

Acronym Reference Index SERC Compliance



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- A -

ACP – Administrative Citation Process

ACE – Area Control Error

AGC – Automatic Generation Control

APPA – American Public Power Association – Trade association for electric municipal entities.

ATC – Available Transfer Capability

ATL – Audit Team Lead – Leader of the SERC audit teams

AVR – Automatic Voltage Regulator

- B -

BA - Balancing Authority

BCC – (SERC) Board Compliance Committee

BEC – (SERC) Board Executive Committee

BES – Bulk Electric System

BOTCC – (NERC) Board of Trustees Compliance Committee

BPA - Base Penalty Amount

BPS – Bulk Power System

- C -

CA – Critical Asset

CAN (NERC) - Compliance Application Notices

CAN (SERC) – Compliance Assessment Notice – now being replaced by NPV (Notice of Possible Violation)

CCA – Critical Cyber Asset

CCQ – Compliance Culture Questionnaire

CCWG – CIP Compliance Working Group

CCVT - Coupling Capacitor Voltage Transformer/Capacitance Coupled Voltage Transformer

CD – Compliance Director

CEII – Critical Energy Infrastructure Information

CEM – Compliance Enforcement Manager

CFR - Coordinated Functional Registration (formerly Type 2 Joint Registration Organization “JRO”)

CI – Compliance Investigation (New name for Compliance Violation Investigation in CMEP)

CIMG – Compliance Information Management Group

CIP - Critical Infrastructure Protection

CIP SPOC – CIP single-point-of-contact

CIPC – (SERC or NERC) Critical Infrastructure Protection Committee

CIPUG – Critical Infrastructure Protection User Group

CITS – Compliance Issues Tracking System

CMEP – Compliance Monitoring and Enforcement Program

CMPWG – Compliance Monitoring Processes Working Group

CPA – Compliance Program Administrator

CRATS – Compliance Reporting and Tracking System (NERC version of CITS)

CRWG – Certification & Registration Working Group (old RWG – Registration Working Group)

CUG – Consortium Users Group

CVA – Cyber Vulnerability Assessment

CVI – Compliance Violation Investigation

- D -

DP – Distribution Provider

- E -

EACS – Electronic Access Control System

EC – (SERC) Engineering Committee

ECEMG – ERO Compliance & Enforcement Management Group (formally RCIG)

EMS – Energy Management System

ERAG - Eastern Interconnection Reliability Assessment Group

ERO - Electric Reliability Organization

ES-ISAC – Electricity Sector Information Sharing and Analysis Center

ESMWG – Enforcement, Sanctions and Mitigation Working Group

ESP – Electronic Security Perimeter

- F -

FERC – Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

FRCC – Florida Reliability Coordinating Council (*Regional Entity*)

FRM – Facility Ratings Methodology

- G -

GAGAS - Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards (The Yellow Book)

GAO – Government Accountability Office - audit

GO – Generator Owner

GOP – Generator Operator

- I -

IA – Interchange Authority

IBL – Insufficient Basis Letter (dismissal letter)

ICP – Internal Compliance Program

IDC – Interchange Distribution Calculator

IEEE - Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers

IROL - Interconnection Reliability Operating Limit

ISME – Industry Subject Matter Expert (SERC utilizes ISME volunteers from entities in conjunction with SERC auditors on entity audits)

ISO – Independent System Operator

- J -

JRO - Joint Registration Organization (formerly Type 1 “JRO”)

- K -

KRSSC - Key Reliability Standards Spot Check

- L -

LSE – Load Serving Entity

LTSG - (SERC) Long Term Study Group

- M -

MAA – Master Account Administrator (for SERC Portal)

MP – Mitigation Plan

MRO – Midwest Reliability Organization (*Regional Entity*)

MRRE - Multi-Regional Registered Entity

- N -

NAV – Notice of Alleged Violation

NAVAPS – Notice of Alleged Violation and Proposed Penalty or Sanction

NERC – North American Electric Reliability Corporation

NOCV – Notice of Confirmed Violation

NOP – Notice of Penalty

NPCC – Northeast Power Coordinating Council (*Regional Entity*)

NPV – Notice of Possible Violation (replaces SERC CAN – Compliance Assessment Notice)

NRECA - National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (trade association for electric cooperatives)

- O -

OC – (SERC or NERC) Operating Committee

OPS – (SERC) Operations Planning Subcommittee

- P -

PA – Planning Authority

PACS – Physical Access Control System

PC – Planning Coordinator

PC – (NERC) Planning Committee

PCS – (SERC) Protection and Control Subcommittee

PRA – Personnel Risk Assessment

PSE – Purchasing-Selling Entity

PSP – Physical Security Perimeter

PSS – (SERC) Planning Standards Subcommittee

PURPA – Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act

- Q -

QF – Qualifying Facility

QSAW – Pre-Audit Questionnaire and Reliability Standards Audit Worksheet (replaced RSAWs)

- R -

RAD - Remedial Action Directive

RAS – (NERC) Reliability Assessment Subcommittee

RAWG - (SERC) Resource Adequacy Working Group

RBAM – Risk-Based Assessment Methodology

RC - Reliability Coordinator

RCIG – Regional Compliance Implementation Group (now ECEMG)

RCIS – Reliability Coordinator Information System

REF – Registered Entity Forum (SERC entity group)

REMG – Regional Entity Management Group

RFC – ReliabilityFirst Corporation (*Regional Entity*)

RFI – Request for Information

RI – Required Information (The parts of the TFE Part A filing that are subject to a substantive review in the Part B process)

ROP – NERC Rules of Procedure

ROW – Right of Way – boundary for trees and power lines

RP – Resource Planner

RRO – Regional Reliability Organization

RSAW – Reliability Standards Audit Worksheet (replaced by QRSAW)

RSG – Reserve Sharing Group

RTO – Regional Transmission Organization

RTU – Remote Terminal Units – CIP-006-3c

RWG – Registration Working Group (Now Certification & Registration Working Group - CRWG)

- S -

SAR – Standard Authorization Request

SCADA - Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition

SERC – SERC Reliability Corporation (*Regional Entity*)

SIP – Settlement in Principle

SME – Subject Matter Expert

SOL - System Operating Limit

SPOC – Single-Point-Of-Contact

SPP – Southwest Power Pool, RE (*Regional Entity*)

SPS – Special Protection System

- T -

TDU – Transmission Dependent Utility

TFE – Technical Feasibility Exceptions

TLR – Transmission Loading Relief

TO – Transmission Owner

TOP - Transmission Operator

TRE – Texas Reliability Entity (*Regional Entity*)

TSP – Transmission Service Provider

TVMP – Transmission Vegetation Management Program

- V -

VRF – Violation Risk Factor

VRLA – Valve Regulated Lead-Acid (Battery)

VSL - Violation Severity Level

- W -

WECC – Western Electricity Coordinating Council (*Regional Entity*)