

**The ERO as an International Organization – Issues Related to
Regional Entities and Enforcement**

April 19, 2005

Canadian Embassy: Washington, D.C.
501 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Theatre (basement level)

Advance Registration Required by April 13, 2005 (see registration form)

*The workshop is supported by the Federal-Provincial-Territorial Assistant Deputy Minister
Electricity Working Group, the U.S. Department of Energy and the U.S. Federal Energy
Regulatory Commission.*

The Bilateral ERO Oversight Group, which includes representatives of the above-mentioned organizations, is addressing key issues for the transition from the current, North American Electric Reliability Council (NERC) to an Electricity Reliability Organization (ERO) that can work on an international basis. On December 8, 2004, the Oversight Group conducted a workshop in Toronto, Ontario, which explored the international aspects of implementing an ERO as a truly bi-national organization.

As a follow-up of the December 8, 2004 conference, the April 19, 2005 workshop will focus on the international aspects of issues related to Regional Entities that receive a delegation of responsibility from the ERO. The workshop will provide an opportunity to bring regulators and stakeholders from both countries together to share their views on these issues.

Format: The workshop will commence with presentations on today and tomorrow's regional reliability organizations and tomorrow's regional entities. Four panel discussions, with focused questions, will follow. Each panel will commence with the panel facilitator giving a brief introduction and explanation of the issue and questions, followed by each panelist providing a brief summary of their position on the issue. The panel facilitator will then pose more specific questions for discussion by the panelists. At the end of each panel the audience will be permitted to raise questions.

8:00 – 8:15 a.m.

Welcome/Introduction

Tom Wallace: *Director General, Electricity Resources Branch, Natural Resources Canada*

David Meyer: *Senior Advisor, Electric Transmission and Distribution, U.S. Department of Energy*

Shane Pospisil: *Assistant Deputy Minister, Supply & Conservation, Ontario Ministry of Energy*

8:15 – 9:00 a.m.

Regional Reliability Organizations: Today and Tomorrow

Today's Regional Councils

What are they, how are they governed and funded, what do they do, and how they related to NERC?

Louise McCarren: *CEO, Western Electricity Coordinating Council*

Tomorrow's Regional Entities

What does the proposed U.S. legislation say and not say about the role of Regional Entities?

David Cook: *Vice President and General Counsel, North American Electric Reliability Council*

9:00 – 10:15 a.m.

Panel 1: Formation of Regional Entities

Facilitator

Rich Scheer: *Vice-President, Energetics, Incorporated*

Panelists

Barry Green, *Director, Regulatory Affairs, Ontario Power Generation*

Allen Mosher, *Director of Policy Analysis, American Public Power Association*

Ed Schwerdt: *Executive Director, Northeast Power Coordinating Council*

Ed Tymofichuk: *Division Manager, Transmission System Operations Manitoba Hydro*

Audience questions

10:15 ~~10:30~~ a.m.

Break

10:30 ~~12:00~~ p.m.

Panel 2: Relationship between ERO and Regional Entities

Facilitator

Owen Saunders: *Executive Director, Canadian Institute for Resources Law, University of Calgary*

Panelists

Charles Durkin: *Chairman, Northeast Power Coordinating Council*

Kellan Fluckiger: *Executive Director, Electricity Division, Alberta Department of Energy*

Mike Penstone: *Manager, Industry Transformation and Compliance, Hydro One*

Audience questions

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

**Working Lunch: Canada Room (main floor)
Summary of Panels 1&2**

1:00 – 2:20 p.m.

Panel 3: Enforcement and Penalties

- ERO enforcement issues
- Enforcement and regional entities

Facilitator

Rich Scheer: *Vice-President, Energetics, Incorporated*

Panelists

Mike Bardee: *Associate General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission*

Ed Comer: *Vice President and General Counsel, Edison Electric Institute*

David Cook: *Vice President and General Counsel, North American Electric Reliability Council*

Kellan Fluckiger: *Executive Director, Electricity Division, Alberta Department of Energy*

Peter Fraser: *Special Advisor, Strategic Planning and Policy Development, Ontario Energy Board*

Audience questions

2:20 – 3:00 p.m.

Panel 4: Coordination among Regional Entities

Facilitator

Owen Saunders: *Executive Director, Canadian Institute for Resources Law, University of Calgary*

Panelists

Dave Goulding: *President and CEO; Independent Electricity System Operator*

Scott Henry: *Vice President, Energy Policy, Duke Power Company*

James Torgerson: *CEO, Midwest ISO*

Audience questions

3:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Wrap-Up and Synthesis of Issues

Next Steps