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The IEEE PES Women in Power Committee was created to foster a more diverse leadership by supporting career advancement, networking and education of women in the electric power and energy industry. One important way this mission is supported, is through the formal recognition of a worthy female member of this community.

The IEEE PES Wanda Reder Pioneer in Power Award seeks to recognize a deserving female in the field of power engineering. The Award is intended to provide visibility to the awardee’s efforts, accomplishments and future potential while empowering her to be an inspiration and role model for other women in the industry. The award is in honor of the first female president of IEEE PES, Ms. Wanda Reder.

In addition to recognizing the recipient, the Award brings attention to the value of fostering a diverse talent pool. It further empowers the recipient to have a greater influence on the growth and development of others in the industry.

Nominees for the award must be female and senior members of the IEEE PES. Tangible and visible achievements in one or more of the following:
- Innovation and technology development;
- Entrepreneurship and innovative business models;
- Education and mentorship;
- Related achievements.

The awardee will receive a plaque and a honorarium of $1,500 USD.

Past Recipients:
2014  Jessica J. Bian
2015  Sandra Cecilia Vega Gómez

Jennifer T. Sterling
2016 Recipient

For active industry involvement with an emphasis in regulatory compliance, transmission system analysis, federal open access policy and state retail initiatives

Jennifer T. Sterling is the Director, NERC Compliance Program for Exelon. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering as well as a Master of Science degree in Electrical Engineering both from the University of Illinois – Urbana-Champaign. She is a registered Professional Engineer in the State of Illinois. Prior to assuming her present position in January 2007, she served as Exelon’s Director of Transmission Planning. In that position, she was responsible for transmission system reinforcement, technical studies and transmission system interconnections for both the ComEd and PECO transmission systems.

She has also held positions in ComEd’s System Planning, Bulk Power Operations, and Transmission Policy and Regulatory & Strategic Services Departments.

In her current position, she is responsible for managing the Exelon NERC Reliability Standards Compliance Program. Her areas of oversight include administering the internal NERC Reliability Standard Compliance Program requirements across the applicable Exelon Business Units for both the CIP and non-CIP Standards and managing the external contacts with NERC and the Regions.

Jennifer is an active participant in industry working groups and forums including NERC Standards Drafting Teams and the EEI Reliability Executive Advisory Committee. She has served as a member of the NERC Standards Committee and is the past Chair of the NERC Project Management and Oversight Subcommittee.