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A screenshot of the ReliabilityFirst Corporation LinkedIn profile. The header features a banner image of power lines against a sunset sky. The profile name is "ReliabilityFirst Corporation" with a notification bell icon. Below the name, it states "RF works to maintain the reliability, security and resilience of the electric grid in the Mid-Atlantic region" and "Utilities · Cleveland, OH · 3,970 followers · 101 employees". A section indicates "Brian & 85 other connections work here" with buttons for "Following", "Invite", and "More". Navigation tabs include "Home", "My Company", "About", "Posts", "Jobs", and "People". The "Posts" tab is active, showing a post from "ReliabilityFirst Corporation" (3,970 followers, 2d) with the text: "ReliabilityFirst staff participated in our organization's annual Day of Giving last week. Thank you to [BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF CLEVELAND](#), [Providence House](#), [Shoes and Clothes for Kids](#), [Arkansas Foodbank](#), and [City Mission](#) for having us as w...see more". The post includes two images: a group photo of staff in front of a building and a photo of staff working on a roof.

TECH TALK REMINDERS

Please keep your information up-to-date

- CORES and Generation Verification Forms

Following an event, send EOP-004 or OE-417 forms to disturbance@rfirst.org

CIP-008-6 incident reports are sent to the [E-ISAC](#) and the [DHS CISA](#)

Check our [monthly CMEP update](#) and [newsletter](#):

- [2026 ERO Periodic Data Submittal schedule](#)
- Timing of Standard effectiveness

BES Cyber System Categorization (CIP-002-5.1a)

- Assess categorization (low, medium, or high) regularly and notify us of changes

CIP Evidence Request Tool V10 was released and is on NERC's [website](#)



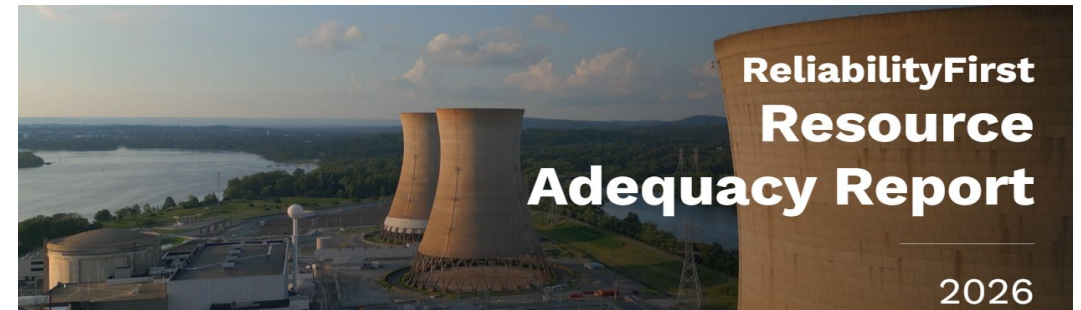
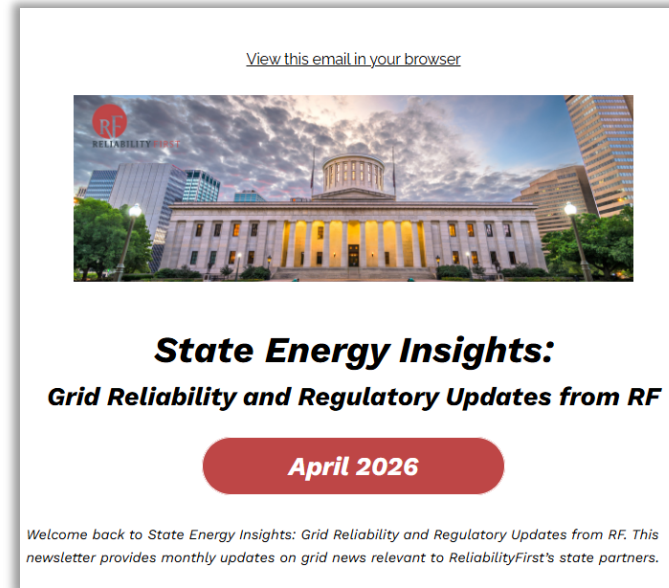
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[2025 Impact Report](#) and [video](#)

Visit our website to read RF's
2026 Resource Adequacy Report



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TECH TALK ANNOUNCEMENT

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NERC Releases

2026 Summer Reliability Assessment [Full Announcement](#) | [Full Report](#) | [Snapshot](#)

As electricity demand continues to rise and the resource mix changes, the North American grid is being called on to adapt in real time. NERC's 2026 Summer Reliability Assessment finds that record resource additions have strengthened readiness for the summer season, even as elevated risks remain in some areas. Despite the improved outlook, the assessment identifies ongoing challenges that could strain the grid this summer. Accelerated demand, rapid growth of large loads, periods of low wind output, and the overlap of early summer heat with maintenance outages may challenge reliability.

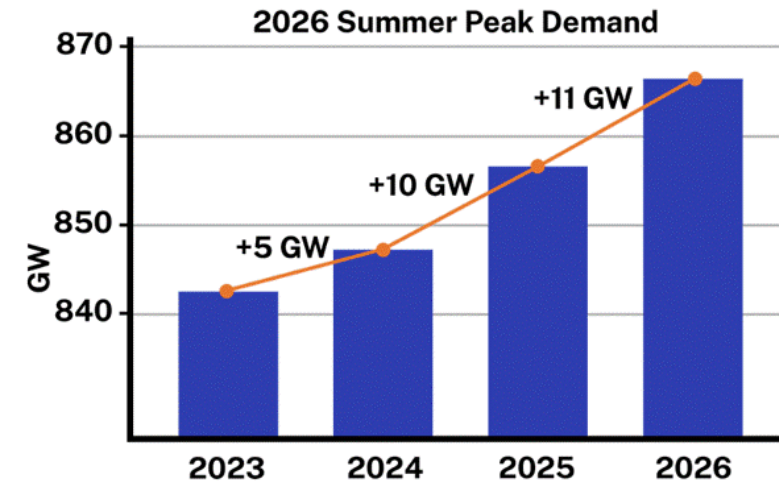
NERC's recommendations, described fully in the report, outline actions to help reduce reliability risks, including reviewing operating plans and outage coordination procedures, preparing for extreme weather and potential generator outages and ensuring sufficient resource availability. The recommendations also emphasize planning for region-specific challenges, including low wind conditions, reduced hydro availability and output, and large computational load disconnects, while encouraging continued coordination across industry, regulators, and policymakers.



2026 Summer Reliability Assessment Snapshot



Electricity Demand Continues to Rise: Load growth has increased by 11 GW since 2025. This builds on the 10 GW growth in 2025, which doubled the increase from 2023–2024.



TECH TALK ANNOUNCEMENT

Wednesday, August 5

VIRTUAL PROTECTION WORKSHOP

Topics include:

advanced
line differential
schemes

impacts of
inverter-based
resources

recent international blackout events

transformer
protection
challenges

high-speed system
monitoring techniques



Thursday, August 6

VIRTUAL PLANNING WORKSHOP

Offers practical insights into planning methodologies, analytical approaches, and effective use of industry tools.

Attendees will gain valuable tips, techniques, and real-world perspectives to enhance their ability to perform a variety of transmission planning analyses

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ELECTRIC GRID BOOTCAMP



or virtually via WebEx

August 18th, 2026

NERC & RF 101

Compliance &
Enforcement of
NERC Standards

Monitoring the System &
Events: OPS-X
Demonstration

Engineering Assessments,
Modeling, Data Analysis,
& Energy Assessments

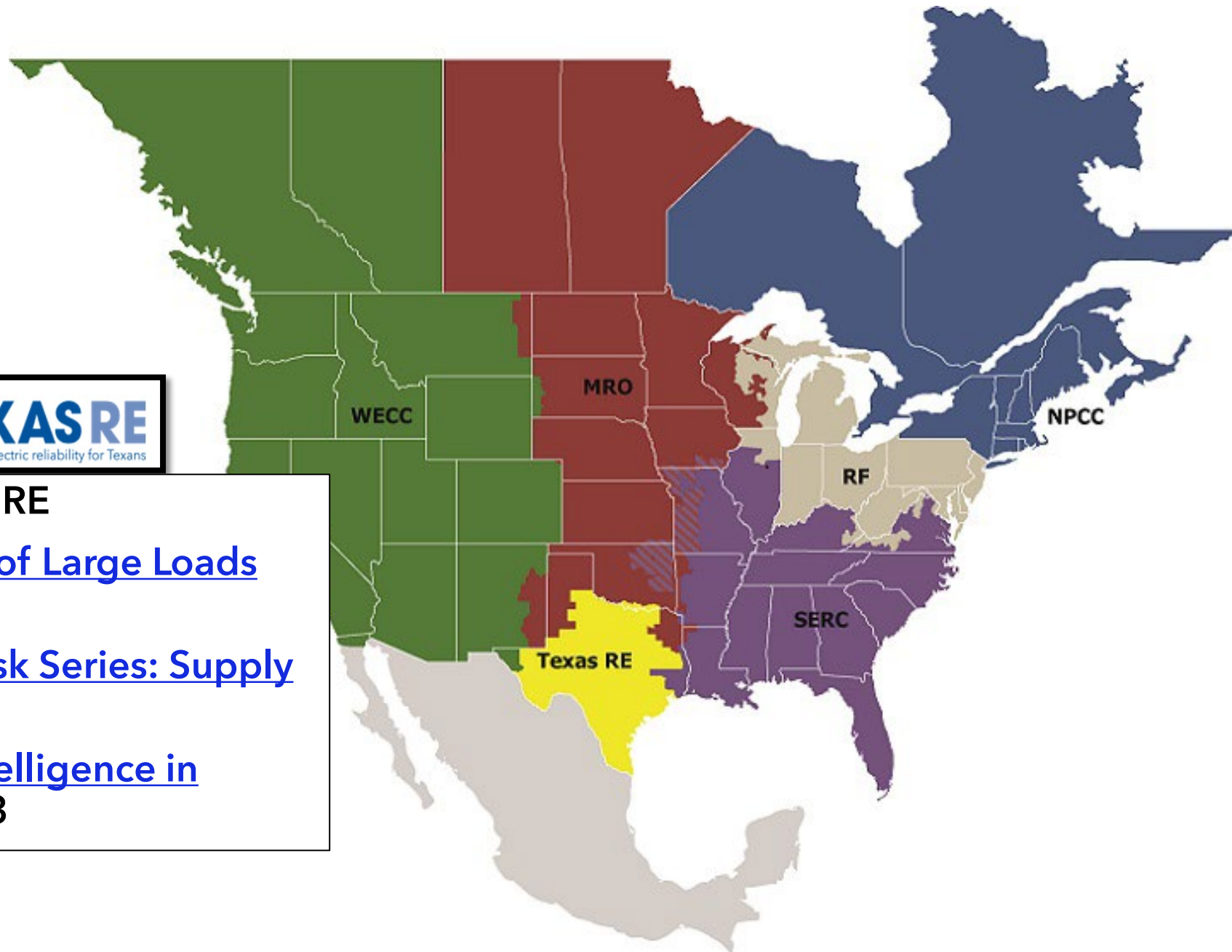
RTO Overview

EPA Generate:
The Game of
Energy Choices



Talk with Texas RE

- [Integration of Large Loads](#) 6/23
- [Regional Risk Series: Supply Chain](#) 6/30
- [Artificial Intelligence in Energy](#) 7/13

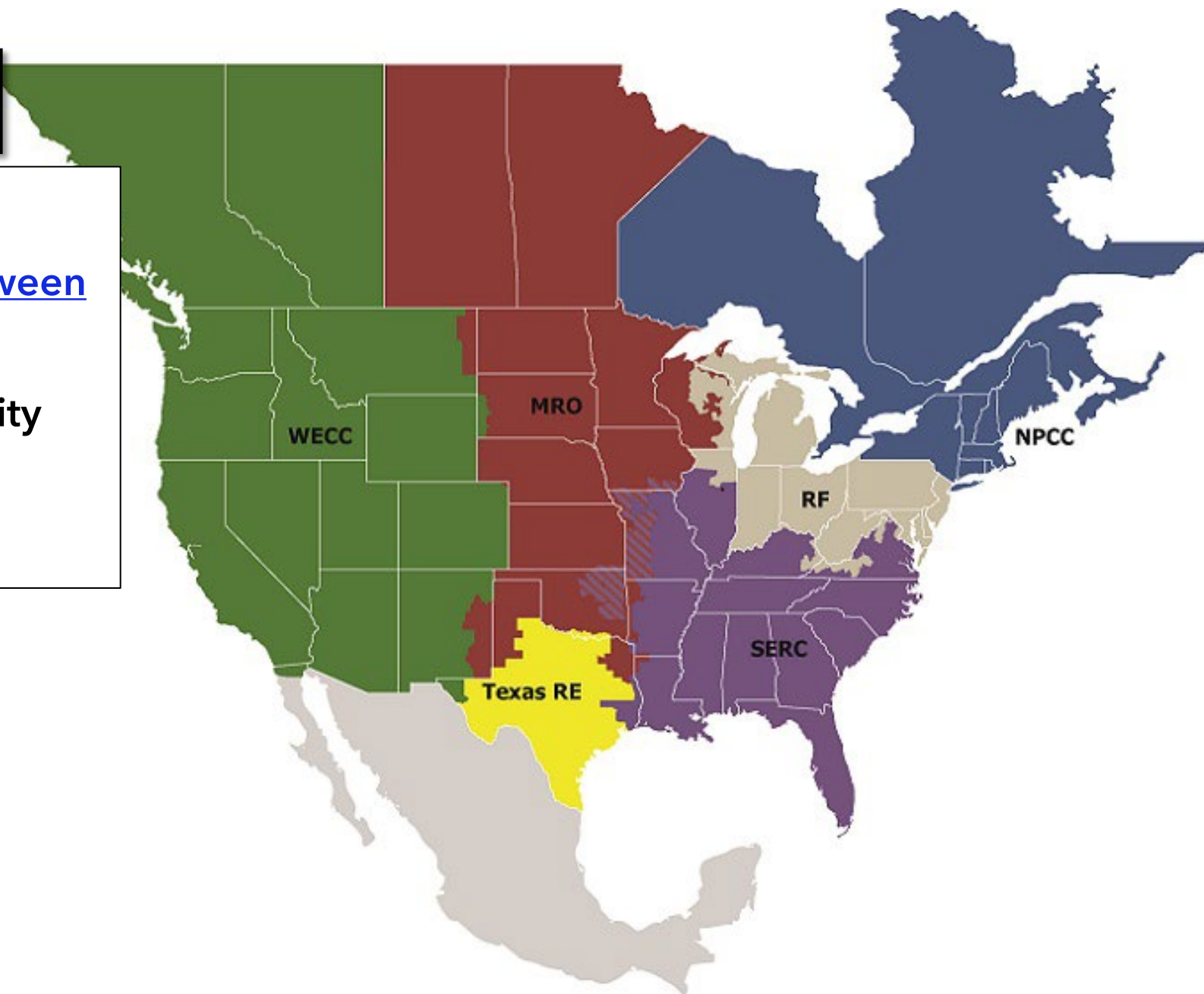




Report: [Wyoming Disturbance: A Collaboration between WECC and NERC](#)

Reliability & Security Oversight Update

- [July 16](#)



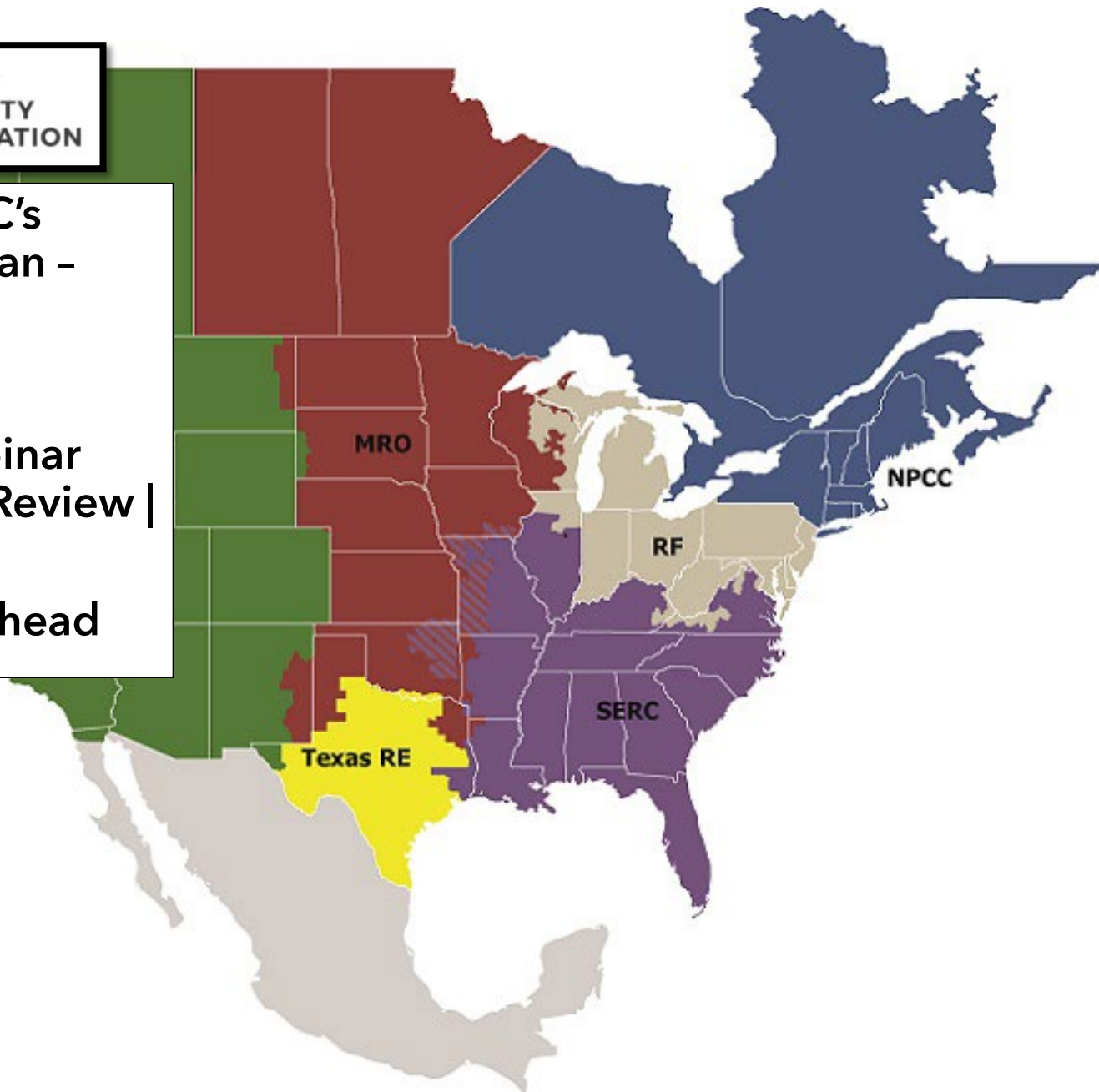


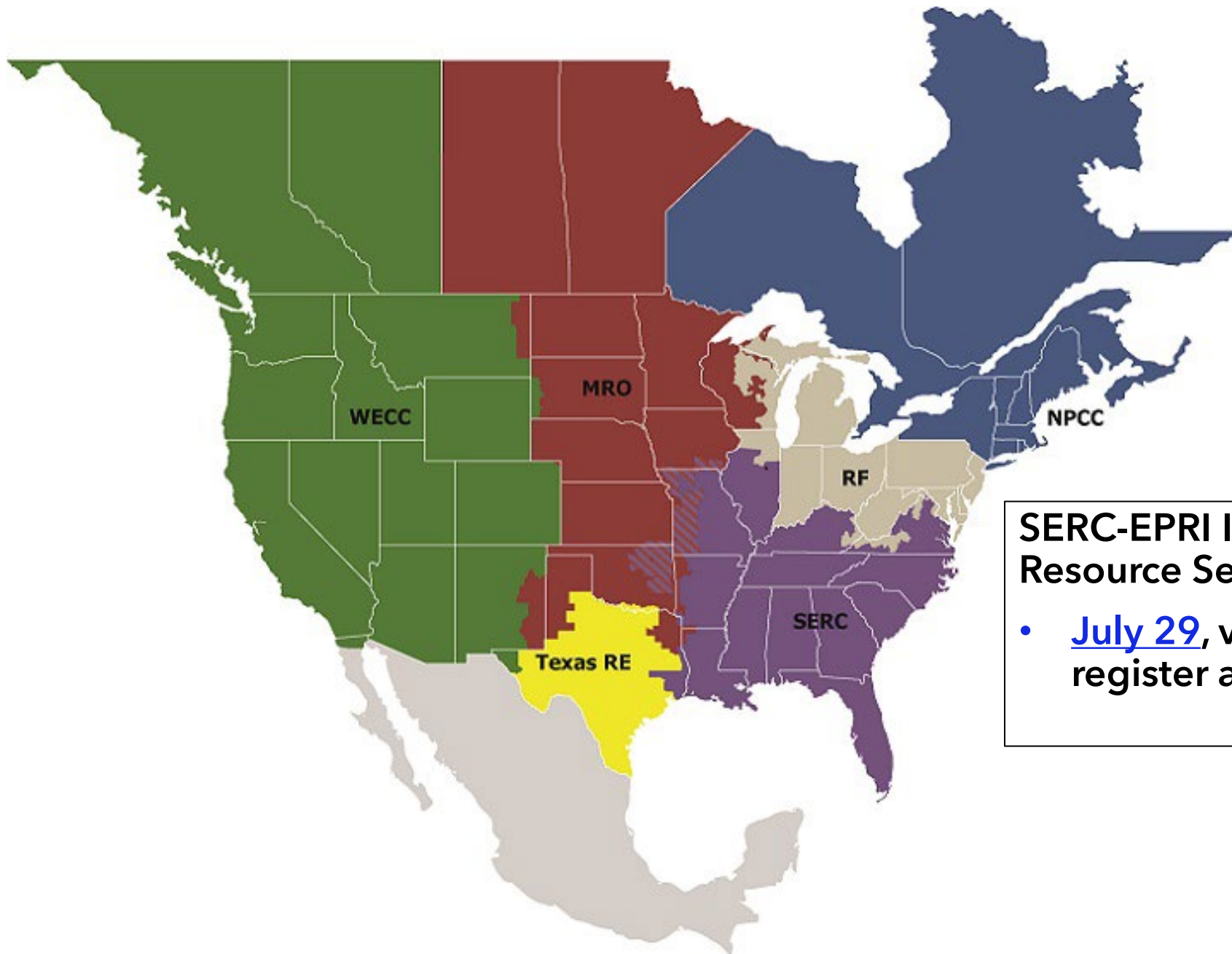
Understanding NERC's Large Load Action Plan - Simulcast

- [June 29](#), webinar

MRO Case Files Webinar Series: MOD-026-2 Review | Physical Insecurity

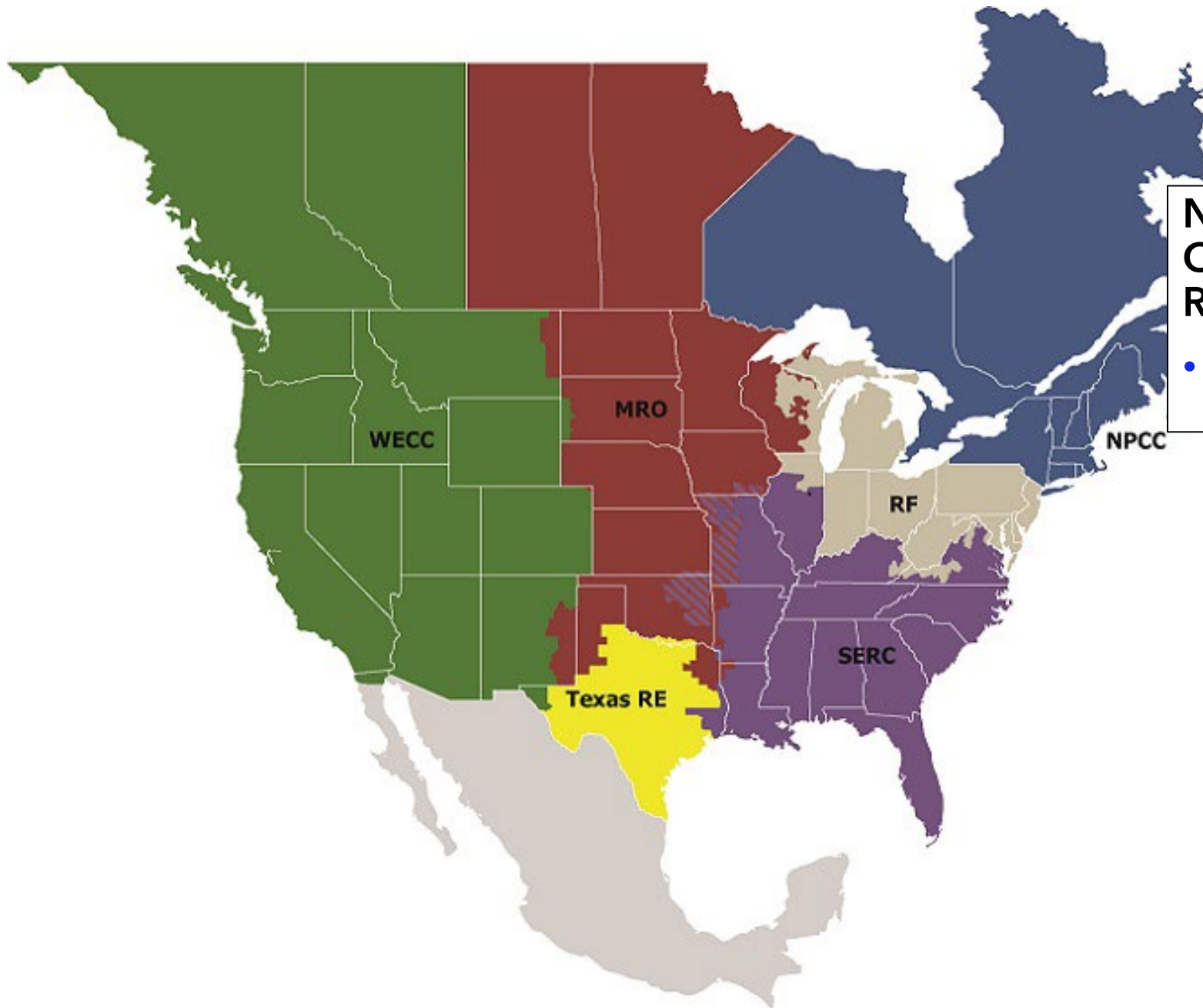
- [July 20](#), register ahead





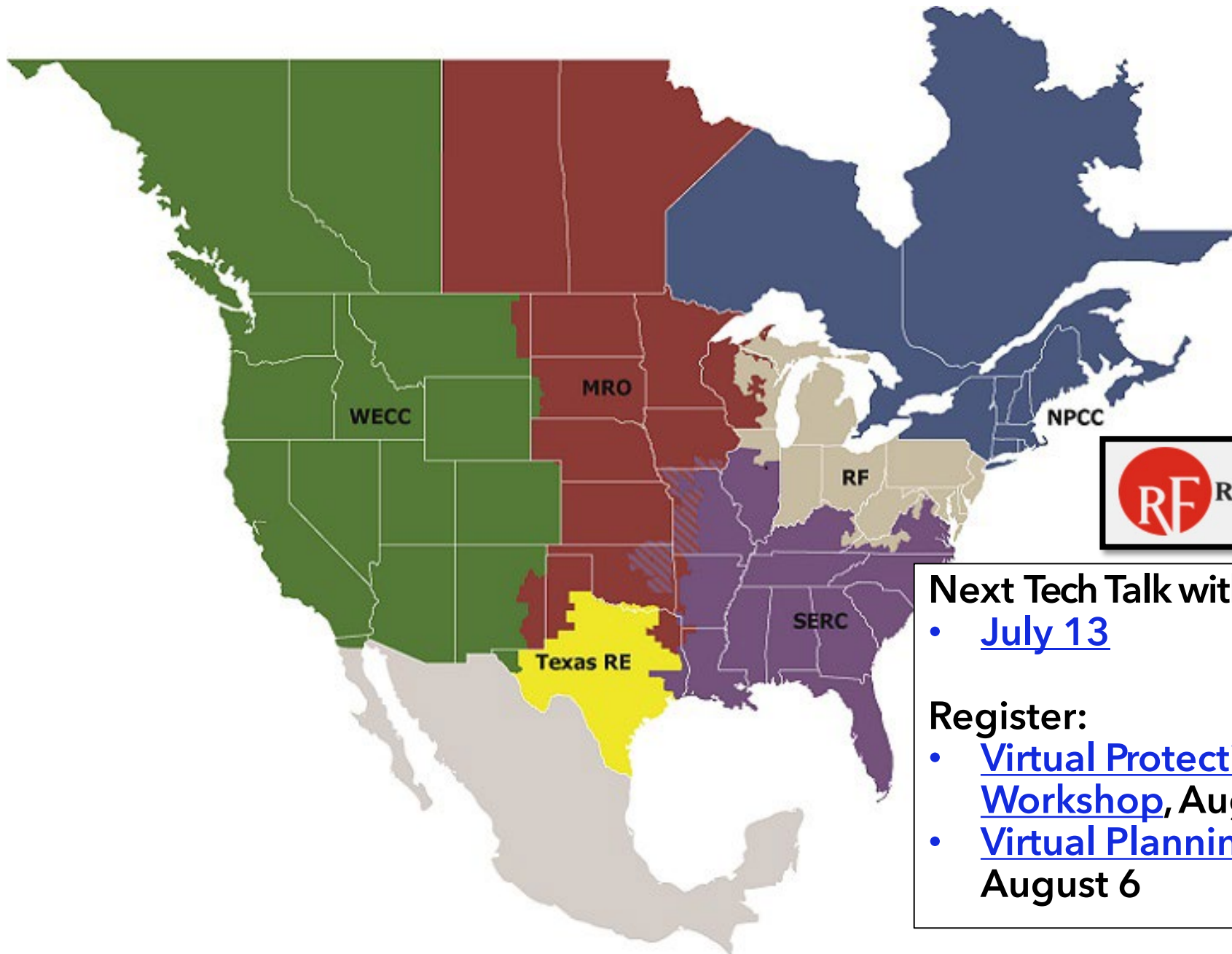
SERC-EPRI Inverter-Based Resource Seminar #3

- [July 29](#), virtual; register ahead



**NPCC 2026 Fall
Compliance and
Reliability Conference**

- [November 4-5,](#)
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Next Tech Talk with RF

- [July 13](#)

Register:

- [Virtual Protection System Workshop, August 5](#)
- [Virtual Planning Workshop, August 6](#)

TECH TALK REMINDER

Technical Talk with RF announcements are posted on our calendar on www.rfirst.org under Calendar

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June 2026

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June 22, 2026 @ 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Technical Talk with RF

Virtual (Webex)

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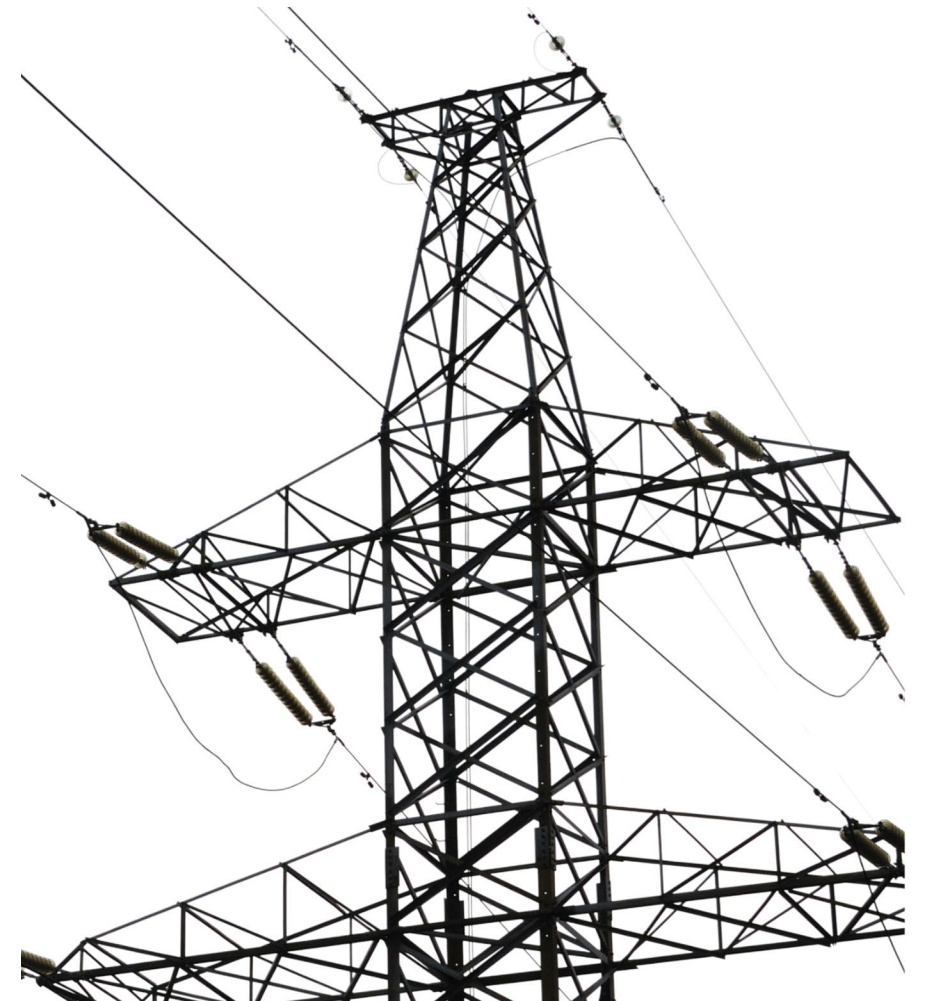
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AGENDA

RISK MITIGATION FOR EMERGING LARGE LOADS

- **EVAN MICKELSON**, POWER SYSTEM ENGINEER, NERC
- **PARIMAL SARAF**, PRINCIPAL ENGINEER, ENGINEERING & SYSTEM PERFORMANCE, RELIABILITYFIRST

VOLUNTARY PHYSICAL SECURITY PROTECTION BEST PRACTICES AT ENTITY FACILITIES

- **TONY FREEMAN**, PRINCIPAL ANALYST, RISK ANALYSIS & MITIGATION, RELIABILITYFIRST



ReliabilityFirst Tech Talk

Risk Mitigation for Emerging Large Loads

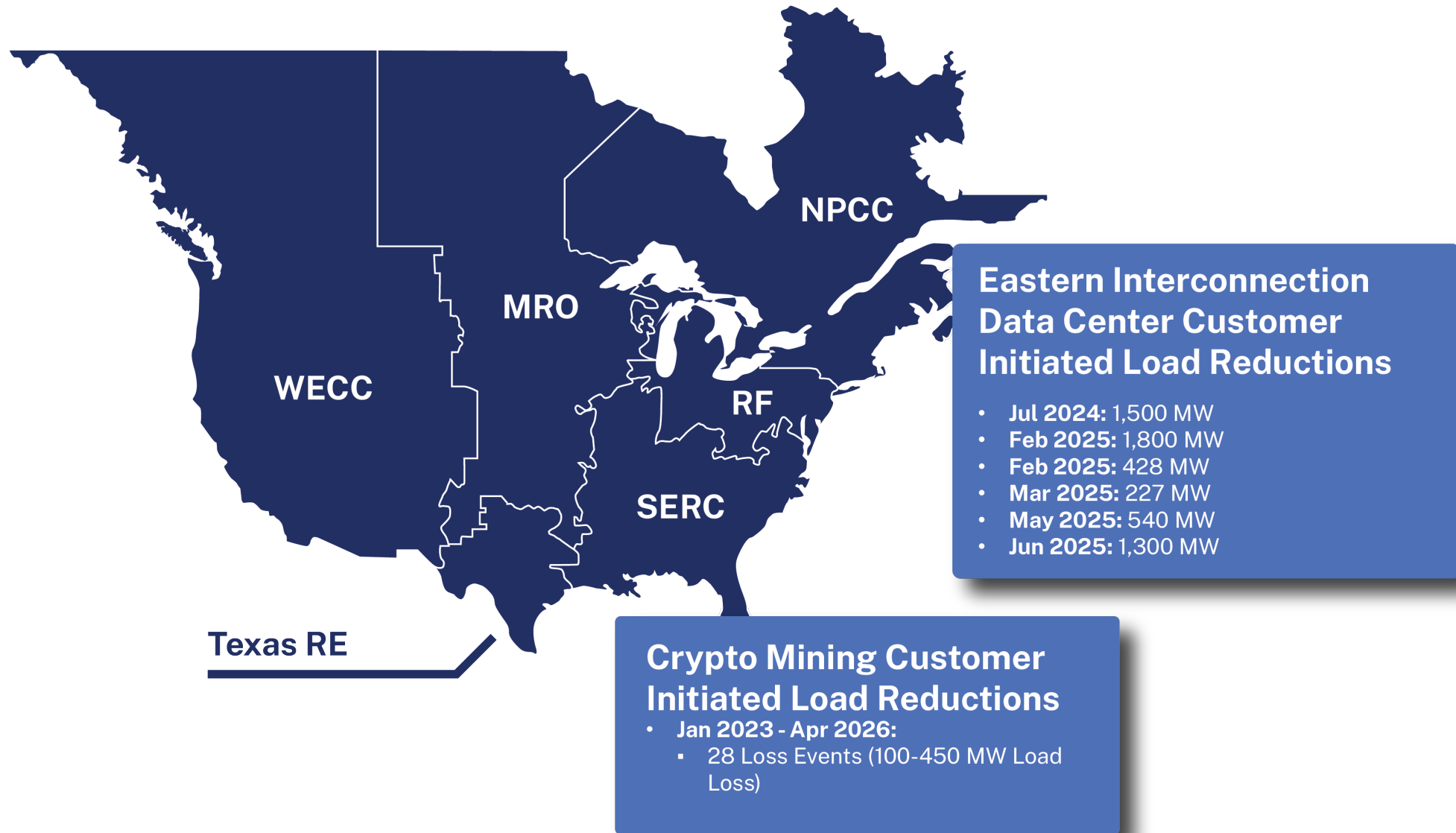
Parimal Saraf, Reliability First
Evan Mickelson, NERC

June 22, 2026

Agenda

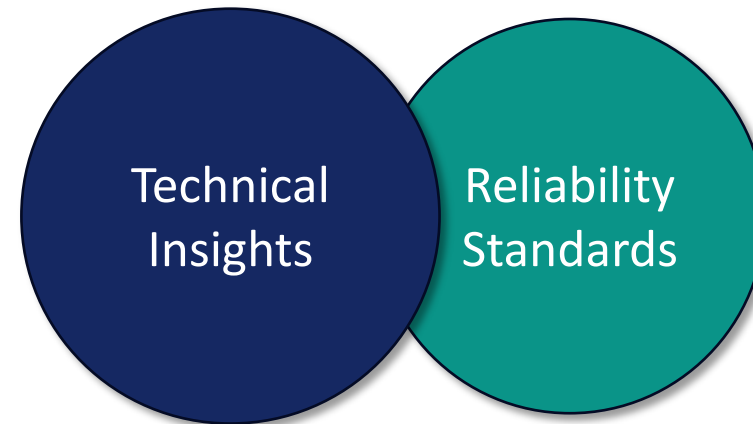
- NERC's Large Load Action Plan
 - NERC Large Loads Working Group
 - NERC Alerts
 - Registration and Standards for Computational Loads
 - Reliability Guideline: Risk Mitigation for Emerging Large Loads
- Preliminary Risk Mitigation
 - High-speed Recording
 - Disturbance Performance
 - Dynamic Models (PERC1)
 - Interconnection Requirements

Recent Incidents: Voltage Sensitive Customer Initiated Load Reductions



NERC Action Plan to Integrate Computational Loads

- Updating registry criteria
- Developing Reliability Standards
- Technical resources, including:
 - White papers
 - Reliability guideline
 - NERC Alerts
 - Incident reviews
 - Collaborative workshops and roundtables



Large Loads Working Group

Publications and Future Work Products


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Characteristics and Risks of Emerging Large Loads

Large Loads Task Force White Paper

July 2025

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White Paper

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Assessment of Gaps in Existing Practices, Requirements, and Reliability Standards for Emerging Large Loads

NERC Large Loads Working Group White Paper

March 2026

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White Paper

Technical Reference Document: Data Center Load Modeling

SAR Planning

White Paper: Large Load Disturbance Performance

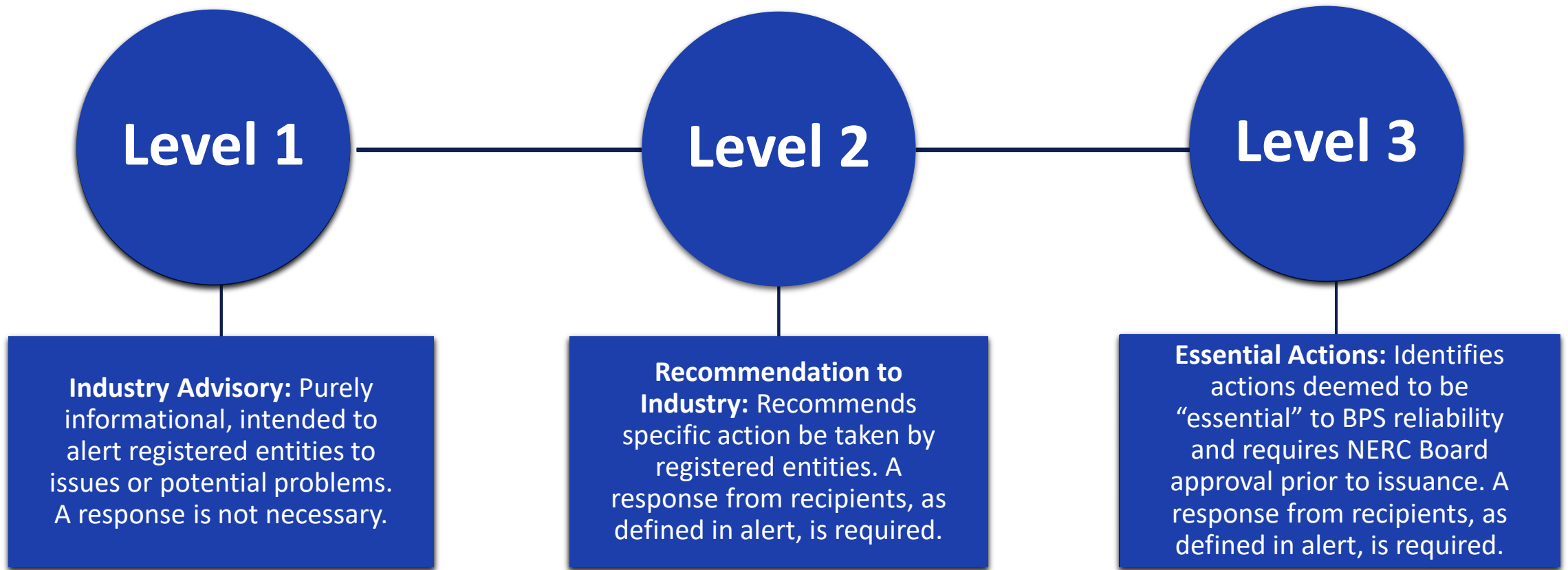
White Paper: EMT Modeling and Simulation Considerations for Large Loads

Coming Q3/Q4 2026!



Large Loads Working Group

NERC Alerts



Alerts: Level 2 and Level 3

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Industry Recommendation

Large Load Interconnection, Study, Commissioning, and Operations

Initial Distribution: September 9, 2025

The purpose of this alert is to address the risks observed from the analyzed large load behavior and to assess the status of industry preparedness in relation to large loads.

NERC, Regional Entities, and NERC registered entities have analyzed a series of disturbances that occurred on the bulk power system (BPS) resulting in widespread and unexpected customer-initiated load reduction of large loads. These disturbances involved multiple events during which 1,000+ MW of unexpected Large Loads output reduction occurred, with most events occurring in 2024 or 2025. The increase of Large Loads-related events coincides with an increase in Large Load penetration across the BPS.

To better understand the reliability impact(s) of emerging large loads on the BPS, NERC established the Large Loads Task Force (LLTF) in August 2024. In July 2025, NERC published a white paper titled *Characteristics and Risks of Emerging Large Loads*¹ that highlights characteristics of Large Loads such as rapid fluctuations in demand and cyclical ramping. That paper includes the following high-priority categories of risks: Long-Term Planning, Operations/Balancing, and Stability.

For this Alert, the term "Large Load" is consistent with the definition in the LLTF white paper referenced above:

Large Load - "Any commercial or industrial individual load facility or aggregation of load facilities at a single site behind one or more point(s) of interconnection that can pose reliability risks to the BPS due to its demand, operational characteristics, or other factors. Examples include, but are not limited to, data centers, cryptocurrency mining facilities, hydrogen electrolyzers, manufacturing facilities, and arc furnaces."

Rapid, major swings in load, experienced both in typical operations as well as in response to grid disturbances, can impact the BPS's ability to maintain frequency, regulate transmission voltage, and otherwise maintain stability. The comparatively large size, unique end-use operational characteristics, unique facility design, and unique operational performance of Large Loads necessitate enhancements to interconnection processes, BPS planning studies and models, validation of installed facility equipment, and operational communication with these customers. Accurate,

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Essential Action to Industry

Computational Load Modeling, Studies, Instrumentation, Commissioning, Operations, Protection, and Control

Initial Distribution: May 4, 2026

The purpose of this Level 3 NERC Alert is to ensure Essential Actions are taken by registered entities to address the risks posed by existing and new computational loads¹ interacting with the bulk power system (BPS), inclusive of computational load interconnecting with collocated generation.²

NERC issued a previous Level 2 Alert Industry Recommendation: *Large Load Interconnection, Study, Commissioning, and Operations*³ that discussed the recommended practices that NERC deemed necessary to address the emerging risks from large loads. In the responses provided to the Alert, NERC found that entities generally did not have sufficient processes, procedures, or methods to address risks associated with computational loads. This contrasts with the robust historical experience with traditional non-power electronic non-computational load. As seen in the public report, NERC found specific deficiencies with the treatment of computational loads. Examples of this load include artificial intelligence training, cryptocurrency mining, and traditional data center uses.

As stated in the public report, NERC determined a set of immediate actions that registered entities should take to reduce the risk to the BPS that warrant issuance of this Level 3 alert. These actions relate to the modeling, study, installed fault recording or instrumentation, commissioning, operation, protection, and control of computational load.

NERC issues this Level 3 Alert for entities to implement specific changes⁴ to handle critical risks. Additional actions are discussed as part of NERC's Large Loads Action Plan and include the draft registry criteria⁵ and Standard Authorization Request (SAR) for computational load⁶ posted on NERC's website on April 1, 2026. Responses will also help



Level 2 Alert



Level 3 Alert

Response deadline for registered entities:
August 3, 2026

Modeling

- Model IT load separate from motor load
- Collect specific data for modeling
- Process for detailed modeling

Studies

- Identify vulnerabilities and develop mitigations
- Evaluate limits for credible Contingencies

Fault recording instrumentation

- Install and utilize recording devices
- Capture facility performance for System Disturbances
- Utility access to devices

Commissioning

- Checklist of key data
- Communicate to neighbors and affected Systems
- Evaluation of “as-built” for model validation/verification

Operations

- Establish Interpersonal Communication Capabilities
- Issue instructions to entities to prevent BES Emergencies

Protection and Control

- Coordinate local transmission and load protection
- Do not reduce for typically cleared faults (non-consequentially)

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- A. We have implemented multiple recommendations
 - B. We have implemented at least one recommendation
 - C. We are working on implementing the recommendations
 - D. No plans to implement any of the recommendations
 - E. Unsure or not applicable



Is your company implementing recommendations from the alerts?

Registration and Standards

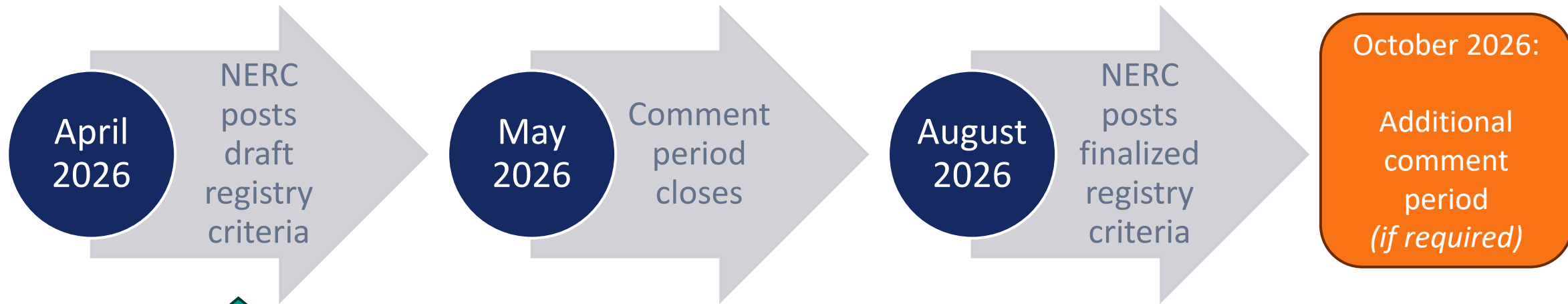
Updates and Timeline

-
- A. I'm fully aware and follow both
 - B. I'm familiar with at least one of those
 - C. I'm not sure what is happening with either



How familiar are you with NERC's registration and standards efforts related to computational loads?

Registration Criteria for Large Loads

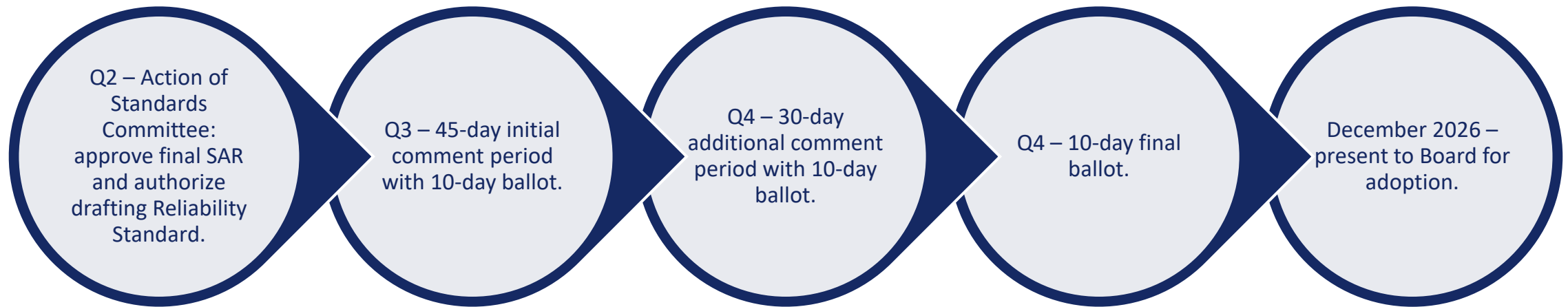


≥20 MW aggregated computational load
≥60 kV point of interconnection



Draft Registry Criteria

- Project 2026-02 Computational Loads – Timeline 2026



- Key next steps:
 - Drafting team training and scheduling of meetings.
 - Short-Term Advisory Group formation and scheduling of meetings.

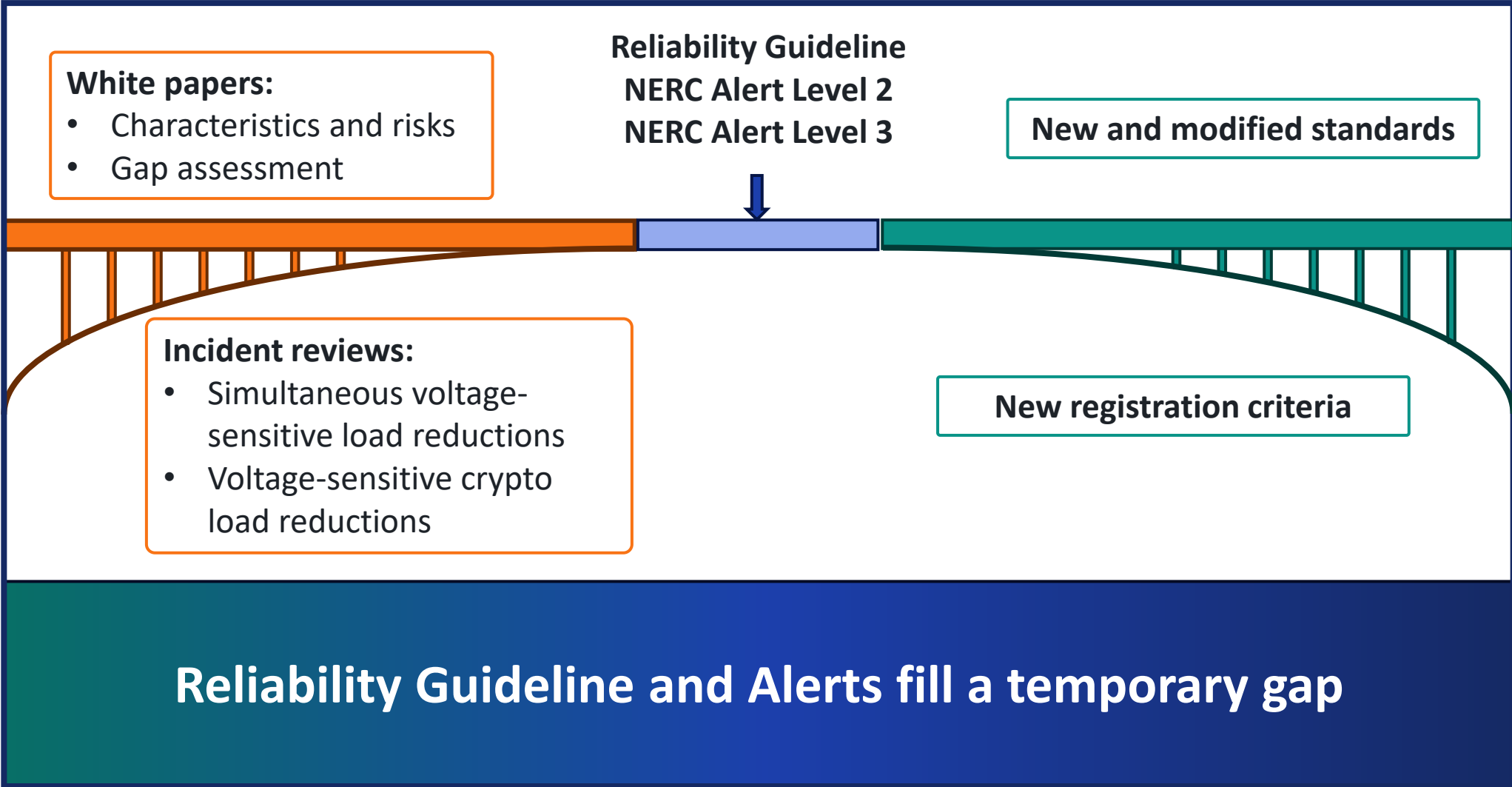
Reliability Guideline

Risk Mitigation for Emerging Large Loads



Final Reliability Guideline

Building the Bridge



Category	Recommendation	LLE	DP	TO	TP	PC	TOP	BA	RC
Data Collection and Modeling	Provide steady-state, dynamic, and other data	P	L	L	SR	SR			
	Install high-speed FR, DDR, and SER	L	C	C					
	Provide high-speed recording data for post-event analysis	P	C	C	C	C	SR	SR	SR
	Provide updates to modeling data (as-built)	P	L	L	SR	SR			
	Provide real-time electrical measurements	P		P			SR	SR	SR
	Provide near-term demand forecasts	P		C				SR	SR
	Perform model quality assessment, model verification, model validation	L			SR	SR			
Interconnection	Collect data and share with relevant entities	C	L	L	SR	SR	SR	SR	SR
	Study reliability impacts of new large load	C	C	C	L	L	M	M	M
	Periodic near-term studies for collective impact of new large loads	C	C	C	L	L	M	M	M
	Comprehensive commissioning process for large loads	C	C	C	C	C	SR	SR	SR
	Develop EMT screening criteria where needed	M	C	C	SR	SR			M
Long-Term Planning	Study reliability impacts of new large load	C	C	C	L	L	M	M	M
	Resource adequacy analysis considering unique risks of large loads	C	C	C					

C = Coordinate

L = Lead

M = Monitor

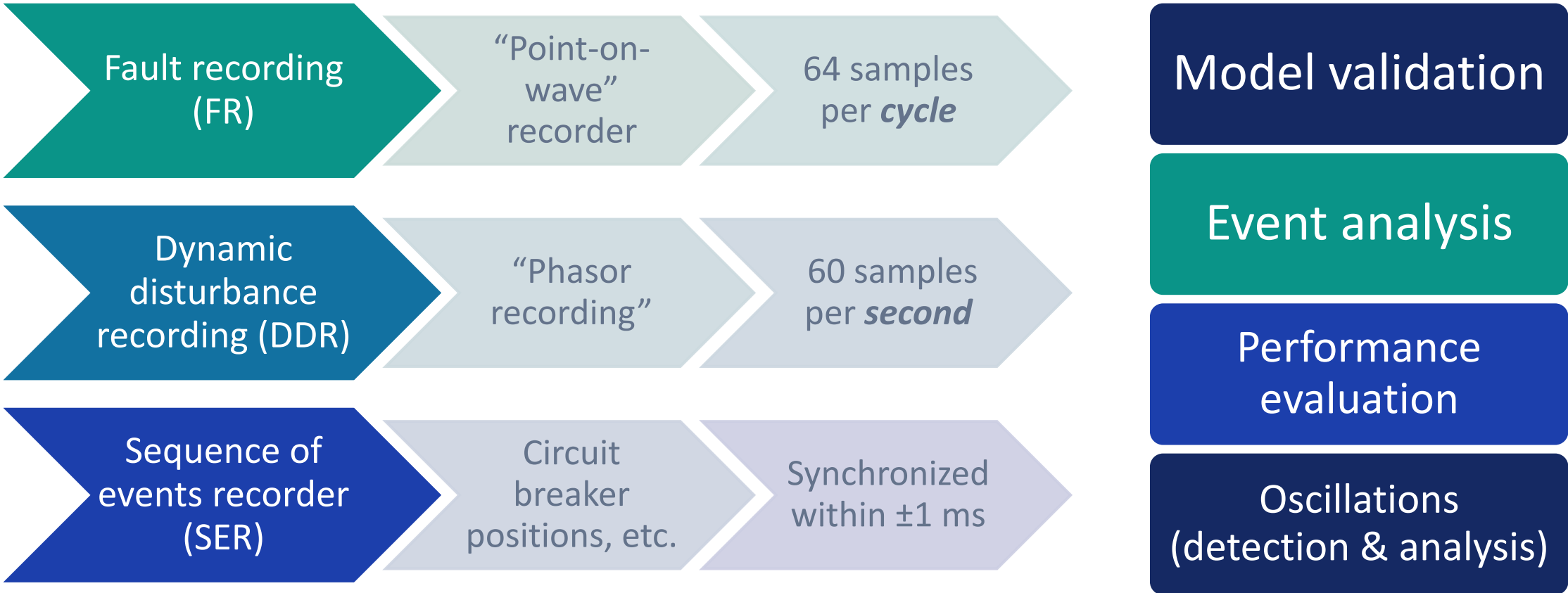
P = Provide

SR = Specify Requirements

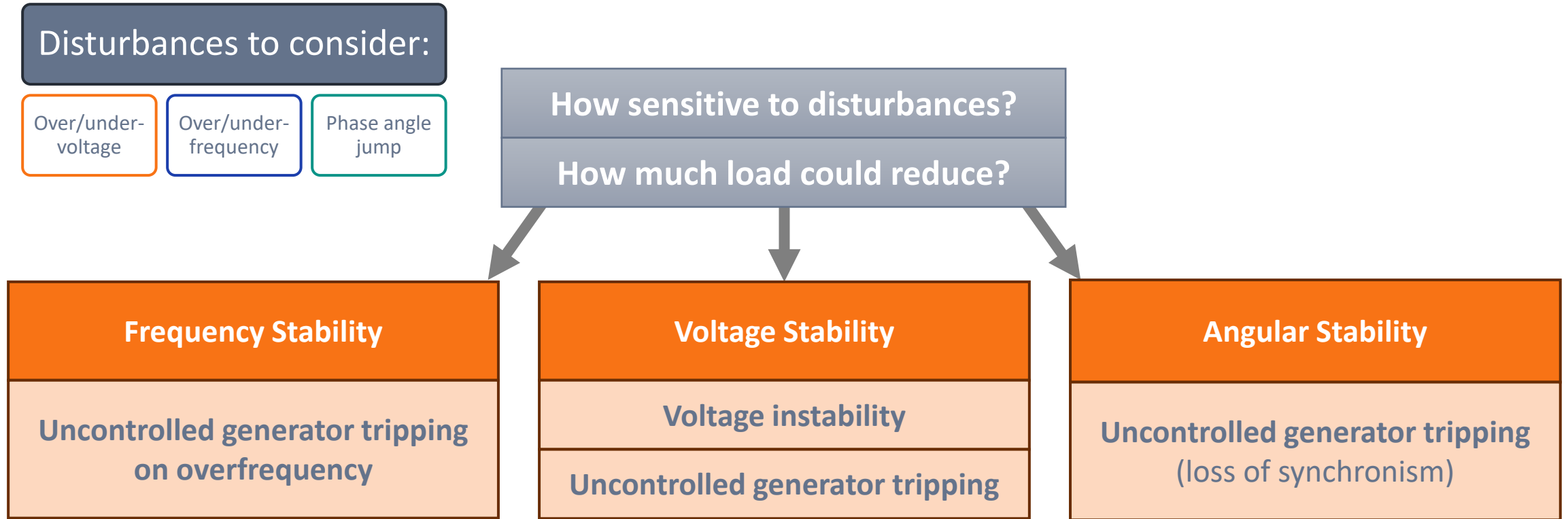
Preliminary Risk Mitigation

- High-speed Recording
- Disturbance Performance
- Dynamic Models (PERC1)
- Interconnection Requirements

Mitigation: High-Speed Monitoring

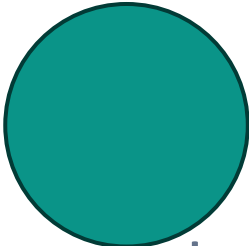


Risk: Customer-Initiated Load Reduction Events



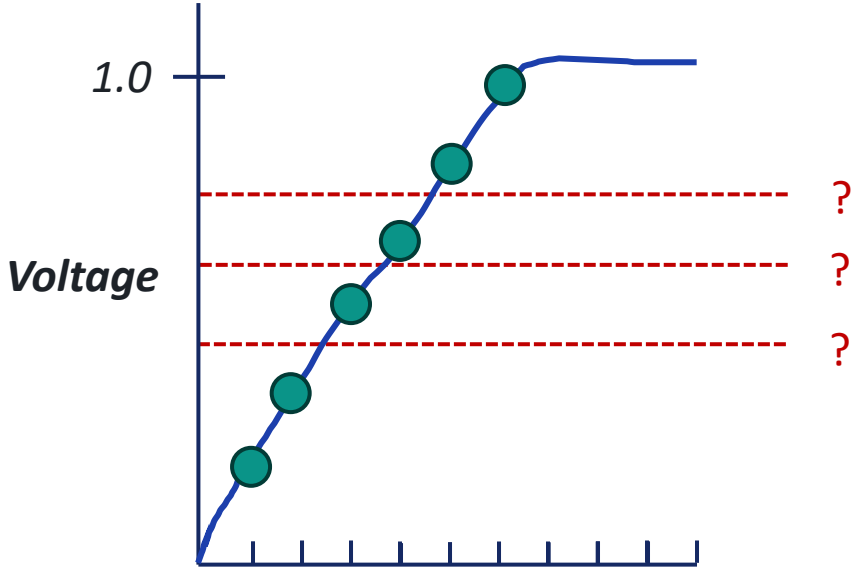
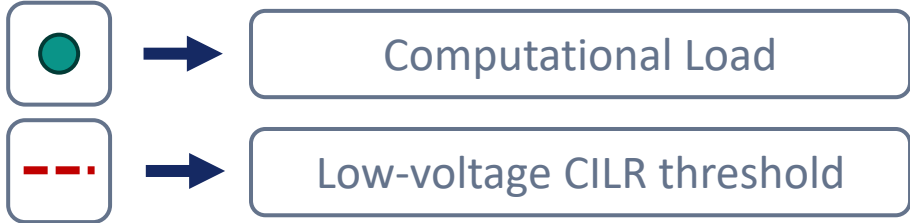
 **Potential risk to stability** 

Mitigation: Customer-Initiated Load Reduction

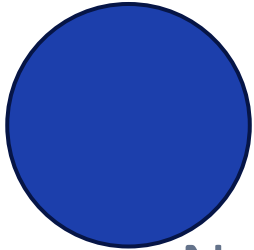


Need **models** that demonstrate real protection and controls that lead to customer-initiated load reduction events

NERC Load Modeling Working Group recommends:
Power Electronic Reconnecting and Ceasing Model (PERC1)



Mitigation: Customer-Initiated Load Reduction

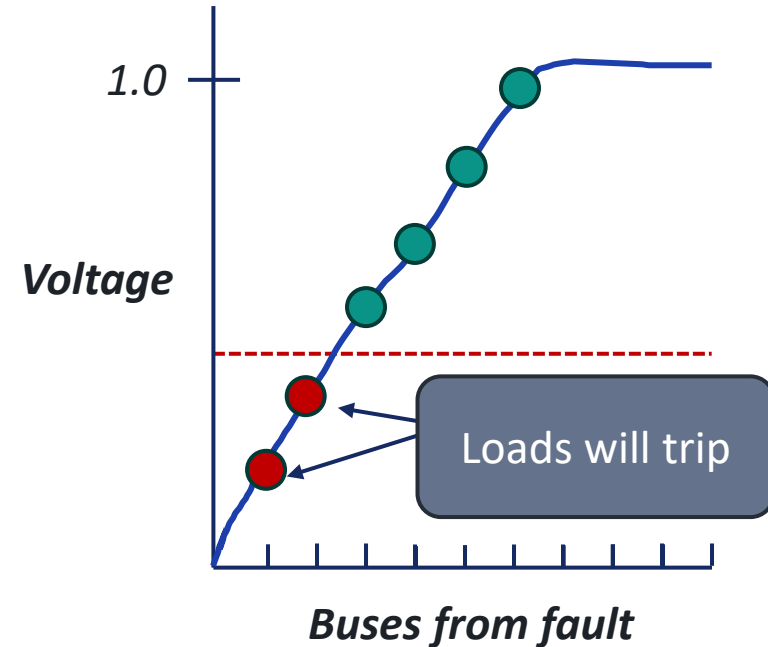
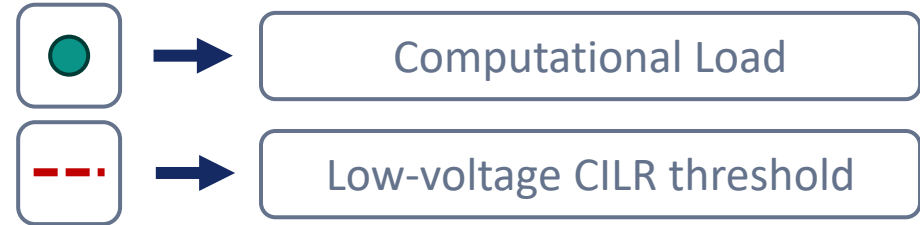


Need to establish limits for allowable customer-initiated load reduction events

Allowable CILR depends on studies...

System
(inertia, reserves, etc.)

Area
(voltage stability, etc.)



Power Electronics Reconnecting and Ceasing

“PERC1” Dynamic Load Model

CMLD VS PERC1

CMLD: Composite load model

PERC1: Power Electronic Reconnecting and Cease model

CMLD electronic component

Immediate voltage-based dropout/restoration

No explicit timers
No reconnection ramp
No current limits
No washout transient path

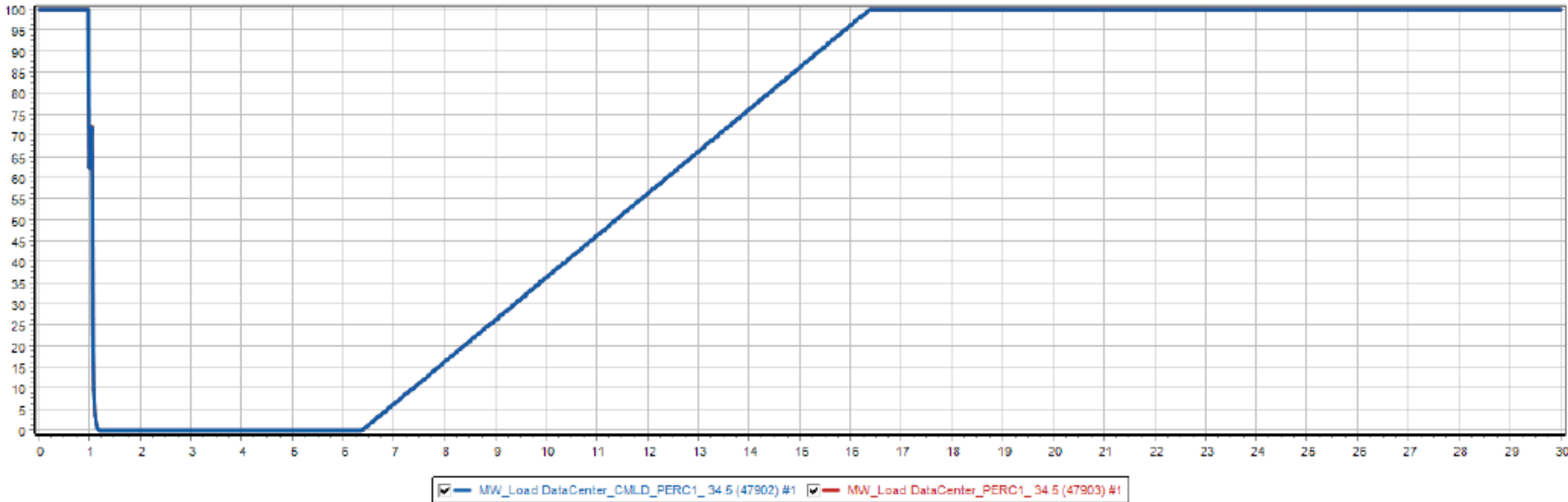
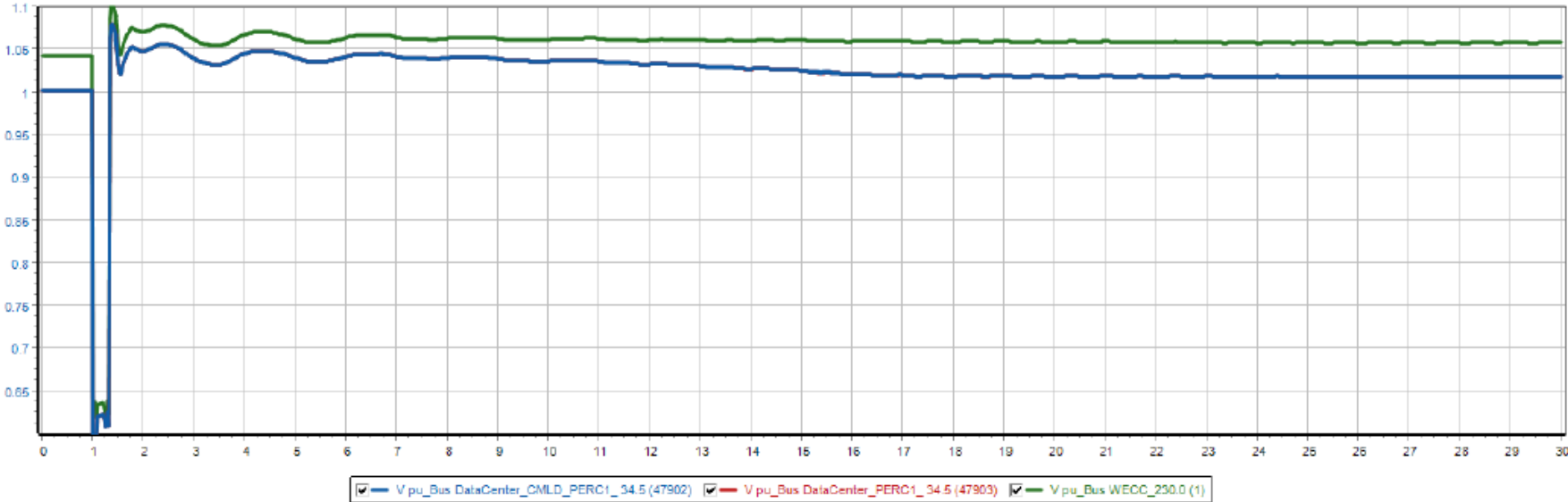
Consequence in data-center-heavy areas

Strict constant-power boundary can give misleading results during power swings

Simple undervoltage logic can miss sustained vs momentary sag behavior

Cannot represent reconnection to the grid only when voltage greater than a certain threshold value for N seconds

PERC1 Model Capabilities



Different UPS Modes Of Operation

UPS: Uninterruptible Power Supply

Double-conversion

Grid sees rectifier. IT load is buffered.
nP near constant-power; current limits and Vcease matter.

Eco-mode

Narrow input band. Very fast transfer to normal/battery possible.
May need higher Vcease and shorter Tcease/Tdelay.

Bypass

Load exposed closer to SMPS/ITIC behavior.
May require Information Technology Information Council (ITIC) -like thresholds or alternate electronic load.

Battery / backup

Grid may see partial or zero load.
Represent through Fcease, Trecon, Tramp, Frecon.

Practical implication: do not apply one generic data-center PERC1 record without understanding pre-disturbance operating mode.

Representative UPS Values Show Wide Variation

OEM	Vcease	Tcease	Vrecon	Trecon	Tramp
Toshiba G9000	0.8	1.5 s	0.9	3 s	10 pu/s
Equinix	0.9	0.1 s	0.95	10 s	~0.06 pu/s

Observation 1: One generic parameter set is risky.

Observation 2: Some values are observed hardware responses, not direct settings.

Modeling Cooling Load

Example 250 MW facility split

Load Component	MW	Load Model
UPS-backed IT	190	PERC1
VFD/ECM cooling	35	PERC1 or electronic equivalent
Fixed-speed chiller/motor	10	CMLD motor
Misc/static/losses	15	ZIP or CMLD static

Modeling rule

- Variable Frequency Drive (VFD)/Electronic Commutated Motor (ECM) cooling can be represented with PERC1 when treating it as converter-interfaced load.
- Fixed-speed induction-motor cooling should generally be represented with CMLD motor components.

LARGE LOAD INTERCONNECTION REQUIREMENTS IN DIFFERENT REGIONS

COMPARISON of Interconnection Requirements NERC

Category	ERCOT	AEP (PJM)	Dominion Energy	ATC (MISO)
Large Load Definition	≥75 MW; LEL = ≥50% power electronics	≥75 MW	PEILL ≥50 MW (or smaller based on characteristics/location)	≥200 MW
Voltage (VRT) and frequency (FRT) ride-through Requirements	Explicit curves; continuous operation: 0.9–1.1 pu; 58.8–61.2 Hz	No standalone VRT/FRT curves	No standalone VRT/FRT curves	Explicit curves; continuous operation: 0.9–1.05 pu; no standalone FRT
Low voltage ride through (LVRT) / Disturbance Capability	Staged LVRT and allowance for instantaneous trip (both voltage and frequency)	Must survive ≥2 consecutive excursions outside 0.92–1.05 pu	Must survive ≥6 reclosing events (50–70 ms each); Voltage sag timer recommendation: 80–120 ms	Staged LVRT and allowance for instantaneous trip (voltage); survive 3 voltage deviation events in 10 s
UFLS	Not explicitly defined	Coordination with regional UFLS	Must participate in UFLS + relays/communications	Not explicitly defined

COMPARISON of Interconnection Requirements **NERC**

Category	ERCOT	AEP (PJM)	Dominion Energy	ATC (MISO)
Post-Fault Active Power Recovery	≥ 90% recovery to pre-disturbance level when $V \geq 0.9$ pu	Not explicitly defined	Controlled/timely recovery; evaluated in studies	Rapid recovery within 3 cycles; delayed recovery causing oscillations requires mitigation
Ramp Rate Requirements	No explicit limits; must provide ramp behavior	No explicit limits; staged reconnection/ramp plans required	No explicit limits; evaluated via studies with multiple profiles	Strict limits: ≤ 25 MW/ ≤ 5 s; > 50 MW limited to ≤ 0.5 MW/s; no steps > 25 MW
Oscillations	SSO/SSI studies required near weak grids, series caps, generators (EMT required)	Not explicitly stated	Must minimize signal injection in 4 frequency bands; evaluated via dynamic + EMT	Must not create poorly damped BPS oscillations; evaluated via PSPD dynamic + EMT

COMPARISON of Interconnection Requirements NERC

Category	ERCOT	AEP (PJM)	Dominion Energy	ATC (MISO)
Power Quality	No explicit requirement; flicker/harmonics assessed in studies	Must meet IEEE 1453 (flicker/RVC); Voltage performance via PQ limits + protection review	Must meet IEEE 519 (harmonics), IEEE 1453; voltage fluctuation $\leq 3\%$	Must meet IEEE 519 & 1453; voltage step $\leq 3\%$ ($\leq 5\%$ outage)
Monitoring / Telemetry	Telemetry, visibility, modeling accuracy required	Telemetry required	PQ monitors required	Enhanced model fidelity, forecasting, and operational coordination may be required
Additional Requirements	Positive sequence models in PSS/E are accepted; EMT studies in PSCAD may be requested where needed	Positive sequence models in PSS/E are accepted; EMT studies in PSCAD may be requested where needed	Provide as-planned and as-built models; Right to require load reduction or disconnection if operating characteristics materially changes	Positive sequence models in PSS/E are accepted; EMT studies in PSCAD may be requested where needed

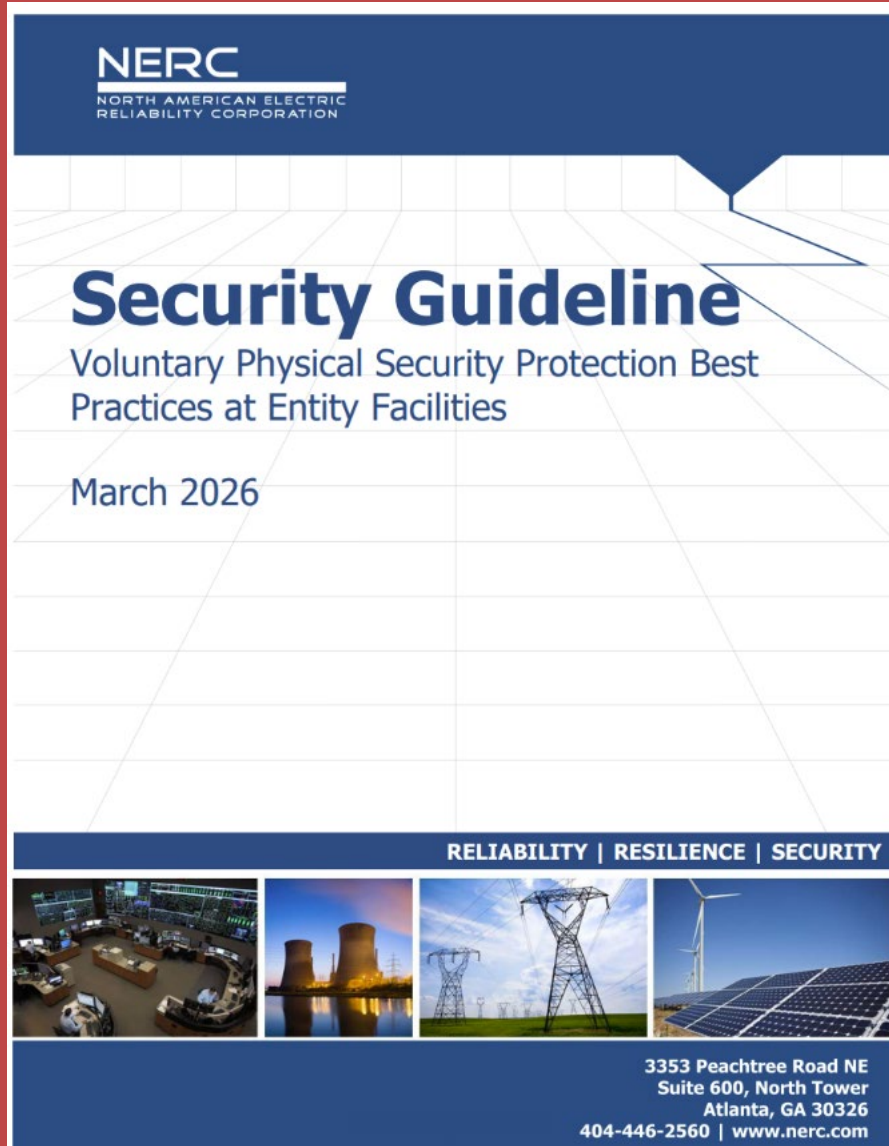
NERC VOLUNTARY PHYSICAL SECURITY PROTECTION BEST PRACTICES

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PURPOSE OF THIS GUIDELINE



WHAT THIS DOCUMENT IS ATTEMPTING TO ACCOMPLISH:

- PROVIDE **RISK-BASED PHYSICAL SECURITY GUIDANCE** FOR FACILITY OWNERS/OPERATORS
- HELP ORGANIZATIONS **BALANCE THREAT, VULNERABILITY, AND CONSEQUENCE**
- PROMOTE **LAYERED DEFENSE (DETER, DETECT, DELAY, RESPOND)**
- ENABLE **COST-EFFECTIVE, PRIORITIZED SECURITY DECISIONS**

HOW THE DOCUMENT IS STRUCTURED

Front-End: Foundational concepts (threats, assessments)

Middle: Risk-based decision framework

Back-End: Implementation (equipment, response, program maturity)

Outcome: Mature, resilient, risk-informed security program

CHAPTER 1: MOTIVATED THREAT ACTORS

Define **modern threat actors** and their behaviors

Shift perspective from **passive threats** → **intentional adversaries**

Categorize actors based on **motivation, capability, and intent**

Key takeaway for audience:

- Security must be **proactive and intelligence-driven**, not just perimeter-based

CHAPTER 2: ASSESSMENTS



Establish **core assessment disciplines:**

Threat assessment

Vulnerability assessment

Physical security posture assessment



Provide methodologies (e.g., DBT, VISA)

CHAPTER 3: CRITICALITY RANKING & LEVELS OF PROTECTION

Define	Link	Enable	Key
Define how to rank assets based on impact (criticality)	Link criticality to tiered protection levels	Enable resource prioritization	<p>Key takeaways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Not all assets require equal protection• Security investment must align with operational impact

CHAPTER 4: RISK-BASED DECISION MAKING



Integrate **threat, vulnerability, consequence, and cost**



Provide a framework for **choosing security measures**



Key takeaways:



Security decisions must be:

Risk-informed
Cost-justified



Continuously updated

CHAPTER 5: PHYSICAL SECURITY EQUIPMENT & MEASURES

CATALOG SECURITY TECHNOLOGIES AND CONTROLS

ALIGN THEM WITH:

Deter

Detect

Delay

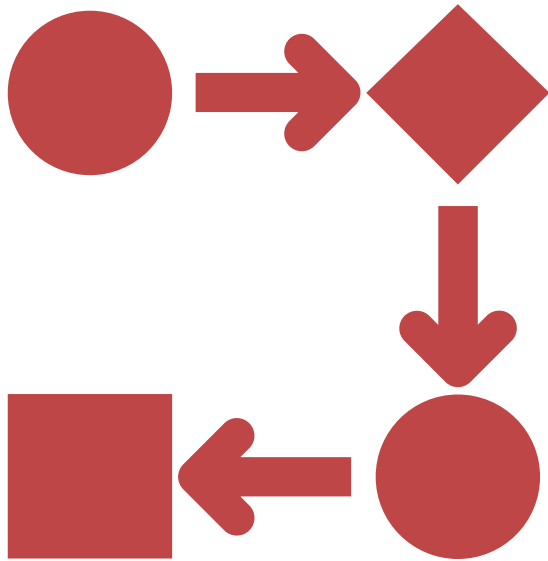
Respond

KEY TAKEAWAY:

Equipment is effective only when integrated, layered, and aligned to risk



CHAPTER 6: INCIDENT RESPONSE PLANNING



- Define how to build a comprehensive Incident Response Plan (IRP)
- Introduce iterative development cycle (plan → practice → adjust)
- Key takeaways:
 - Response capability is as important as prevention
 - Plans must be tested, adaptive, and actionable

CHAPTER 7: DRILLS AND EXERCISES



Ensure preparedness through training and evaluation



Provide methods for:

Drills (task-focused)

Exercises (system-level)



Key takeaway:

Preparedness is achieved through practice, not documentation

CHAPTER 8: INFORMATION SHARING LIFECYCLE



Establish a continuous information cycle:

Gather → Analyze → Share → Act →
Improve

Key takeaway:

- Timely and accurate information sharing is critical to effective response and resilience

CHAPTER 9: CASE STUDIES AND LESSONS LEARNED

Provide real-world examples of attacks and incidents

Extract practical lessons for improvement

Key takeaway:

- Historical incidents reveal:
 - Common vulnerabilities
 - Gaps in response and coordination
- Learning must be continuous and institutionalized

CHAPTER 10: ACHIEVING EXECUTIVE BUY-IN



Bridge gap between security practitioners and executives



Improve communication of risk and investment needs



Key takeaways:

Security success depends on:

- Clear, quantified communication
- Alignment with business risk language

KEY THEMES ACROSS ALL CHAPTERS

Risk-based decision making is the core driver

Security requires layered defense

Programs must be:

- Adaptive
- Data-driven
- Continuously improving

WHAT SUCCESS LOOKS LIKE



Security aligned with enterprise risk management



Investments prioritized by criticality and threat



Strong incident response and resilience capabilities



Executive leadership understands and supports security decisions

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

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