

Critical Infrastructure Protection Committee
Scope Document





Purpose

The SERC Critical Infrastructure Protection Committee (CIPC) shall promote the reliability and adequacy of the Bulk Power System (BPS) through the coordination of regional activities in the areas of physical and cyber security and participation in related activities at the national level.

Responsibilities and Activities

- Provide a forum to share experiences and provide input on BES issues related to physical and cyber security per SERC's delegated Critical Infrastructure Security function.
- Develop and maintain an annual work plan for the CIPC and its subgroup
- Promote compliance with NERC Reliability Standards.
- Participate in the measurement of performance relative to Reliability Standards.
- Perform technical functions by assigning specific tasks to subgroup.
- Assign subgroup or representatives to liaise with other SERC subgroups.
- Assign a SERC Region Physical, Cyber and Operations representative to the NERC CIPC.
- Assign subgroup or representatives to report on NERC committees and initiatives.
- Assign subgroup or representatives to report on industry activities.
- Assign subgroup or representatives to develop and maintain Regional Criteria, Guideline, Procedure and White Paper documents.
- Perform other duties at the request of the SERC Board of Directors or BEC.

Representation

Each SERC Member Company is entitled to appoint up to three representatives and one or more alternates to the CIPC. Representatives and alternates should be appointed based on expertise in one of the following three disciplines:

- Physical Security Representative - Provides physical security expertise for electricity sector facilities (including, but not limited to, generation, dams, transmission, critical facilities, buildings)
- Cyber Security Representative - Provides cyber security expertise primarily for market and reliable power system operations (including, but not limited to, SCADA, EMS, DCS,

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telecommunications infrastructure and market applications such as OASIS), but with consideration also to systems required for business continuity.

- Operations Representative - Provides operations expertise with a focus on control room system operations of an interconnected electrical network and the systems essential to reliable operations.

Each Member Company may appoint one representative per discipline (physical security, security, and operations) to the CIPC. The Member Company's representatives or alternate(s) are responsible for casting the Member Company's vote when a vote is required on matters brought before the CIPC. Each Member Company has only one vote and shall designate which representative will cast the Member Company's vote.

Representatives and alternates will abide by the SERC Confidential Information Policy and the SERC Antitrust Compliance Guidelines and the FERC Standards of Conduct in carrying out its purpose.

The leadership of the CIPC is comprised of a chair and vice chair. The chair and vice chair must be an appointed representative of a member company. The chair and vice chair shall serve a two-year term. The term of office will begin July 1 on odd-numbered years. The election of the chair and vice chair will follow the process in the *Organization and Procedure Manual for SERC Technical Committees*. The vice chair will normally be nominated to the SERC Board of Directors to succeed the chair.

All CIPC representatives should be knowledgeable to perform all of the responsibilities and activities as defined in this scope document.

Governance

The CIPC will follow the same voting process as the SERC Board. The CIPC roster in effect at the time of the meeting establishes the number of individuals present required for quorum. CIPC representatives holding two-thirds (2/3) of the individual votes shall constitute a quorum. A Simple Majority vote, as defined in the SERC Bylaws, is needed to approve any motion or vote.

Reporting

The CIPC reports to the SERC Board of Directors.

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