



# Office of NERC Compliance

## CASE STUDY: NERC COMPLIANCE EXPERTISE SAVES UTILITY \$100k + IN 6 WEEKS

### NERC CHALLENGES

To more efficiently comply with North America Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) standards, a leading utility implemented comprehensive governance and risk compliance (GRC) software system-wide. However, once deployed, the utility discovered that its compliance staff lacked both the resources and NERC standards and requirements expertise to effectively populate the GRC compliance software.

To overcome this challenge, the utility reached out to Certrec, through its Office of NERC Compliance services, to assist in the entry of applicable NERC Standards and Requirements into the system.

### CERTREC APPROACH

The NERC and FERC requirements applicable to a Generation Owner / Generation Operator (GO/GOP) were the primary focus of the customer's data entry efforts. To correctly enter the applicable compliance data, Certrec also reviewed standards-related systems such as:

- ▶ Controls and tests
- ▶ Equipment data

### RESULTS

In six weeks, Certrec had:

- ▶ Accurately populated the database system with all applicable data to meet NERC and FERC requirements
- ▶ Certrec was able to save the client over one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) in utility resource time and labor
- ▶ The utility secured critical NERC expertise, that was scarce within the utility workforce, in a cost-effective and timely manner

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