

North American Transmission Forum External Newsletter

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Resilience

NATF President and CEO Tom Galloway attended the Reliability Leadership Summit in Washington, DC, in February. This event, co-hosted by NERC and the Reliability Issues Steering Committee (RISC), focused on identifying emerging reliability issues and their impacts for the *ERO Reliability Risk Priorities Report*. Following the summit, Tom participated in the closed RISC meeting, where he leads the Resilience subgroup. The draft 2025 *ERO Reliability Risk Priorities Report* will be recommended for NERC Board of Trustees approval in August.

On May 6–8, the NATF will co-host a Resilience Summit with EPRI, where discussions will be centered on the five elements of the NATF-EPRI resilience <u>definition</u>.

NATF Posts Documents for Industry Use

The NATF recently posted supply chain, security, and line ratings documents to its public site for members and industry. Links and summaries are listed below.

- <u>NATF Supply Chain Risk Assessment Guidance</u>: Provides guidance to improve entity awareness and capability in conducting effective supplier risk assessments and documenting results in line with the NATF Supply Chain Security Model.
- <u>Substation Physical Security Tiering Practice</u>: Helps organizations prioritize physical security for substations using a risk-based approach.
- <u>Transmission Line Ratings: Seasonal, AAR, and DLR Overview</u>: Explains differences among seasonal, ambient-adjusted, and dynamic transmission line ratings.

Spare Equipment

During the March NERC Reliability and Security Technical Committee Meeting, the NATF presented an overview of our efforts on supply chain, specifically around our spare parts program: RESTORE (Regional Equipment Sharing for Transmission Outage Restoration).

RESTORE, which is available to NATF members, identifies sources and facilitates replacement of equipment following disastrous events. Members who participate in the program commit to own, maintain, and sell to one another available spare equipment following a qualifying event. The program is a complement, not replacement, to current industry programs such as EEI's Spare Transformer Equipment Program (STEP) or Grid Assurance. The program also reduces risk exposure associated with long lead times. Learn more about the program here.

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