

Reliability standards developed by the North American Reliability Corporation (NERC) have been mandatory for several years. As the electric utility industry continues to adapt to the reality of mandatory reliability standards, entities must continue to review the adequacy of their existing compliance process. Entities also must be aware of and monitor the process for development of new standards that may affect them.

We understand the reliability standards process from standards development, to implementation and enforcement and we work with clients to develop compliance plans that are tailored to clients' specific circumstances. Our relevant experience includes formerly representing a regional entity on FERC and NERC matters for over 40 years. We also provide advice in connection with dealings with FERC, NERC and regional entities on reliability issues.

## How We Can Help

- Work with clients to identify the scope of reliability standards and requirements that apply to their specific businesses;
- Develop and enhance compliance plans;
- Help evaluate risk associated with reliability standards compliance of companies or business units in connection with mergers, acquisitions and other types of transactions; and
- Provide advice regarding the registration and enforcement processes.

## Representative Reliability Experience

- Assist with FERC, NERC and regional entity audits and investigations of reliability events;
- Review applicable reliability standards and advise clients on potential impact of proposed standards;
- Advise on and prepare self-reports and mitigation plans; and
- Advise on contractual allocation of responsibility for compliance with reliability standards in transactional context.