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Emergency Prep Group Annual Meeting **GridEx V** (VELCO's Annual **Emergency Response** Exercise)

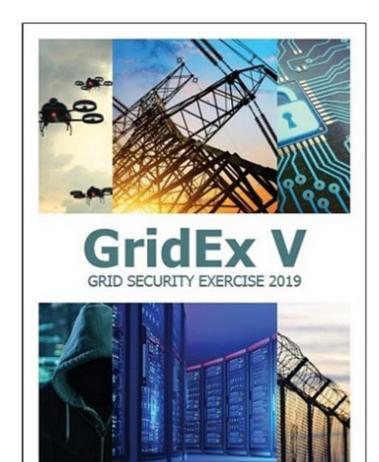
Operating Committee July 18, 2019 Meeting

Emergency Prep Group Annual Meeting

- October 8, 2019 at the VT SEOC, Waterbury
- 2019 Agenda Topics
 - Roundtable Cyber and Physical Threats and Vulnerabilities
 - Climate Change and Increasing Severe Weather
 - Storm Impacts and Lessons Learned from Recent Events
 - Emerald Ash Borer update
 - Outage/Impact Database & Model
 - o Critical Telecommunication and Dependence on New Technologies



What is GridEx V?



- Conducted by NERC (North American Electric Reliability Corporation)
- Scheduled for November 13-14, 2019
 - Occurs every two years
- Large-scale electricity grid security and crisis response exercise for utilities and other stakeholders within North America
- Scenario incorporates
 - Cyber threats / incidents
 - Physical threats / incidents
 - Communication challenges



GridEx V Objectives

- Exercise incident response plans
- Expand local and regional response
- Engage critical interdependencies
- Increase supply chain participation
- Improve communication
- Gather lessons learned
- Engage senior leadership





GridEx V Participation

- Location VELCO Pinnacle office
- 40+ VELCO participants
 - Serve as VELCO's Annual Emergency Response Exercise
- External observers (first day only)
 - VT distribution utilities (BED, GMP, and VEC)
 - o FBI
 - Department of Homeland Security
 - VT State Police
 - VT National Guard







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