



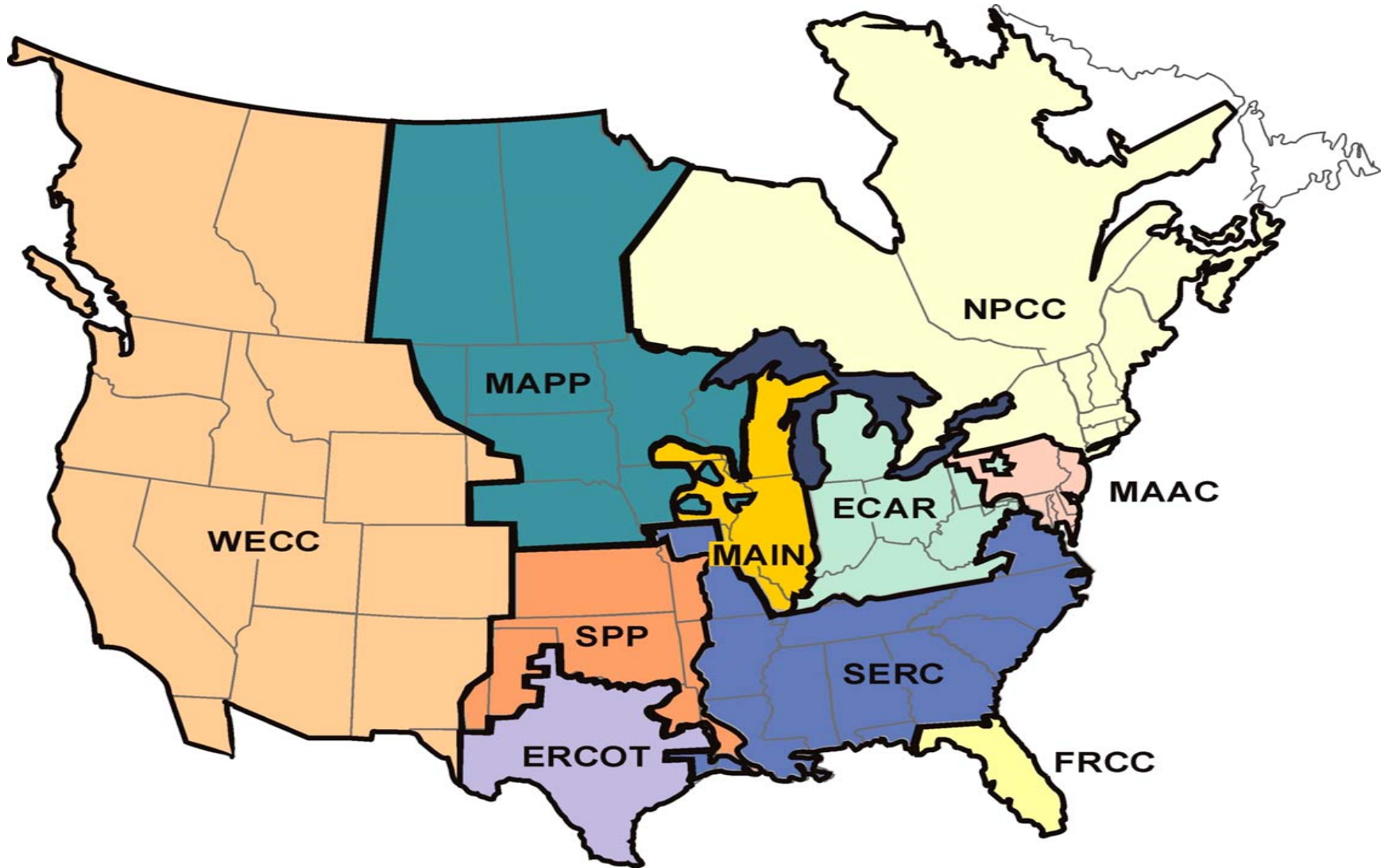
Regional Reliability Councils: Reliability Resources Closest to the States (and Provinces)

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U.S.-Canada Power System Outage Task Force Report

Recommendation #3: “Strengthen the institutional framework for reliability management in North America”

Future Role of the Regional Reliability Councils Report

“RRCs and NERC transition to legislative language responsibilities”



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Fundamental Principles

- **Membership – Open & Inclusive**
 - users, owners, operators & regulators eligible
 - criteria development process
- **Governance – Fair & Balanced**
 - no member or segment dominates
 - effective Canadian/Mexican participation
- **Independence – Organization & Personnel**
 - separate RRC staff
 - no controlling financial interests





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Fundamental Principles

- **Compliance**
 - all entities required to comply
 - transparent process, violations disclosed
- **Footprint – Effective & Efficient**
 - do not cut operating entities
 - encompass 1 or more Reliability Coordinators





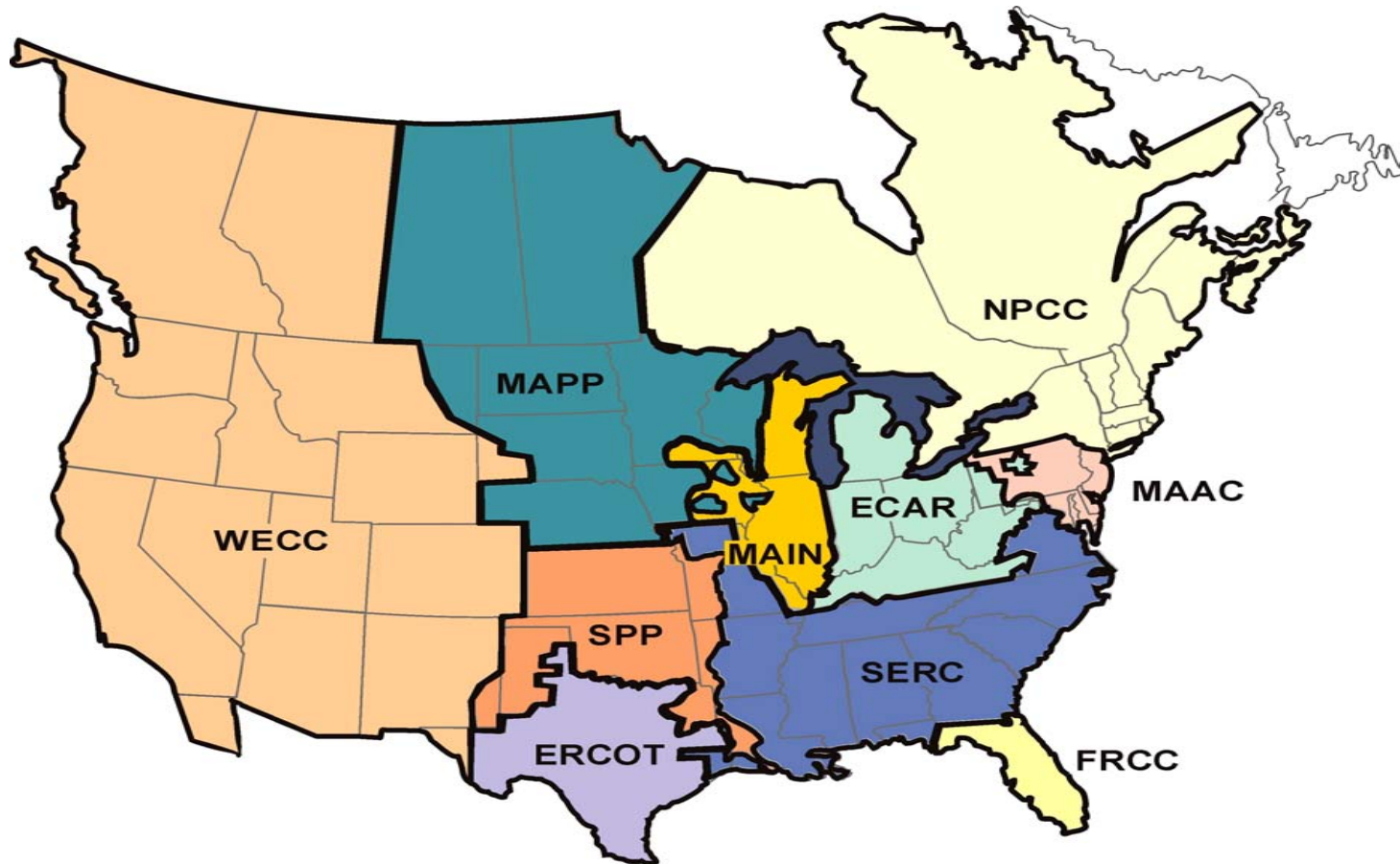
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Functional Categories:

- **Regionally-specific Reliability Criteria**
- **Coordination of Planning & Operations**
- **Assessment of Reliability**
- **Compliance Monitoring & Enforcement**
- **Other Services**



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Role of Regions follow-up:

- **RRCs Develop Transition Plans to Meet Principles**
- **RRCs Assess Future Functions**
- **Evaluate Alternative Reliability Management Boundaries**



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Mandatory Reliability Standards

- U.S. Reliability Legislation
- Version 0 & Compliance Disclosure
- RRC agreements, contracts & Plan B
- Role of States & Provinces





QUESTIONS



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