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NERC Update North American Synchro Phasor Initiative

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NERC's Focus on Synchro Phasor Technology



- Important to reliability
 - Application of technology improves bulk system reliability
- Coordination with DOE efforts
- Moving the technology into mainstream operations across North America
 - Incubate but not operate
- Grid Protection Alliance
 - Agreements in place with focus on common applications and infrastructure



- NERC supported open-source data concentrator software adopted at three nodes, including a WECC node
 - Developed at TVA and now managed by Grid Protection Alliance
 - With the help of WECC and the DOE SGIG, we have met this goal (MISO, PJM, & BPA)

Technology and Reliability



- Significant reliability benefits
 - Operational monitoring
 - Bulk Power System control
 - System analysis and planning
 - Smart grid integration
- Potential to improve operational planning and control room operations
- Increasing use for operational decisions or automated intervention will bring new challenges
 - Need to understand and manage those challenges

Executive Steering Group



NERC goal

- Move phasor technology into mainstream of industry acceptance, use, and ownership
- Five year time frame
- Executive Steering Group
 - Includes SGIG awardees
 - Goal encourage, accelerate, and guide the implementation of synchro phasor technology
 - Assist NERC in achieving its goal
 - Ensure underlying infrastructure is supported



- **Future Direction**
 - NERC, DOE, and industry partnership is essential to achieve full potential – research to implementation
 - Installing PMUs and standing up data concentrators
 - NERC and DOE SGIG funding
 - Sharing the data across the interconnections
 - NASPInet and data gateways (protocols and hardware)
 - WISP
 - Standards needed
 - Base lining and benchmarking
 - Research and advanced application development

Questions



