NERC Compliance Services

Conforming to the NERC’s standards to ensure the efficiency and effectiveness of business operations.

ABS Group provides compliance managed services, including a virtual compliance department, based on the most current North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) standards. Our compliance assessments and audits ensure your facility will conform to NERC’s standards and requirements so your business will continue to operate efficiently and effectively.

NERC Compliance Managed Services:

- **Annual Gap Analysis**
  > The NERC and Regional Entity Compliance Monitoring and Enforcement Program (“CMEP”) changes the standards which are audited every year. Know where you stand and be prepared for compliance with ALL the applicable standards, not just those in the current CMEP.

- **Annual Mock Audit**
  > Prepare your staff for the tough questions before the Regional Entity audit. Have your data statistically sampled. Have your standards audited by tier. Know where you stand.

- **Training Program**
  > Some standards require training, but a strong compliance program trains staff on all the standards that apply to the organization. Pick and choose training that fits your organization – on-site, off-site and remote.

- **CIP Version 5**
  > Confused about cyber security and what will have to be done, and more importantly, how much you will have to spend before, during and after the audit? Our experts were involved in the drafting of CIP Version 5 and know the ins and outs of complying with the requirements.

- **Maintenance & Testing Program Review**
  > One of the most violated standards of all time has been PRC-005-1. Many organizations have missed a test report for a CT, neglected to add a procedure for battery testing, or didn’t even have a written program. After all the violations and mitigations have been settled out, most organizations know what is expected for compliance. But, the new version will be effective soon and more confusion and violations are on the horizon for this standard. With a documentation review of this standard you can set your mind at ease.

79%

Of PRC-005-1 violations are due to sub standard Maintenance and Testing program & Documentation Provided on Request


- **Policy & Procedure Creation / Modification**
  > Are CANs, CARs and case notes included in your documentation? Not sure what the most recent audit report findings indicate for compliance? It may be time to fine-tune your policies, procedures and documentation.

- **Communication Plan**
  > Excellent communications are needed for compliance - both in terms of the telecommunication equipment, software and systems and the contact spreadsheets and three-part communications.

- **Internal Compliance Program**
  > Do you know what the 12 questions are? FERC’s long-standing guidance has been the mainstay of a strong compliance program. Our change management experts can give advice on meeting FERC’s
guidance and improving your program.

• Self-Certification
  > Too busy to know when deadlines are approaching or too many close calls for submitting self-certifications. This task may be delegated to ABS for a small annual fee.

• Self-Reporting
  > When decisions are facing the organization about a possible violation, what thresholds are in place for submitting a self-report? How much detail is included in the self-report and how soon should the self-report be submitted. Our consultants are ready to provide the guidance you need to make a decision.

• Bi-Weekly RE & NERC Updates
  > Tracking the standards development process can be time consuming. With hundreds of changes occurring every year to the standards it’s never been more important to stay on top of revisions and guidance at the Regional Entities, NERC, FERC, and the GPO (CFR). Our experts keep track of the changes to the standards and have developed fantastic cloud-based dashboards and e-mail integration to keep your project implementation on track.

• Audit Preparation
  > Auditors send out a package to be completed before an audit. Why wait? We can complete the audit package for your organization, so you can say that you are audit-ready every day.

• Annual Spot Checks
  > Spot checks can come at any time and for any standard. We can do a spot check on just one standard or on a few standards as a quality check of your compliance program. Of course, our consultants are ready to assist when a regional entity issues a spot check to your organization.

• Mitigation Plans
  > Not sure how to do a proper root cause analysis? Trust our experts to assist your mitigation efforts and assure the Regional Entity that the violation will not happen again.

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