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NERC Adjusts Executive Management Team Assignments

NERC President and CEO Gerry Cauley is pleased to announce new assignments within his executive management team. “These changes will align the strengths of NERC’s leadership team with the organization’s increased focus on risk-based approaches to improving bulk power system reliability performance while maintaining its strong compliance enforcement capability,” Mr. Cauley said. “These changes will also align NERC’s operations to leverage the resources provided by industry stakeholders and the eight Regional Entities in a shared electric reliability organization enterprise.”

Senior Vice President David Nevius will provide support to the president in the areas of strategy, regional and stakeholder relations, and special projects.

Vice President David Hilt is moving from director of compliance to become director of operations and engineering. His new areas of responsibility include event analysis; situational awareness; training; and publication and tracking of reliability lessons learned. “Dave’s extensive experience in bulk power system operations and reliability coordination, as well as his leadership of the August 2003 northeast blackout investigation, have prepared him to lead NERC’s expanded role in determining why significant system events occur and what can be done to prevent them in the future,” notes Mr. Cauley.

The NERC compliance program will be separated into a compliance operations division and an enforcement division. Michael Moon will serve as director of compliance operations and will be responsible for overseeing the compliance activities of the eight Regional Entities and promoting transparency, consistency, and a culture of compliance among the regions and registered entities. Joel deJesus will serve as director of enforcement, overseeing all enforcement and mitigation actions processed by NERC and the Regional Entities. Both positions will report directly to the president.

Vice President and Chief Security Officer Michael Assante will remain in his current capacity. However, his former responsibilities for situational awareness, training, and alerts will be moved to the operations and engineering division, allowing Mr. Assante to focus all of his energies and increased resources on infrastructure security; critical infrastructure protection; and high impact, low frequency risks to the bulk power system.

Mark Lauby, director of reliability assessment and performance analysis, will have expanded responsibilities for NERC’s data collection and performance analysis functions, including the transmission availability, generation availability, and demand response availability data systems (TADS, GADS, and DADS).

All changes in executive team assignments become effective February 1, 2010. Supporting staff moves to achieve this realignment will be completed in the coming weeks. The assignments of other executive team members are unaffected.

The North American Electric Reliability Corporation’s mission is to ensure the reliability of the bulk power system in North America. To achieve that, NERC develops and enforces reliability standards; assesses adequacy annually via a 10-year forecast and winter and summer forecasts; monitors the bulk power system; audits owners, operators, and users for preparedness; and educates, trains, and certifies industry personnel. NERC is a self-regulatory organization, subject to oversight by the U.S. Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and governmental authorities in Canada. Learn more at www.nerc.com.