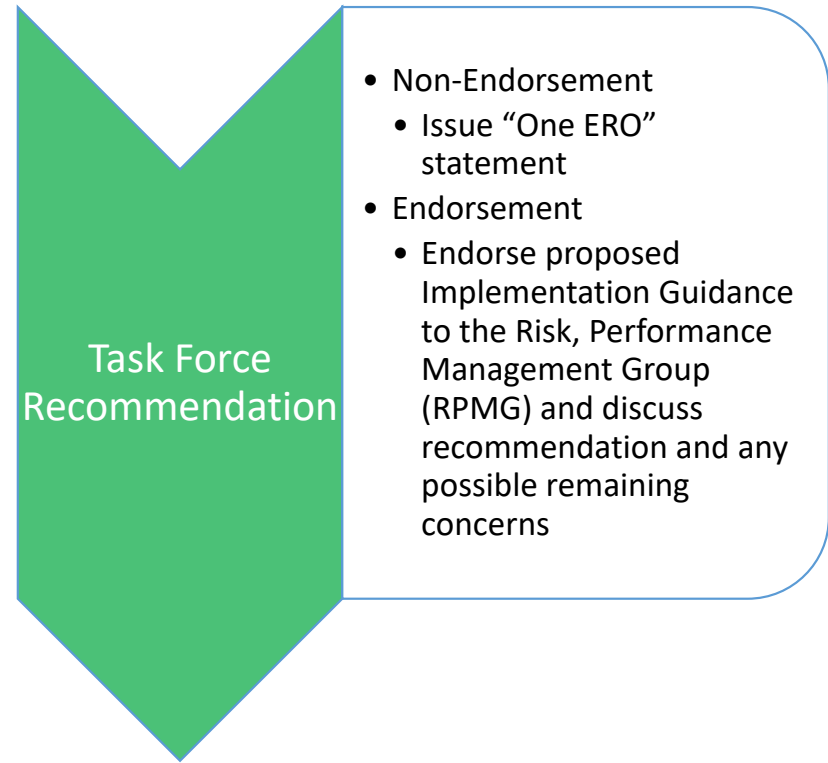
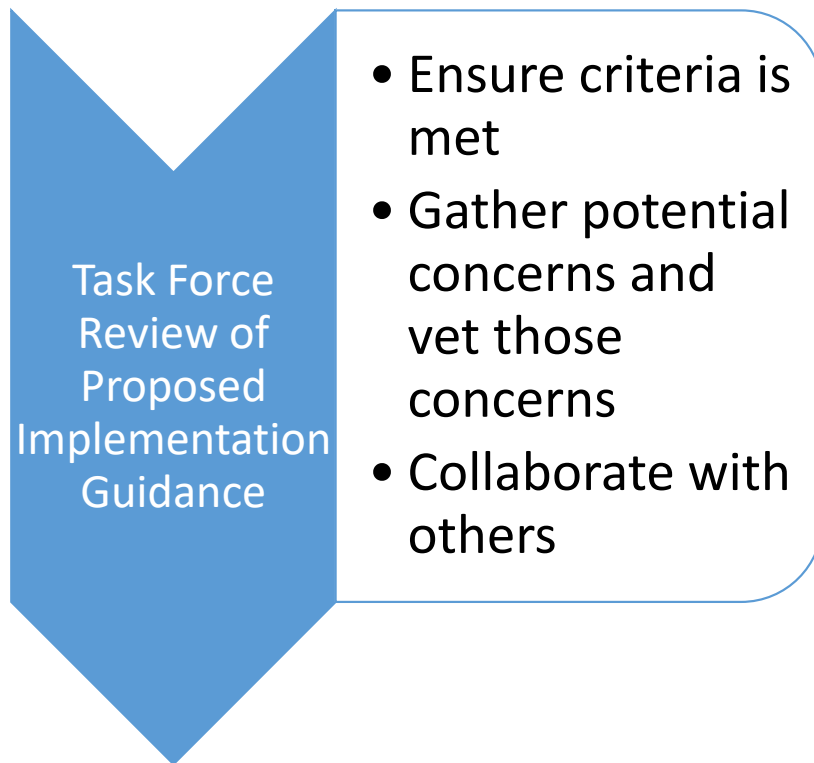
- Periodic Review Requirement
 - Periodicity and method of review must be addressed in the Implementation Guidance document

Review Process

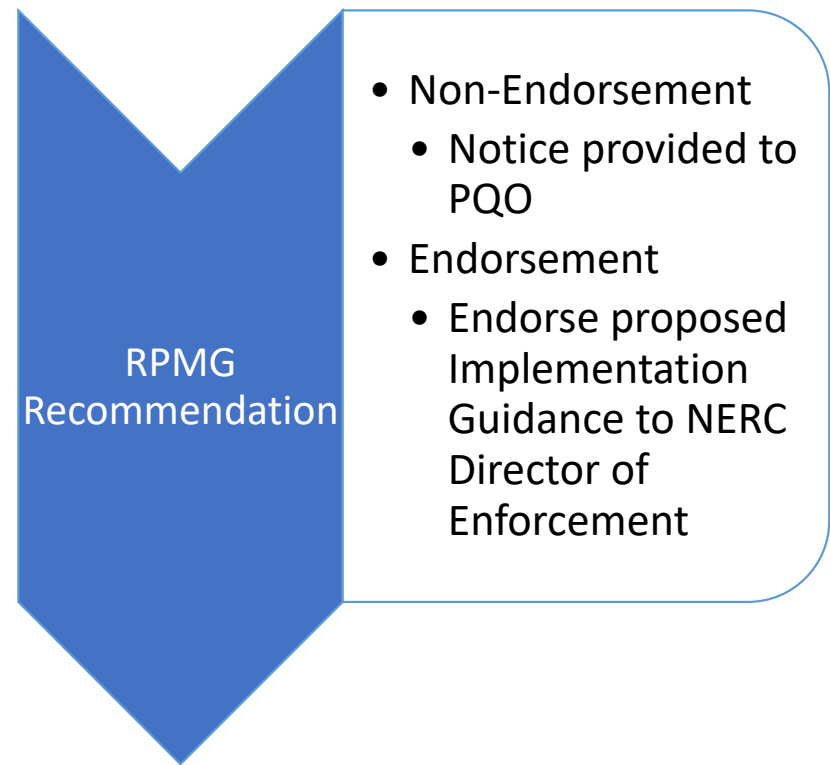
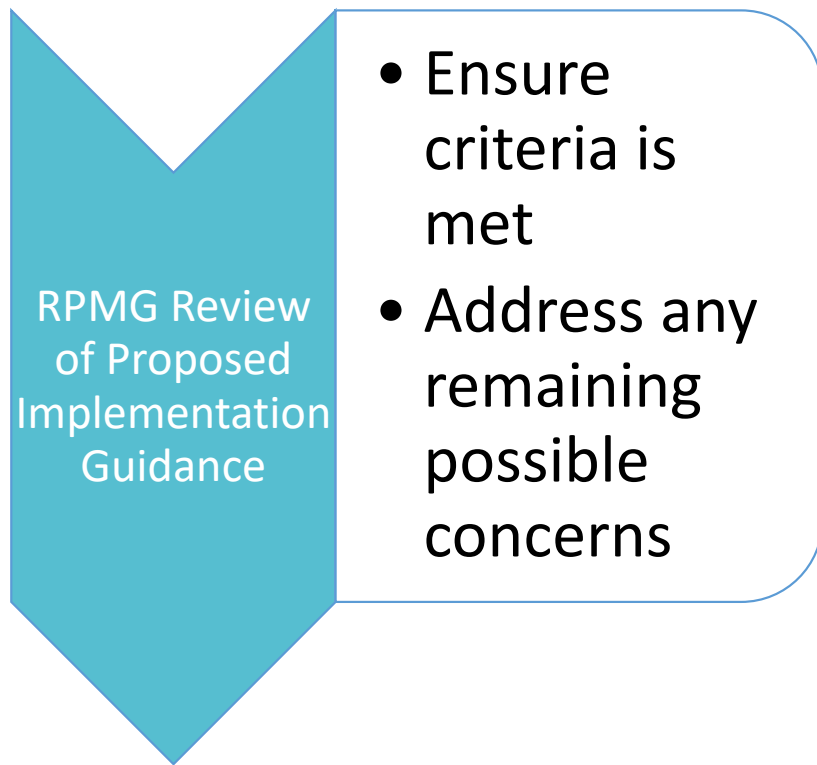
The proposed Implementation Guidance is submitted to the Compliance Guidance Coordinator and the required notifications, postings, and announcements are made.



ERO Enterprise Task Force Review



RPMG Review



NERC Director of Enforcement Review

The NERC
Director of
Enforcement
performs the
final review

- Non-Endorsement
 - Decision provided to PQO
- Endorsement
 - Notification sent to PQO
 - Implementation Guidance posted
 - Announced to industry

NSRF

- If you would like to see examples or approaches for a specific Reliability Standard developed into Implementation Guidance or if you have an idea to brainstorm with NSRF, please feel free to reach out to Matt Stout or Sarai Cortez.