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**Re: *North American Electric Reliability Corporation,*
Docket No. RM06-16-000**

Dear Ms. Bose:

The North American Electric Reliability Corporation (“NERC”) hereby submits this petition in accordance with Section 215(d) (1) of the Federal Power Act (“FPA”) and Part 39.5 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission’s (“FERC”) regulations seeking approval for interpretation of Requirement R1 in FERC-approved NERC Reliability Standard PRC-005-1 — Transmission and Generation Protection System Maintenance and Testing, as set forth in **Exhibit A** to this petition. Upon FERC approval, the standard that includes the interpretation will be referred to as PRC-005-1a.

The interpretation was approved by the NERC Board of Trustees on November 5, 2009. NERC requests this interpretation be made effective immediately upon approval by FERC.

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NERC's petition consists of the following:

- This transmittal letter;
- A table of contents for the filing;
- A narrative description explaining how the interpretation meets the reliability goal of the standard involved;
- Interpretation of PRC-005-1, Requirement R1 submitted for approval (**Exhibit A**);
- Reliability Standard PRC-005-1a — Transmission and Generation Protection System Maintenance and Testing that includes the appended interpretation (**Exhibit B**);
- The complete development record of the interpretation (**Exhibit C**); and
- A roster of the interpretation development team (**Exhibit D**).

Please contact the undersigned if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
BEFORE THE
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY FERC**

**NORTH AMERICAN ELECTRIC RELIABILITY CORPORATION) Docket No. RM06-16-000
CORPORATION)**

**PETITION OF THE
NORTH AMERICAN ELECTRIC RELIABILITY CORPORATION
FOR APPROVAL OF INTERPRETATION TO RELIABILITY STANDARD PRC-
005-1 — TRANSMISSION AND GENERATION PROTECTION SYSTEM
MAINTENANCE AND TESTING, REQUIREMENT R1**

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Exhibit A — Interpretation of Reliability Standard PRC-005-1 — Transmission and Generation Protection System Maintenance and Testing Requirement R1, Proposed for Approval.

Exhibit B — Reliability Standard PRC-005-1a — Transmission and Generation Protection System Maintenance and Testing that includes the appended interpretation.

Exhibit C — Complete Record of Development of the interpretation for Reliability Standard PRC-005-1 — Transmission and Generation Protection System Maintenance and Testing, Requirement R1.

Exhibit D — Roster of the Interpretation Development Team.

I. INTRODUCTION

The North American Electric Reliability Corporation (“NERC”)¹ hereby requests the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (“FERC”) to approve, in accordance with Section 215(d)(1) of the Federal Power Act (“FPA”)² and Section 39.5 of FERC’s Regulations, 18 C.F.R. § 39.5, an interpretation to a requirement of a FERC-approved NERC Reliability Standard:

- PRC-005-1 — Transmission and Generation Protection System Maintenance and Testing, Requirement R1

No modification to the language contained in this specific requirement is being proposed through the interpretation. The NERC Board of Trustees approved the interpretation to Reliability Standard PRC-005-1 — Transmission and Generation Protection System Maintenance and Testing, Requirement R1 on November 5, 2009. NERC requests that FERC approve PRC-005-1a that includes the appended interpretation and make it effective immediately upon approval in accordance with FERC’s procedures. **Exhibit A** to this filing sets forth the proposed interpretation. **Exhibit B** contains the affected Reliability Standard that includes the appended interpretation. **Exhibit C** contains the complete development record of the proposed interpretation to PRC-005-1, Requirement R1. **Exhibit D** contains a roster of the interpretation development team.

NERC is also filing this interpretation with applicable governmental authorities in Canada.

¹ NERC was certified by FERC as the electric reliability organization (“ERO”) authorized by Section 215 of the Federal Power Act. FERC certified NERC as the ERO in its order issued July 20, 2006 in Docket No. RR06-1-000. *Order Certifying North American Electric Reliability Corporation as the Electric Reliability Organization and Ordering Compliance Filing*, 116 FERC ¶ 61,062 (2006) (“ERO Certification Order”).

² 16 U.S.C. 824o.

II. NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS

Notices and communications with respect to this filing may be addressed to the following:

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III. BACKGROUND

a. Regulatory Framework

By enacting the Energy Policy Act of 2005,³ Congress entrusted FERC with the duties of approving and enforcing rules to ensure the reliability of the Nation’s bulk power system, and with the duties of certifying an electric reliability organization (“ERO”) that would be charged with developing and enforcing mandatory reliability standards, subject to FERC approval. Section 215 states that all users, owners and operators of the bulk power system in the United States will be subject to FERC-approved Reliability Standards.

³ Energy Policy Act of 2005, Pub. L. No. 109-58, Title XII, Subtitle A, 119 Stat. 594, 941 (2005) (to be codified at 16 U.S.C. § 824o).

b. Basis for Approval of Proposed Interpretation

While this interpretation does not represent a new or modified Reliability Standard requirement, it does provide instruction with regard to the intent and, in some cases, application of the requirement that will guide compliance to it. In this regard, NERC requests FERC approve this interpretation.

c. Reliability Standards Development Procedure and Interpretation

All persons who are directly or materially affected by the reliability of the North American bulk power system are permitted to request an interpretation of a Reliability Standard, as discussed in NERC's *Reliability Standards Development Procedure*, which is incorporated into the Rules of Procedure as Appendix 3A.⁴ Upon request, NERC will assemble a team with the relevant expertise to address the interpretation request and, within 45 days, present the interpretation response for industry ballot. If approved by the ballot pool and the NERC Board of Trustees, the interpretation is appended to the Reliability Standard and filed for approval by FERC and applicable governmental authorities in Canada to be made effective when approved. When the affected Reliability Standard is next revised using the Reliability Standards Development Process, the interpretation will then be incorporated into the Reliability Standard.

The interpretation set out in **Exhibit A** has been developed and approved by industry stakeholders using NERC's *Reliability Standards Development Procedure*.⁵ It was approved by the NERC Board of Trustees on November 5, 2009.

⁴ See NERC's *Reliability Standards Development Procedure*, Approved by the NERC Board of Trustees on March 12, 2007, and Effective June 7, 2007 ("*Reliability Standards Development Procedure*"), available at http://www.nerc.com/files/Appendix3A_StandardsDevelopmentProcess.pdf.

⁵ NERC notes the concern highlighted in FERC's July 21, 2008 Order, *Modification of Interchange and Transmission Loading Relief Reliability Standards; and Electric Reliability Organization Interpretation of Specific Requirements of Four Reliability Standards*, 124 FERC ¶ 61,071 (2008), in which FERC approved five modified Reliability Standards and interpretations to five requirements of prior FERC-approved

IV. Reliability Standard PRC-005-1 — Transmission and Generation Protection System Maintenance and Testing, Requirement R1

FERC approved Reliability Standard PRC-005-1 in Order No. 693.⁶ The present filing includes the Reliability Standard PRC-005-1a that contains the appended interpretation in **Exhibit B**.

In Section IV (a), below, NERC discusses the proposed interpretation to the standard, and explains the need for the development of an interpretation to Requirement R1 in Standard PRC-005-1 — Transmission and Generation Protection System Maintenance and Testing. In this discussion, NERC demonstrates that the interpretation is consistent with the stated reliability goals of the FERC-approved standard.

Section IV (b) below, describes the stakeholder ballot results and an explanation of how stakeholder comments were considered and addressed by the interpretation development team assembled to provide the interpretation.

The complete development record for the interpretation is set forth in **Exhibit C**. **Exhibit C** includes the request for the interpretation, the response to the request for the interpretation, the ballot pool and the final ballot results by registered ballot body members, stakeholder comments received during the balloting and an explanation of how those comments were considered. **Exhibit D** contains a roster of the team members who worked on the interpretation.

Reliability Standards. In footnote 8 of the July 21 Order, FERC expressed concern that NERC's Rules of Procedure are silent with regard to NERC Board of Trustees approval of interpretations of Reliability Standards. While NERC believes its *Reliability Standards Development Procedure, Version 6.1* addresses the issue, NERC will propose an amendment to its Rules of Procedure to make more explicit the Board of Trustees' expectations to approve interpretations that will thereby address FERC's concern.

⁶ *Mandatory Reliability Standards for the Bulk-Power System*, 118 FERC ¶ 61,218, FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,242 at PP 1599, 1608 and Appendix A (2007) (Order No. 693), *order on reh'g, Mandatory Reliability Standards for the Bulk-Power System*, 120 FERC ¶ 61,053 (Order No. 693-A) (2007). FERC also directed certain modifications to TOP-002-2 to be developed through the NERC *Reliability Standards Development Procedure*.

a. Justification for Approval of Interpretation

The stated purpose of PRC-005-1 is “to ensure all transmission and generation Protection Systems affecting the reliability of the Bulk Electric System (BES) are maintained and tested. More specifically, PRC-005-1 — Transmission and Generation Protection System Maintenance and Testing requires the following:

Requirement R1 of the standard provides:

R1. Each Transmission Owner and any Distribution Provider that owns a transmission Protection System and each Generator Owner that owns a generation Protection System shall have a Protection System maintenance and testing program for Protection Systems that affect the reliability of the BES. The program shall include:

R1.1. Maintenance and testing intervals and their basis.

R1.2. Summary of maintenance and testing procedures.

The term “Protection System” is defined in NERC’s Glossary of Terms as follows:

Protection System: Protective relays, associated communication systems, voltage and current sensing devices, station batteries and DC control circuitry.

On January 30, 2009, the Regional Entities Compliance Monitoring Processes Working Group (“CMPWG”) submitted a request for an interpretation of PRC-005-1 — Transmission and Generation Protection System Maintenance and Testing, Requirement R1. The focus of the request was on the definition of Protection System. The CPMWG request was assigned to the Project 2007-17 (Protection System Maintenance and Testing) standard drafting team. The specific questions and the responses to those questions are provided below:

Does R1 require a maintenance and testing program for the battery chargers for the “station batteries” that are considered part of the Protection System?

Response: While battery chargers are vital for ensuring “station batteries” are available to support Protection System functions, they are not identified within the definition of

“Protection Systems.” Therefore, PRC-005-1 does not currently require maintenance and testing of battery chargers.

Does R1 require a maintenance and testing program for auxiliary relays and sensing devices? If so, what types of auxiliary relays and sensing devices? (i.e., transformer sudden pressure relays)

Response: The existing definition of “Protection System” does not include auxiliary relays; therefore, maintenance and testing of such devices is not explicitly required. Maintenance and testing of such devices is addressed to the degree that an entity’s maintenance and testing program for DC control circuits involves maintenance and testing of imbedded auxiliary relays. Maintenance and testing of devices that respond to quantities other than electrical quantities (for example, sudden pressure relays) are not included within Requirement R1.

Does R1 require maintenance and testing of transmission line re-closing relays?

Response: No. “Protective Relays” refer to devices that detect and take action for abnormal conditions. Automatic restoration of transmission lines is not a “protective” function.

Does R1 require a maintenance and testing program for the DC circuitry that is just the circuitry with relays and devices that control actions on breakers, etc., or does R1 require a program for the entire circuit from the battery charger to the relays to circuit breakers and all associated wiring?

Response: PRC-005-1 requires that entities 1) address DC control circuitry within their program, 2) have a basis for the way they address this item, and 3) execute the program. PRC-005-1 does not establish specific additional requirements relative to the scope and/or methods included within the program.

For R1, what are examples of “associated communications systems” that are part of “Protection Systems” that require a maintenance and testing program?

Response: “Associated communication systems” refer to communication systems used to convey essential Protection System tripping logic, sometimes referred to as pilot relaying or teleprotection. Examples include the following:

- communications equipment involved in power-line-carrier relaying*
- communications equipment involved in various types of permissive protection system applications*
- direct transfer-trip systems*

- *digital communication systems (which would include the protection system communications functions of standard IEC 61850⁷ as well as various proprietary systems)*

During its November 5, 2009 meeting, the NERC Board of Trustees offered guidance regarding interpretations and the interpretations process. As part of this guidance, the NERC Board of Trustees adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the NERC Board of Trustees has considered the record of development of a number of proposed interpretations of reliability standards, the discussion and recommendations from the November 4, 2009 conference on interpretations, and the recommendation of NERC management,

RESOLVED, that the NERC Board of Trustees approves the following proposed interpretations of Reliability Standards:

1. Interpretation of Requirement R1 of PRC-005-1;
2. Interpretations of Requirement R3 of TOP-005-1 and Requirement R12 of IRO-005-1;
3. Interpretation of Requirement R2 of CIP-007-1;
4. Interpretation of Requirement R1.3.10 of TPL-002-0;
5. Interpretation of Requirements R2 and R8 of MOD-001-1; and Requirements R5 and R6 of MOD-029-1;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the NERC Board of Trustees provides the following guidance regarding interpretations and the interpretations process:

- a. In deciding whether or not to approve a proposed interpretation, the board will use a standard of strict construction and not seek to expand the reach of the standard to correct a perceived gap or deficiency in the standard;
- b. It is the expectation of the board that when work on an interpretation reveals a gap or deficiency in a Reliability Standard, stakeholders will take prompt action to address the gap or deficiency in the standard and that the time and effort expended on the interpretation should be a relatively small proportion of the time and effort expended on addressing the gap or deficiency;
- c. Priority should be given to addressing deficiencies or gaps in standards that pose a significant risk to the reliability of the bulk power system — addressing the gaps and deficiencies identified in

⁷ IEC61850 refers to IEC (International Electrotechnical Commission) Standard 61850 - Communication Networks and Systems in Substations.

Reliability Standard PRC-005-1 should be given such priority, and the Standards Committee should report on its plans and progress in that regard at the board's February 2010 meeting;

- d. The Standards Committee should ensure that the comments by NERC staff and other stakeholders on the proposed interpretations are considered by the standard drafting team in addressing any identified gaps and deficiencies, with a report back to the board on the disposition of those comments;
- e. The number of registrants that might end up in non-compliance or the difficulty of compliance are not appropriate inputs to an interpretation process, although those inputs may well be appropriate considerations in a standard development process and development of an implementation plan; and
- f. Requests for a decision on how a Reliability Standard applies to a registered entity's particular facts and circumstances should not be addressed through the interpretations process.

On this basis, NERC believes that the interpretation fairly represents the language in the standard. As presented, the interpretation clarifies what equipment is to be included in the maintenance and testing programs specified by this requirement with reference to the definition of Protection System in the NERC Glossary of Terms. This clarification helps to assure that the intent of the standard is supported through effective compliance monitoring. Protection Systems are a critical line of defense essential to the reliability of the bulk power system. Because the failure of Protection Systems can cause catastrophic events, preventive maintenance is critical to reliability. The interpretation supports the reliability objective of the standard by providing greater certainty and clarity regarding the equipment that must be maintained in support of this objective.

An interpretation to a standard requirement cannot expand the intent or meaning of the requirement. As such, any modifications to the language in the requirements must be processed through the NERC *Reliability Standards Development Procedure, Version*

6.1. With this in mind, NERC recognizes that greater clarity to the requirement language in PRC-005-1a is necessary to provide a complete framework for maintenance and testing of equipment necessary to ensure the reliability of the Bulk Power System. This activity is already underway in the scope of Project 2007-17 — Protection System Maintenance and Testing. The initial draft of a wholesale revision to PRC-005-1a, including a modified definition of Protection System, was posted for industry comment through early September 2009. The team is responding to comments received and anticipates completion of this activity in 2010.

b. Summary of the Reliability Standard Development Proceedings

On January 30, 2009, the CMPWG submitted a request for interpretation of PRC-005-1 — Transmission and Generation Protection System Maintenance and Testing, Requirement R1. The request focused on the definition of Protection System.

NERC presented the interpretation response for pre-ballot review on March 9, 2009 followed by a ten-day initial ballot that commenced on April 8, 2009. The initial ballot achieved a 92.70 percent quorum with a weighted segment approval of 92.71 percent. There were ten negative ballots submitted for the initial ballot, and eight of those ballots included a comment. Some balloters listed more than one reason for their negative ballot. The reasons cited for the negative ballots included:

- One balloter disagreed with the response to question 5, specifically relating to digital communications systems, stating that the continuously monitored digital communications systems are not maintained and tested because the functions are embedded within the relays.
- Three balloters indicated the answers given to the question on examples of “associated communications systems” were not sufficient.
- Three balloters indicated support for including station battery chargers under PRC-005-1, stating that battery charger failure could lead to other problems.

- One balloter indicated the drafting team did not provide sufficient clarification regarding DC control circuitry in question 4.
- Two balloters indicated disagreement with the last portion of the response to question 2: “devices that respond to quantities other electrical quantities (for example, sudden pressure relays) are not included in R1.” The balloters stated that relays/devices, such as sudden pressure relays in a major transformer and some protective relays for transformers tapped off a Bulk Electric System (BES) line should be considered as part of the protection system, as they are important for ensuring reliability.
- Three balloters indicated the team interpreted the language of the standard too strictly and should have considered the intent of the original standard.
- One balloter stated the proper approach would be to assume the "but not limited to" language was never removed from the definition when the Version 0 standards were developed.
- Two balloters stated the strict interpretation runs counter to the purpose of the standards, *i.e.*, ensuring reliability.
- One balloter commented that the interpretation should not redefine the meaning of the standard.

The recirculation ballot was conducted from July 24, 2009 to August 6, 2009 and achieved a quorum of 95.26 percent with a weighted affirmative approval of 95.62 percent.

V. CONCLUSION

NERC requests that FERC approve the interpretation to the Requirement R1 in FERC-approved Reliability Standard PRC-005-1 — Transmission and Generation Protection System Maintenance and Testing, as set out in **Exhibit A**, in accordance with Section 215(d)(1) of the FPA and Part 39.5 of FERC’s regulations. NERC requests that this interpretation be made effective immediately upon issuance of FERC’s order in this proceeding.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have served a copy of the foregoing document upon all parties listed on the official service list compiled by the Secretary in this proceeding.

Dated at Washington, D.C. this 17th day of November, 2009.

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Exhibit A

**Interpretation of Reliability Standard PRC-005-1 — Transmission and Generation
Protection System Maintenance and Testing, Requirement R1 Proposed for
Approval**

Request for an Interpretation of a Reliability Standard

Date submitted: January 30, 2009

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Identify the standard that needs clarification:

Standard Number: PRC-005-1

Identify specifically what needs clarification:

Requirement Number and Text of Requirement:

(The Glossary of Terms defines Protection Systems as follows: Protective relays, associated communication systems, voltage and current sensing devices, station batteries and DC control circuitry.)

R1. Each Transmission Owner and any Distribution Provider that owns a transmission Protection System and each Generator Owner that owns a generation Protection System shall have a Protection System maintenance and testing program for Protection Systems that affect the reliability of the BES. The program shall include:

R1.1. Maintenance and testing intervals and their basis.

R1.2. Summary of maintenance and testing procedures.

1. Does R1 require a maintenance and testing program for the battery chargers for the "station batteries" that are considered part of the Protection System?
2. Does R1 require a maintenance and testing program for auxiliary relays and sensing devices? If so, what types of auxiliary relays and sensing devices? (i.e transformer sudden pressure relays)
3. Does R1 require maintenance and testing of transmission line re-closing relays?
4. Does R1 require a maintenance and testing program for the DC circuitry that is just the circuitry with relays and devices that control actions on breakers, etc., or does R1 require a program for the entire circuit from the battery charger to the relays to circuit breakers and all associated wiring?

For R1, what are examples of "associated communications systems" that are part of

"Protection Systems" that require a maintenance and testing program?

Identify the material impact associated with this interpretation:

Identify the material impact to your organization or others caused by the lack of clarity or an incorrect interpretation of this standard.

This interpretation is needed to assure that the intent of the standard is supported through effective compliance monitoring. Protection Systems are a line of defense essential to the reliability of the BES and the failure of Protection Systems can cause catastrophic events.

Project 2009-10: Response to Request for an Interpretation of PRC-005-1, Requirement R1 for the Compliance Monitoring Processes Working Group

The following interpretation of PRC-005-1 – Transmission and Generation Protection System Maintenance and Testing, Requirement R1 was developed by the Protection System Maintenance and Testing Standard Drafting Team (assigned to Project 2007-17) on February 10, 2009.

Requirement Number and Text of Requirement

R1. Each Transmission Owner and any Distribution Provider that owns a transmission Protection System and each Generator Owner that owns a generation Protection System shall have a Protection System maintenance and testing program for Protection Systems that affect the reliability of the BES. The program shall include:

R1.1. Maintenance and testing intervals and their basis.

R1.2. Summary of maintenance and testing procedures.

Question #1

Does R1 require a maintenance and testing program for the battery chargers for the "station batteries" that are considered part of the Protection System?

Response to Question #1

While battery chargers are vital for ensuring "station batteries" are available to support Protection System functions, they are not identified within the definition of "Protection Systems." Therefore, PRC-005-1 does not require maintenance and testing of battery chargers.

Question #2

Does R1 require a maintenance and testing program for auxiliary relays and sensing devices? If so, what types of auxiliary relays and sensing devices? (i.e. transformer sudden pressure relays)

Response to Question #2

The existing definition of "Protection System" does not include auxiliary relays; therefore, maintenance and testing of such devices is not explicitly required. Maintenance and testing of such devices is addressed to the degree that an entity's maintenance and testing program for

DC control circuits involves maintenance and testing of imbedded auxiliary relays. Maintenance and testing of devices that respond to quantities other than electrical quantities (for example, sudden pressure relays) are not included within Requirement R1.

Question #3

Does R1 require maintenance and testing of transmission line re-closing relays?

Response to Question #3

No. "Protective Relays" refer to devices that detect and take action for abnormal conditions. Automatic restoration of transmission lines is not a "protective" function.

Question #4

Does R1 require a maintenance and testing program for the DC circuitry that is just the circuitry with relays and devices that control actions on breakers, etc., or does R1 require a program for the entire circuit from the battery charger to the relays to circuit breakers and all associated wiring?

Response to Question #4

PRC-005-1 requires that entities 1) address DC control circuitry within their program, 2) have a basis for the way they address this item, and 3) execute the program. PRC-005-1 does not establish specific additional requirements relative to the scope and/or methods included within the program.

Question #5

For R1, what are examples of "associated communications systems" that are part of "Protection Systems" that require a maintenance and testing program?

Response to Question #5

"Associated communication systems" refer to communication systems used to convey essential Protection System tripping logic, sometimes referred to as pilot relaying or teleprotection. Examples include the following:

- communications equipment involved in power-line-carrier relaying
- communications equipment involved in various types of permissive protection system applications
- direct transfer-trip systems
- digital communication systems (which would include the protection system communications functions of standard IEC 61850¹ as well as various proprietary systems)

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Exhibit B

**Reliability Standard PRC-005-1a — Transmission and Generation Protection
System Maintenance and Testing that includes the Appended Interpretation**

A. Introduction

- 1. Title:** **Transmission and Generation Protection System Maintenance and Testing**
- 2. Number:** PRC-005-1a
- 3. Purpose:** To ensure all transmission and generation Protection Systems affecting the reliability of the Bulk Electric System (BES) are maintained and tested.
- 4. Applicability**
 - 4.1.** Transmission Owner.
 - 4.2.** Generator Owner.
 - 4.3.** Distribution Provider that owns a transmission Protection System.
- 5. Effective Date:** Immediately after approval of applicable regulatory authorities.

B. Requirements

- R1.** Each Transmission Owner and any Distribution Provider that owns a transmission Protection System and each Generator Owner that owns a generation Protection System shall have a Protection System maintenance and testing program for Protection Systems that affect the reliability of the BES. The program shall include:
 - R1.1.** Maintenance and testing intervals and their basis.
 - R1.2.** Summary of maintenance and testing procedures.
- R2.** Each Transmission Owner and any Distribution Provider that owns a transmission Protection System and each Generator Owner that owns a generation Protection System shall provide documentation of its Protection System maintenance and testing program and the implementation of that program to its Regional Reliability Organization on request (within 30 calendar days). The documentation of the program implementation shall include:
 - R2.1.** Evidence Protection System devices were maintained and tested within the defined intervals.
 - R2.2.** Date each Protection System device was last tested/maintained.

C. Measures

- M1.** Each Transmission Owner and any Distribution Provider that owns a transmission Protection System and each Generator Owner that owns a generation Protection System that affects the reliability of the BES, shall have an associated Protection System maintenance and testing program as defined in Requirement 1.
- M2.** Each Transmission Owner and any Distribution Provider that owns a transmission Protection System and each Generator Owner that owns a generation Protection System that affects the reliability of the BES, shall have evidence it provided documentation of its associated Protection System maintenance and testing program and the implementation of its program as defined in Requirement 2.

D. Compliance

- 1. Compliance Monitoring Process**
 - 1.1. Compliance Monitoring Responsibility**

Regional Reliability Organization.

1.2. Compliance Monitoring Period and Reset Time Frame

One calendar year.

1.3. Data Retention

The Transmission Owner and any Distribution Provider that owns a transmission Protection System and each Generator Owner that owns a generation Protection System, shall retain evidence of the implementation of its Protection System maintenance and testing program for three years.

The Compliance Monitor shall retain any audit data for three years.

1.4. Additional Compliance Information

The Transmission Owner and any Distribution Provider that owns a transmission Protection System and the Generator Owner that owns a generation Protection System, shall each demonstrate compliance through self-certification or audit (periodic, as part of targeted monitoring or initiated by complaint or event), as determined by the Compliance Monitor.

2. Levels of Non-Compliance

2.1. Level 1: Documentation of the maintenance and testing program provided was incomplete as required in R1, but records indicate maintenance and testing did occur within the identified intervals for the portions of the program that were documented.

2.2. Level 2: Documentation of the maintenance and testing program provided was complete as required in R1, but records indicate that maintenance and testing did not occur within the defined intervals.

2.3. Level 3: Documentation of the maintenance and testing program provided was incomplete, and records indicate implementation of the documented portions of the maintenance and testing program did not occur within the identified intervals.

2.4. Level 4: Documentation of the maintenance and testing program, or its implementation, was not provided.

E. Regional Differences

None identified.

Version History

Version	Date	Action	Change Tracking
0	April 1, 2005	Effective Date	New
1	December 1, 2005	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Changed incorrect use of certain hyphens (-) to “en dash” (–) and “em dash” (—). 2. Added “periods” to items where appropriate. 3. Changed “Timeframe” to “Time Frame” in item D, 1.2. 	01/20/05

Standard PRC-005-1a — Transmission and Generation Protection System Maintenance and Testing

1a	November 5, 2009	Added Appendix 1 – Interpretation of R1, R1.1, and R1.2 approved by BOT on November 5, 2009	Addition
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Appendix 1

Requirement Number and Text of Requirement
<p>R1. Each Transmission Owner and any Distribution Provider that owns a transmission Protection System and each Generator Owner that owns a generation Protection System shall have a Protection System maintenance and testing program for Protection Systems that affect the reliability of the BES. The program shall include:</p> <p>R1.1. Maintenance and testing intervals and their basis.</p> <p>R1.2. Summary of maintenance and testing procedures.</p>
Question #1
<p>Does R1 require a maintenance and testing program for the battery chargers for the “station batteries” that are considered part of the Protection System?</p>
Response to Question #1
<p>While battery chargers are vital for ensuring “station batteries” are available to support Protection System functions, they are not identified within the definition of “Protection Systems.” Therefore, PRC-005-1 does not require maintenance and testing of battery chargers.</p>
Question #2
<p>Does R1 require a maintenance and testing program for auxiliary relays and sensing devices? If so, what types of auxiliary relays and sensing devices? (i.e. transformer sudden pressure relays)</p>
Response to Question #2
<p>The existing definition of “Protection System” does not include auxiliary relays; therefore, maintenance and testing of such devices is not explicitly required. Maintenance and testing of such devices is addressed to the degree that an entity’s maintenance and testing program for DC control circuits involves maintenance and testing of imbedded auxiliary relays. Maintenance and testing of devices that respond to quantities other than electrical quantities (for example, sudden pressure relays) are not included within Requirement R1.</p>
Question #3
<p>Does R1 require maintenance and testing of transmission line re-closing relays?</p>
Response to Question #3
<p>No. “Protective Relays” refer to devices that detect and take action for abnormal conditions. Automatic restoration of transmission lines is not a “protective” function.</p>

Question #4

Does R1 require a maintenance and testing program for the DC circuitry that is just the circuitry with relays and devices that control actions on breakers, etc., or does R1 require a program for the entire circuit from the battery charger to the relays to circuit breakers and all associated wiring?

Response to Question #4

PRC-005-1 requires that entities 1) address DC control circuitry within their program, 2) have a basis for the way they address this item, and 3) execute the program. PRC-005-1 does not establish specific additional requirements relative to the scope and/or methods included within the program.

Question #5

For R1, what are examples of "associated communications systems" that are part of "Protection Systems" that require a maintenance and testing program?

Response to Question #5

"Associated communication systems" refer to communication systems used to convey essential Protection System tripping logic, sometimes referred to as pilot relaying or teleprotection. Examples include the following:

- communications equipment involved in power-line-carrier relaying
- communications equipment involved in various types of permissive protection system applications
- direct transfer-trip systems
- digital communication systems (which would include the protection system communications functions of standard IEC 61850¹ as well as various proprietary systems)

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Exhibit C

**Complete Record of Development of the interpretation for Reliability Standard
PRC-005-1 — Transmission and Generation Protection System Maintenance and
Testing, Requirement R1**

Project 2009-10

Interpretation – PRC-005-1, R1 – Transmission and Generation Protection System Maintenance and Testing by the Compliance Monitoring Processes Working Group

Status:

A request for an interpretation of PRC-005-1 Requirement R1 has been submitted by the Compliance Monitoring Processes Working Group (CMPWG). The interpretation was approved by the NERC Board of Trustees on November 5, 2009 and will be submitted to FERC for approval.

Summary:

The request asks for clarification on the following:

- Does R1 require a maintenance and testing program for the battery chargers for the “station batteries” that are considered part of the Protection System?
- Does R1 require a maintenance and testing program for auxiliary relays and sensing devices? If so, what types of auxiliary relays and sensing devices? (i.e. transformer sudden pressure relays)
- Does R1 require maintenance and testing of transmission line re-closing relays?
- Does R1 require a maintenance and testing program for the DC circuitry that is just the circuitry with relays and devices that control actions on breakers, etc., or does R1 require a program for the entire circuit from the battery charger to the relays to circuit breakers and all associated wiring?
- For R1, what are examples of “associated communications systems” that are part of “Protection Systems” that require a maintenance and testing program?

Purpose/Industry Need:

In accordance with the Reliability Standards Development Procedure, the interpretation must be posted for a 30-day pre-ballot review, and then balloted. There is no public comment period for an interpretation. Balloting will be conducted following the same method used for balloting standards. If the interpretation is approved by its ballot pool, then the interpretation will be appended to the standard and will become effective when adopted by the NERC Board of Trustees and approved by the applicable regulatory authorities. The interpretation will remain appended to the standard until the standard is revised through the normal standards development process. When the standard is revised, the clarifications provided by the interpretation will be incorporated into the revised standard.

Draft	Action	Dates	Results	Consideration of Comments
CMPWG Request for Interpretation of PRC-005-1, Requirement R1 Interpretation Clean (9) Redline (10)	Recirculation Ballot Info>> (8) Vote>>	07/24/09 - 08/06/09 (closed)	Summary>> (11) Full Record>> (12)	
CMPWG Request for Interpretation of PRC-005-1, Requirement R1 Interpretation (2) Request for Interpretation (3)	Initial Ballot Info>> (4) Vote>>	04/08/09 - 04/17/09 (closed)	Summary>> (5) Full Record>> (6)	Consideration of Comments>> (7)
	Pre-ballot Review Info>> (1) Join>>	03/09/09 - 04/07/09 (closed)		



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Interpretation of PRC-005-1 for the Compliance Monitoring Processes Working Group (Project 2009-10)

An interpretation of PRC-005-1 — Transmission and Generation Protection System Maintenance and Testing Requirement R1 for the Compliance Monitoring Processes Working Group is posted for a 30-day pre-ballot review. Registered Ballot Body members may join the ballot pool to be eligible to vote on this interpretation **until 8 a.m. EDT on April 7, 2009**.

During the pre-ballot window, members of the ballot pool may communicate with one another by using their “ballot pool list server.” (Once the balloting begins, ballot pool members are prohibited from using the ballot pool list servers.) The list server for this ballot pool is:

[bp-2009-10 RFI CMPWG in](#)

Project Background

The Compliance Monitoring Processes Working Group is seeking clarification on aspects of the maintenance and testing program required for Protection Systems in Requirement R1. The request includes questions about battery chargers, relays, sensing devices, circuitry, and communication systems.

The request and interpretation can be found on the project page:

<http://www.nerc.com/filez/standards/Project2009-10 Interpretation PRC-005-1 CMPWG.html>

Standards Development Process

The [Reliability Standards Development Procedure](#) contains all the procedures governing the standards development process. The success of the NERC standards development process depends on stakeholder participation. We extend our thanks to all those who participate.

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Request for an Interpretation of a Reliability Standard

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Identify the standard that needs clarification:

Standard Number: PRC-005-1

Identify specifically what needs clarification:

Requirement Number and Text of Requirement:

(The Glossary of Terms defines Protection Systems as follows: Protective relays, associated communication systems, voltage and current sensing devices, station batteries and DC control circuitry.)

R1. Each Transmission Owner and any Distribution Provider that owns a transmission Protection System and each Generator Owner that owns a generation Protection System shall have a Protection System maintenance and testing program for Protection Systems that affect the reliability of the BES. The program shall include:

R1.1. Maintenance and testing intervals and their basis.

R1.2. Summary of maintenance and testing procedures.

1. Does R1 require a maintenance and testing program for the battery chargers for the "station batteries" that are considered part of the Protection System?
2. Does R1 require a maintenance and testing program for auxiliary relays and sensing devices? If so, what types of auxiliary relays and sensing devices? (i.e transformer sudden pressure relays)
3. Does R1 require maintenance and testing of transmission line re-closing relays?
4. Does R1 require a maintenance and testing program for the DC circuitry that is just the circuitry with relays and devices that control actions on breakers, etc., or does R1 require a program for the entire circuit from the battery charger to the relays to circuit breakers and all associated wiring?

For R1, what are examples of "associated communications systems" that are part of "Protection Systems" that require a maintenance and testing program?

Identify the material impact associated with this interpretation:

Identify the material impact to your organization or others caused by the lack of clarity or an incorrect interpretation of this standard.

This interpretation is needed to assure that the intent of the standard is supported through effective compliance monitoring. Protection Systems are a line of defense essential to the reliability of the BES and the failure of Protection Systems can cause catastrophic events.

Project 2009-10: Response to Request for an Interpretation of PRC-005-1, Requirement R1 for the Compliance Monitoring Processes Working Group

The following interpretation of PRC-005-1 – Transmission and Generation Protection System Maintenance and Testing, Requirement R1 was developed by the Protection System Maintenance and Testing Standard Drafting Team (assigned to Project 2007-17) on February 10, 2009.

Requirement Number and Text of Requirement

R1. Each Transmission Owner and any Distribution Provider that owns a transmission Protection System and each Generator Owner that owns a generation Protection System shall have a Protection System maintenance and testing program for Protection Systems that affect the reliability of the BES. The program shall include:

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Question #1

Does R1 require a maintenance and testing program for the battery chargers for the “station batteries” that are considered part of the Protection System?

Response to Question #1

While battery chargers are vital for ensuring “station batteries” are available to support Protection System functions, they are not identified within the definition of “Protection Systems.” Therefore, PRC-005-1 does not currently require maintenance and testing of battery chargers.

Question #2

Does R1 require a maintenance and testing program for auxiliary relays and sensing devices? If so, what types of auxiliary relays and sensing devices? (i.e transformer sudden pressure relays)

Response to Question #2

The existing definition of “Protection System” does not include auxiliary relays; therefore, maintenance and testing of such devices is not explicitly required. Maintenance and testing of such devices is addressed to the degree that an entity’s maintenance and testing program for DC control circuits involves maintenance and testing of imbedded auxiliary relays. Maintenance and testing of devices that respond to quantities other than electrical quantities (for example, sudden pressure relays) are not included within Requirement R1.

Question #3

Does R1 require maintenance and testing of transmission line re-closing relays?

Response to Question #3

No. “Protective Relays” refer to devices that detect and take action for abnormal conditions. Automatic restoration of transmission lines is not a “protective” function.

Question #4

Does R1 require a maintenance and testing program for the DC circuitry that is just the circuitry

with relays and devices that control actions on breakers, etc., or does R1 require a program for the entire circuit from the battery charger to the relays to circuit breakers and all associated wiring?

Response to Question #4

PRC-005-1 requires that entities 1) address DC control circuitry within their program, 2) have a basis for the way they address this item, and 3) execute the program. PRC-005-1 does not establish specific additional requirements relative to the scope and/or methods included within the program.

Question #5

For R1, what are examples of "associated communications systems" that are part of "Protection Systems" that require a maintenance and testing program?

Response to Question #5

"Associated communication systems" refer to communication systems used to convey essential Protection System tripping logic, sometimes referred to as pilot relaying or teleprotection.

Examples include the following:

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Note: an Interpretation cannot be used to change a standard.

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Standard Number:	PRC-005-1 Requirement R1
Standard Title:	Transmission and Generation Protection System Maintenance and Testing
Identify specifically what needs clarification (If a category is not applicable, please leave it blank):	
<p>Requirement Number and Text of Requirement: (The Glossary of Terms defines Protection Systems as follows: Protective relays, associated communication systems, voltage and current sensing devices, station batteries and DC control circuitry.)</p> <p>R1. Each Transmission Owner and any Distribution Provider that owns a transmission Protection System and each Generator Owner that owns a generation Protection System shall have a Protection System maintenance and testing program for Protection Systems that affect the reliability of the BES. The program shall include:</p> <p>R1.1. Maintenance and testing intervals and their basis.</p> <p>R1.2. Summary of maintenance and testing procedures.</p> <p>Clarification needed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Does R1 require a maintenance and testing program for the battery chargers for the "station batteries" that are considered part of the Protection System? Does R1 require a maintenance and testing program for auxiliary relays and sensing devices? If so, what types of auxiliary relays and sensing devices? (i.e transformer sudden pressure relays) Does R1 require maintenance and testing of transmission line re-closing relays? Does R1 require a maintenance and testing program for the DC circuitry that is just the 	

Request for an Interpretation of a Reliability Standard

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April 8–17, 2009

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Interpretation of PRC-005-1 for the Compliance Monitoring Processes Working Group (Project 2009-10)

An initial ballot window for an interpretation of PRC-005-1 — Transmission and Generation Protection System Maintenance and Testing Requirement R1 for the Compliance Monitoring Processes Working Group is now open **until 8 p.m. EDT on April 17, 2009**.

Project Background

The Compliance Monitoring Processes Working Group is seeking clarification on aspects of the maintenance and testing program required for Protection Systems in Requirement R1. The request includes questions about battery chargers, relays, sensing devices, circuitry, and communication systems. The request and interpretation can be found on the project page:

http://www.nerc.com/filez/standards/Project2009-10_Interpretation_PRC-005-1_CMPWG.html

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Standards Announcement

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Interpretation of PRC-005-1 for the Compliance Monitoring Processes Working Group (Project 2009-10)

Since at least one negative ballot was submitted with a comment, a recirculation ballot will be held. The recirculation ballot will be held after the drafting team responds to voter comments submitted during this ballot.

The initial ballot for an interpretation of PRC-005-1 — Transmission and Generation Protection System Maintenance and Testing Requirement R1 for the Compliance Monitoring Processes Working Group ended April 17, 2009. The ballot results are shown below. The [Ballot Results](#) Web page provides a link to the detailed results.

Quorum: 92.70%

Approval: 92.71%

Project page: http://www.nerc.com/filez/standards/Project2009-10_Interpretation_PRC-005-1_CMPWG.html

Ballot Criteria

Approval requires both:

- A quorum, which is established by at least 75% of the members of the ballot pool for submitting either an affirmative vote, a negative vote, or an abstention; and
- A two-thirds majority of the weighted segment votes cast must be affirmative. The number of votes cast is the sum of affirmative and negative votes, excluding abstentions and nonresponses.

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Ballot Name:	Project 2009-10 Interpretation - CMPWG - PRC-005-1 R1_in
Ballot Period:	4/8/2009 - 4/17/2009
Ballot Type:	Initial
Total # Votes:	254
Total Ballot Pool:	274
Quorum:	92.70 % The Quorum has been reached
Weighted Segment Vote:	92.71 %
Ballot Results:	The standard will proceed to recirculation ballot.

Summary of Ballot Results									
Segment	Ballot Pool	Segment Weight	Affirmative		Negative		Abstain # Votes	No Vote	
			# Votes	Fraction	# Votes	Fraction			
1 - Segment 1.		78	1	74	0.987	1	0.013	0	3
2 - Segment 2.		10	0.9	8	0.8	1	0.1	1	0
3 - Segment 3.		62	1	51	0.962	2	0.038	1	8
4 - Segment 4.		19	1	18	1	0	0	0	1
5 - Segment 5.		60	1	52	0.981	1	0.019	1	6
6 - Segment 6.		29	1	24	0.923	2	0.077	1	2
7 - Segment 7.		1	0.1	1	0.1	0	0	0	0
8 - Segment 8.		4	0.4	3	0.3	1	0.1	0	0
9 - Segment 9.		3	0.3	3	0.3	0	0	0	0
10 - Segment 10.		8	0.8	6	0.6	2	0.2	0	0
Totals		274	7.5	240	6.953	10	0.547	4	20

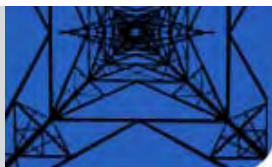
Individual Ballot Pool Results				
Segment	Organization	Member	Ballot	Comments
1	Allegheny Power	Rodney Phillips	Affirmative	
1	Ameren Services	Kirit S. Shah	Affirmative	
1	American Electric Power	Paul B. Johnson	Affirmative	
1	American Transmission Company, LLC	Jason Shaver	Affirmative	
1	Associated Electric Cooperative, Inc.	John Bussman	Affirmative	
1	Avista Corp.	Scott Kinney	Affirmative	
1	Baltimore Gas & Electric Company	John J. Moraski	Affirmative	
1	BC Transmission Corporation	Gordon Rawlings	Affirmative	

1	Black Hills Corp	Eric Egge	Affirmative	
1	Bonneville Power Administration	Donald S. Watkins	Affirmative	
1	Brazos Electric Power Cooperative, Inc.	Tony Kroskey	Affirmative	
1	CenterPoint Energy	Paul Rocha	Affirmative	
1	Central Maine Power Company	Brian Conroy		
1	City of Tacoma, Department of Public Utilities, Light Division, dba Tacoma Power	Alan L Cooke	Affirmative	
1	City Utilities of Springfield, Missouri	Jeff Knottek	Affirmative	
1	Cleco Power LLC	Danny McDaniel	Affirmative	
1	Consolidated Edison Co. of New York	Christopher L de Graffenried	Affirmative	
1	Dairyland Power Coop.	Robert W. Roddy	Affirmative	
1	Deseret Power	James Tucker	Affirmative	
1	Dominion Virginia Power	William L. Thompson	Affirmative	
1	Duke Energy Carolina	Douglas E. Hils	Negative	View
1	E.ON U.S. LLC	Larry Monday	Affirmative	
1	East Kentucky Power Coop.	George S. Carruba	Affirmative	
1	Entergy Corporation	George R. Bartlett	Affirmative	
1	Exelon Energy	John J. Blazekovich	Affirmative	
1	Farmington Electric Utility System	Alan Glazner	Affirmative	
1	FirstEnergy Energy Delivery	Robert Martinko	Affirmative	View
1	Florida Keys Electric Cooperative Assoc.	Dennis Minton	Affirmative	
1	Florida Power & Light Co.	C. Martin Mennes	Affirmative	
1	Georgia Transmission Corporation	Harold Taylor, II	Affirmative	
1	Great River Energy	Gordon Pietsch	Affirmative	
1	Hoosier Energy Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc.	Damon Holladay	Affirmative	
1	Hydro One Networks, Inc.	Ajay Garg	Affirmative	
1	ITC Transmission	Elizabeth Howell	Affirmative	
1	JEA	Ted E. Hobson	Affirmative	
1	Kansas City Power & Light Co.	Michael Gammon	Affirmative	
1	Kissimmee Utility Authority	Joe B Watson	Affirmative	
1	Lee County Electric Cooperative	Rodney Hawkins	Affirmative	
1	Lincoln Electric System	Doug Bantam		
1	Lower Colorado River Authority	Martyn Turner	Affirmative	
1	Manitoba Hydro	Michelle Rheault	Affirmative	
1	MEAG Power	Danny Dees	Affirmative	
1	MidAmerican Energy Co.	Terry Harbour	Affirmative	
1	Minnesota Power, Inc.	Carol Gerou	Affirmative	
1	National Grid	Manuel Couto	Affirmative	
1	Nebraska Public Power District	Richard L. Koch	Affirmative	
1	New York Power Authority	Ralph Ruffano	Affirmative	
1	Northeast Utilities	David H. Boguslawski	Affirmative	
1	Northern Indiana Public Service Co.	Kevin M Largura	Affirmative	
1	Ohio Valley Electric Corp.	Robert Matthey	Affirmative	
1	Oklahoma Gas and Electric Co.	Marvin E VanBebber	Affirmative	
1	Omaha Public Power District	Ilores Tadros	Affirmative	
1	Oncor Electric Delivery	Charles W. Jenkins	Affirmative	
1	Orange and Rockland Utilities, Inc.	Edward Bedder	Affirmative	
1	Orlando Utilities Commission	Brad Chase	Affirmative	
1	Otter Tail Power Company	Lawrence R. Larson	Affirmative	
1	PacifiCorp	Mark Sampson		
1	Platte River Power Authority	John C. Collins	Affirmative	
1	Potomac Electric Power Co.	Richard J. Kafka	Affirmative	
1	PowerSouth Energy Cooperative	Larry D Avery	Affirmative	
1	PP&L, Inc.	Ray Mammarella	Affirmative	
1	Progress Energy Carolinas	Sammy Roberts	Affirmative	
1	Public Service Electric and Gas Co.	Kenneth D. Brown	Affirmative	
1	Public Utility District No. 1 of Chelan County	Chad Bowman	Affirmative	View
1	Puget Sound Energy, Inc.	Catherine Koch	Affirmative	
1	Salt River Project	Robert Kondziolka	Affirmative	
1	Santee Cooper	Terry L. Blackwell	Affirmative	
1	SaskPower	Wayne Guttormson	Affirmative	
1	Seattle City Light	Pawel Krupa	Affirmative	
1	Sierra Pacific Power Co.	Richard Salgo	Affirmative	View
1	Southern California Edison Co.	Dana Cabbell	Affirmative	
1	Southern Company Services, Inc.	Horace Stephen Williamson	Affirmative	
1	Southwest Transmission Cooperative, Inc.	James L. Jones	Affirmative	

1	Tampa Electric Co.	Thomas J. Szelistowski	Affirmative	
1	Westar Energy	Allen Klassen	Affirmative	
1	Western Area Power Administration	Brandy A Dunn	Affirmative	
1	Western Farmers Electric Coop.	Alan Derichsweiler	Affirmative	
1	Xcel Energy, Inc.	Gregory L. Pieper	Affirmative	
2	Alberta Electric System Operator	Anita Lee	Negative	View
2	British Columbia Transmission Corporation	Phil Park	Affirmative	
2	California ISO	Greg Tillitson	Abstain	
2	Independent Electricity System Operator	Kim Warren	Affirmative	
2	ISO New England, Inc.	Kathleen Goodman	Affirmative	
2	Midwest ISO, Inc.	Terry Bilke	Affirmative	
2	New Brunswick System Operator	Alden Briggs	Affirmative	
2	New York Independent System Operator	Gregory Campoli	Affirmative	
2	PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.	Tom Bowe	Affirmative	
2	Southwest Power Pool	Charles H Yeung	Affirmative	
3	Alabama Power Company	Robin Hurst	Affirmative	
3	Allegheny Power	Bob Reeping	Affirmative	
3	Ameren Services	Mark Peters	Affirmative	
3	American Electric Power	Raj Rana	Affirmative	
3	Arizona Public Service Co.	Thomas R. Glock	Affirmative	
3	Atlantic City Electric Company	James V. Petrella	Affirmative	
3	Basin Electric Power Cooperative	Daniel Klempel		
3	BC Hydro and Power Authority	Pat G. Harrington	Abstain	
3	Black Hills Power	Andy Butcher	Affirmative	
3	Bonneville Power Administration	Rebecca Berdahl	Affirmative	
3	Central Lincoln PUD	Steve Alexanderson	Affirmative	View
3	City of Tallahassee	Rusty S. Foster		
3	Cleco Utility Group	Bryan Y Harper	Affirmative	
3	Commonwealth Edison Co.	Stephen Lesniak		
3	Consolidated Edison Co. of New York	Peter T Yost	Affirmative	
3	Consumers Energy	David A. Lapinski	Affirmative	
3	Cowlitz County PUD	Russell A Noble	Affirmative	
3	Delmarva Power & Light Co.	Michael R. Mayer		
3	Detroit Edison Company	Kent Kujala	Affirmative	
3	Dominion Resources, Inc.	Jalal (John) Babik	Affirmative	
3	Douglas County PUD #1	Jeff Johnson		
3	Duke Energy Carolina	Henry Ernst-Jr	Negative	
3	Entergy Services, Inc.	Matt Wolf	Affirmative	
3	FirstEnergy Solutions	Joanne Kathleen Borrell	Affirmative	View
3	Florida Power Corporation	Lee Schuster	Affirmative	
3	Georgia Power Company	Leslie Sibert	Affirmative	
3	Grays Harbor PUD	Wesley W Gray	Affirmative	
3	Great River Energy	Sam Kokkinen	Affirmative	
3	Gulf Power Company	Gwen S Frazier	Affirmative	
3	Hydro One Networks, Inc.	Michael D. Penstone	Affirmative	
3	JEA	Garry Baker	Affirmative	
3	Kansas City Power & Light Co.	Charles Locke	Affirmative	
3	Kissimmee Utility Authority	Gregory David Woessner	Affirmative	
3	Lakeland Electric	Mace Hunter	Affirmative	
3	Lincoln Electric System	Bruce Merrill	Negative	View
3	Louisville Gas and Electric Co.	Charles A. Freibert		
3	Manitoba Hydro	Jamie Hall	Affirmative	
3	MidAmerican Energy Co.	Thomas C. Mielnik	Affirmative	
3	Mississippi Power	Don Horsley	Affirmative	
3	New York Power Authority	Michael Lupo	Affirmative	
3	Niagara Mohawk (National Grid Company)	Michael Schiavone	Affirmative	
3	Northern Indiana Public Service Co.	William SeDoris	Affirmative	
3	Orlando Utilities Commission	Ballard Keith Muters	Affirmative	
3	PacifiCorp	John Apperson	Affirmative	
3	PECO Energy an Exelon Co.	John J. McCawley	Affirmative	
3	Platte River Power Authority	Terry L Baker	Affirmative	
3	Potomac Electric Power Co.	Robert Reuter	Affirmative	
3	Progress Energy Carolinas	Sam Waters	Affirmative	
3	Public Service Electric and Gas Co.	Jeffrey Mueller	Affirmative	
3	Public Utility District No. 1 of Chelan County	Kenneth R. Johnson	Affirmative	View
3	Public Utility District No. 2 of Grant County	Greg Lange	Affirmative	
3	Salt River Project	John T. Underhill	Affirmative	

3	San Diego Gas & Electric	Scott Peterson		
3	Santee Cooper	Zack Dusenbury	Affirmative	
3	Seattle City Light	Dana Wheelock	Affirmative	
3	Southern California Edison Co.	David Schiada	Affirmative	
3	Southern Indiana Gas and Electric Co.	Fred Frederick		
3	Tampa Electric Co.	Ronald L. Donahey	Affirmative	
3	Tri-State G & T Association Inc.	Lisa Tiffin	Affirmative	
3	Turlock Irrigation District	Casey Hashimoto	Affirmative	
3	Wisconsin Electric Power Marketing	James R. Keller	Affirmative	
3	Xcel Energy, Inc.	Michael Ibold	Affirmative	
4	Alliant Energy Corp. Services, Inc.	Kenneth Goldsmith	Affirmative	
4	American Municipal Power - Ohio	Kevin L Holt	Affirmative	
4	Black Hills Corp	Kelly Wolfe	Affirmative	
4	Consumers Energy	David Frank Ronk	Affirmative	
4	Detroit Edison Company	Daniel Herring	Affirmative	
4	Eugene Water & Electric Board	Dean Ahlsten		
4	Illinois Municipal Electric Agency	Bob C. Thomas	Affirmative	
4	Indiana Municipal Power Agency	Gayle Mayo	Affirmative	
4	Madison Gas and Electric Co.	Joseph G. DePoorter	Affirmative	
4	Northern California Power Agency	Fred E. Young	Affirmative	
4	Ohio Edison Company	Douglas Hohlbaugh	Affirmative	View
4	Oklahoma Municipal Power Authority	David W Osburn	Affirmative	
4	Old Dominion Electric Coop.	Mark Ringhausen	Affirmative	
4	Public Utility District No. 1 of Douglas County	Henry E. LuBean	Affirmative	
4	Sacramento Municipal Utility District	Dilip Mahendra	Affirmative	
4	Seattle City Light	Hao Li	Affirmative	
4	Seminole Electric Cooperative, Inc.	Steven R. Wallace	Affirmative	
4	Wisconsin Energy Corp.	Anthony Jankowski	Affirmative	
4	Y-W Electric Association, Inc.	James A Ziebarth	Affirmative	View
5	AEP Service Corp.	Brock Ondayko	Affirmative	
5	Allegheny Energy Supply Company, LLC	Robert Loy	Affirmative	
5	Amerenue	Sam Dwyer	Affirmative	
5	Avista Corp.	Edward F. Groce	Affirmative	
5	Black Hills Corp	George Tatar	Affirmative	
5	Bonneville Power Administration	Francis J. Halpin	Affirmative	
5	Calpine Corporation	John Brent Hebert	Affirmative	
5	Chelan County Public Utility District #1	John Yale	Affirmative	
5	City of Farmington	Clinton J Jacobs	Affirmative	
5	City of Tallahassee	Alan Gale	Affirmative	
5	Cleco Power LLC	Grant Bryant	Affirmative	
5	Colmac Clarion/Piney Creek LP	Harvie D. Beavers	Affirmative	
5	Constellation Generation Group	Michael F. Gildea	Affirmative	
5	Consumers Energy	James B Lewis	Affirmative	
5	Covanta Energy	Samuel Cabassa	Affirmative	
5	Dairyland Power Coop.	Warren Schaefer	Affirmative	
5	Detroit Edison Company	Ronald W. Bauer	Affirmative	
5	Dominion Resources, Inc.	Mike Garton	Affirmative	
5	Dynegy	Greg Mason	Affirmative	
5	Electric Power Supply Association	Jack R. Cashin		
5	Entergy Corporation	Stanley M Jaskot	Affirmative	
5	Exelon Nuclear	Michael Korchymsky	Affirmative	
5	FirstEnergy Solutions	Kenneth Dresner	Affirmative	View
5	FPL Energy	Benjamin Church	Affirmative	
5	Great River Energy	Cynthia E Sulzer	Affirmative	
5	Hardee Power Partners	Ralph Randall	Affirmative	
5	JEA	Donald Gilbert	Affirmative	
5	Kansas City Power & Light Co.	Scott Heidtbrink	Affirmative	
5	Liberty Electric Power LLC	Daniel Duff	Affirmative	
5	Lincoln Electric System	Dennis Florom	Negative	View
5	Louisville Gas and Electric Co.	Charlie Martin		
5	Lower Colorado River Authority	Tom Foreman		
5	Manitoba Hydro	Mark Aikens	Affirmative	
5	Midway Sunset Cogeneration Company	Richard McPherson	Affirmative	
5	Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia	Roger Brand	Affirmative	
5	New York Power Authority	Gerald Mannarino	Affirmative	
5	Northern Indiana Public Service Co.	Michael K Wilkerson	Affirmative	
5	Northern States Power Co.	Liam Noailles	Affirmative	

5	Orlando Utilities Commission	Richard Kinias		
5	Pacific Gas and Electric Company	Richard J. Padilla	Affirmative	
5	PacifiCorp Energy	David Godfrey	Affirmative	
5	PowerSouth Energy Cooperative	Tim Hattaway	Affirmative	
5	PPL Generation LLC	Mark A. Heimbach	Affirmative	
5	Progress Energy Carolinas	Wayne Lewis	Affirmative	
5	PSEG Power LLC	Thomas Piascik	Affirmative	
5	Reliant Energy Services	Thomas J. Bradish	Affirmative	View
5	Salt River Project	Glen Reeves	Affirmative	
5	Seattle City Light	Michael J. Haynes	Affirmative	
5	Seminole Electric Cooperative, Inc.	Brenda K. Atkins	Affirmative	
5	South Carolina Electric & Gas Co.	Richard Jones		
5	South Mississippi Electric Power Association	Jerry W Johnson	Affirmative	
5	Southeastern Power Administration	Douglas Spencer	Affirmative	
5	Southern Company Generation	William D Shultz	Affirmative	
5	Tampa Electric Co.	Frank L Busot	Abstain	
5	Tenaska, Inc.	Scott M. Helyer	Affirmative	
5	TransAlta Centralia Generation, LLC	Joanna Luong-Tran	Affirmative	
5	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Northwestern Division	Karl Bryan	Affirmative	
5	U.S. Bureau of Reclamation	Martin Bauer	Affirmative	View
5	Wisconsin Electric Power Co.	Linda Horn	Affirmative	
5	Wisconsin Public Service Corp.	Leonard Rentmeester		
6	AEP Marketing	Edward P. Cox	Affirmative	
6	Ameren Energy Marketing Co.	Jennifer Richardson	Affirmative	
6	Bonneville Power Administration	Brenda S. Anderson	Affirmative	
6	Consolidated Edison Co. of New York	Nickesha P Carrol	Affirmative	
6	Dominion Resources, Inc.	Louis S Slade	Affirmative	
6	Duke Energy Carolina	Walter Yeager	Negative	
6	Entergy Services, Inc.	Terri F Benoit	Affirmative	
6	Eugene Water & Electric Board	Daniel Mark Bedbury	Affirmative	
6	Exelon Power Team	Pulin Shah		
6	FirstEnergy Solutions	Mark S Travaglianti	Affirmative	View
6	Great River Energy	Donna Stephenson	Affirmative	
6	Kansas City Power & Light Co.	Thomas Saitta	Affirmative	
6	Lincoln Electric System	Eric Ruskamp	Negative	View
6	Louisville Gas and Electric Co.	Daryn Barker	Affirmative	
6	Manitoba Hydro	Daniel Prowse	Affirmative	
6	New York Power Authority	Thomas Papadopoulos	Affirmative	
6	Northern Indiana Public Service Co.	Joseph O'Brien	Affirmative	
6	PacifiCorp	Gregory D Maxfield		
6	PP&L, Inc.	Thomas Hyzinski	Affirmative	
6	Progress Energy	James Eckelkamp	Affirmative	
6	PSEG Energy Resources & Trade LLC	James D. Hebson	Affirmative	
6	Public Utility District No. 1 of Chelan County	Hugh A. Owen	Affirmative	
6	Reliant Energy Services	Trent Carlson	Affirmative	View
6	Salt River Project	Mike Hummel	Affirmative	
6	Santee Cooper	Suzanne Ritter	Affirmative	
6	Seminole Electric Cooperative, Inc.	Trudy S. Novak	Affirmative	
6	Southern California Edison Co.	Marcus V Lotto	Affirmative	
6	Tampa Electric Co.	Heidi Giustiniani	Abstain	
6	Xcel Energy, Inc.	David F. Lemmons	Affirmative	
7	Alcoa, Inc.	Thomas Gianneschi	Affirmative	
8	JDRJC Associates	Jim D. Cyrulewski	Affirmative	
8	Other	Michehl R. Gent	Negative	View
8	Utility Services LLC	Brian Evans-Mongeon	Affirmative	
8	Volkman Consulting, Inc.	Terry Volkman	Affirmative	
9	California Energy Commission	William Mitchell Chamberlain	Affirmative	
9	Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities	Donald E. Nelson	Affirmative	
9	National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners	Diane J. Barney	Affirmative	
10	Electric Reliability Council of Texas, Inc.	Kent Saathoff	Negative	View
10	Florida Reliability Coordinating Council	Linda Campbell	Affirmative	
10	Midwest Reliability Organization	Dan R Schoenecker	Affirmative	
10	New York State Reliability Council	Alan Adamson	Affirmative	
10	Northeast Power Coordinating Council, Inc.	Guy V. Zito	Affirmative	
10	ReliabilityFirst Corporation	Jacque Smith	Negative	View



10	SERC Reliability Corporation	Carter B. Edge	Affirmative	
10	Western Electricity Coordinating Council	Louise McCarren	Affirmative	View

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Consideration of Comments on Initial Ballot — Interpretation of PRC-005-1 Requirement R1 for the Compliance Monitoring Processes Working Group (Project 2009-10)

Summary Consideration: Balloters presented a mixed response to the approach for interpreting the questions, especially related to whether or not battery chargers were part of the standard. Some balloters supported the drafting team’s literal approach while others believed the team should have applied more of its own judgment. While the drafting team agrees with balloters regarding the importance of battery chargers and other elements, those types of changes need to go through the full standards development process rather than the interpretation process. The drafting team will forward suggestions for changes to the team working on Project 2007-17, which is drafting a revised version of PRC-005-1 and is considering the types of issues identified by the balloters.

Some balloters suggested the word “currently” be removed from the response to Question 1. The drafting team agrees and will remove the term as a correction prior to posting the interpretation for recirculation ballot.

If you feel that the drafting team overlooked your comments, please let us know immediately. Our goal is to give every comment serious consideration in this process. If you feel there has been an error or omission, you can contact the Vice President and Director of Standards, Gerry Adamski, at 609-452-8060 or at gerry.adamski@nerc.net. In addition, there is a NERC Reliability Standards Appeals Process.¹

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Douglas E. Hils	Duke Energy Carolina	1	Negative	Duke Energy provides the following comments: • We agree with the response to Question #1. • On Question #2, we agree that the definition of “Protection System” does not include auxiliary relays. That equipment is tested on initial commissioning, and when modifications are made. The only other testing performed on that equipment would be testing that is incidental to our testing program for DC control circuits during the commissioning process. However the Interpretation could be read to require maintenance and testing of imbedded auxiliary relays as part of DC control circuit testing. We agree that devices such as sudden pressure relays are not included in Requirement R1. • We agree with the response to Question #3. • We agree with the response to Question #4, because this is how our program is defined. DC circuits should be fully checked during the commissioning process or when changes are made to the DC circuits. Routine testing to the DC circuitry is not required on a time-based interval but based on changes to the DC circuitry. • We disagree with the response to Question #5. The first three bullets of the response are fine, but the fourth bullet is wrong. Continuously monitored digital

¹ The appeals process is in the Reliability Standards Development Procedure: http://www.nerc.com/files/RSDP_V6_1_12Mar07.pdf.

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				communications systems are not maintained and tested because the functions are embedded within the relays.
<p>Response: The answer provided for Question #5 provides examples of what systems might be considered “associated communication systems”. It does not indicate what degree of maintenance and testing might be required. In the case that the systems are demonstrated to be fully monitored, a decision that no periodic maintenance and testing might be appropriate.</p> <p>Draft PRC-005-2 (Project 2007-17), which is nearing its first comment posting, includes provisions for fully monitored Protection System components.</p>				
Robert Martinko	FirstEnergy Energy Delivery	1	Affirmative	FirstEnergy Corp. supports the interpretation of PRC-005-1 Req. R1 and is voting Affirmative. We offer the following comments. 1. Interpretations should only state facts based on the wording of the current requirements. In the answer the Question 1 of the interpretation, the word "currently" should be dropped from the last sentence. "Currently" implies that these devices may need to be covered in future revisions of the standard, but this should be handled through a SAR and the normal standard development process. 2. Regarding Question #2 and the interpretation provided for the question, we agree that auxiliary relays are not covered by the standard and that maintenance and testing should be limited to devices that respond only to electrical quantities of current and voltage. 3. With regard to Question #3 that re-closing relays are not covered by PRC-005-1, we agree that by the definition of Protection System and the requirements of PRC-005-1 that a reclosing relay is not considered a protective relay. The inclusion of re-closing relays should be considered in the on-going revision of PRC-005 and Protection System definition underway in NERC Project 2007-17. It is FE's opinion that Protection Systems should include not only devices designed to detect and initiate action to isolate a fault on a system, but also schemes designed to automatically restore tripped facilities. This opinion should be fully vetted via the standards development process.
<p>Response: The word “currently” will be removed from the interpretation of Question #1. Your comments will be forwarded to the Project 2007-17 SDT that is presently drafting proposed revisions to PRC-005-1.</p>				

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Joanne Kathleen Borrell	FirstEnergy Solutions	3	Affirmative	FirstEnergy Corp. supports the interpretation of PRC-005-1 Req. R1 and is voting Affirmative. We offer the following comments. 1. Interpretations should only state facts based on the wording of the current requirements. In the answer the Question 1 of the interpretation, the word "currently" should be dropped from the last sentence. "Currently" implies that these devices may need to be covered in future revisions of the standard, but this should be handled through a SAR and the normal standard development process. 2. Regarding Question #2 and the interpretation provided for the question, we agree that auxiliary relays are not covered by the standard and that maintenance and testing should be limited to devices that respond only to electrical quantities of current and voltage. 3. With regard to Question #3 that re-closing relays are not covered by PRC-005-1, we agree that by the definition of Protection System and the requirements of PRC-005-1 that a reclosing relay is not considered a protective relay. The inclusion of re-closing relays should be considered in the on-going revision of PRC-005 and Protection System definition underway in NERC Project 2007-17. It is FE's opinion that Protection Systems should include not only devices designed to detect and initiate action to isolate a fault on a system, but also schemes designed to automatically restore tripped facilities. This opinion should be fully vetted via the standards development process.
<p>Response: The word "currently" will be removed from the interpretation of Question #1. Your comments will be forwarded to the Project 2007-17 SDT that is presently drafting proposed revisions to PRC-005-1.</p>				
Douglas Hohlbaugh	Ohio Edison Company	4	Affirmative	FirstEnergy Corp. supports the interpretation of PRC-005-1 Req. R1 and is voting Affirmative. We offer the following comments. 1. Interpretations should only state facts based on the wording of the current requirements. In the answer the Question 1 of the interpretation, the word "currently" should be dropped from the last sentence. "Currently" implies that these devices may need to be covered in future revisions of the standard, but this should be handled through a SAR and the normal standard development process. 2. Regarding Question #2 and the interpretation provided for the question, we agree that auxiliary relays are not covered by the standard and that maintenance and testing should be limited to devices that respond only to electrical quantities of current and voltage. 3. With regard to Question #3 that re-closing relays are not covered by PRC-005-1, we agree that by the definition

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<p>Response: The word "currently" will be removed from the interpretation of Question #1. Your comments will be forwarded to the Project 2007-17 SDT that is presently drafting proposed revisions to PRC-005-1.</p>				
Kenneth Dresner	FirstEnergy Solutions	5	Affirmative	<p>FirstEnergy Corp. supports the interpretation of PRC-005-1 Req. R1 and is voting Affirmative. We offer the following comments. 1. Interpretations should only state facts based on the wording of the current requirements. In the answer the Question 1 of the interpretation, the word "currently" should be dropped from the last sentence. "Currently" implies that these devices may need to be covered in future revisions of the standard, but this should be handled through a SAR and the normal standard development process. 2. Regarding Question #2 and the interpretation provided for the question, we agree that auxiliary relays are not covered by the standard and that maintenance and testing should be limited to devices that respond only to electrical quantities of current and voltage. 3. With regard to Question #3 that re-closing relays are not covered by PRC-005-1, we agree that by the definition of Protection System and the requirements of PRC-005-1 that a reclosing relay is not considered a protective relay. The inclusion of re-closing relays should be considered in the on-going revision of PRC-005 and Protection System definition underway in NERC Project 2007-17. It is FE's opinion that Protection Systems should include not only devices designed to detect and initiate action to isolate a fault on a system, but also schemes designed to automatically restore tripped facilities. This opinion should be fully vetted via the standards development process.</p>
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Mark S Travaglianti	FirstEnergy Solutions	6	Affirmative	FirstEnergy Corp. supports the interpretation of PRC-005-1 Req. R1 and is voting Affirmative. We offer the following comments. 1. Interpretations should only state facts based on the wording of the current requirements. In the answer the Question 1 of the interpretation, the word "currently" should be dropped from the last sentence. "Currently" implies that these devices may need to be covered in future revisions of the standard, but this should be handled through a SAR and the normal standard development process. 2. Regarding Question #2 and the interpretation provided for the question, we agree that auxiliary relays are not covered by the standard and that maintenance and testing should be limited to devices that respond only to electrical quantities of current and voltage. 3. With regard to Question #3 that re-closing relays are not covered by PRC-005-1, we agree that by the definition of Protection System and the requirements of PRC-005-1 that a reclosing relay is not considered a protective relay. The inclusion of re-closing relays should be considered in the on-going revision of PRC-005 and Protection System definition underway in NERC Project 2007-17. It is FE's opinion that Protection Systems should include not only devices designed to detect and initiate action to isolate a fault on a system, but also schemes designed to automatically restore tripped facilities. This opinion should be fully vetted via the standards development process.
<p>Response: The word "currently" will be removed from the interpretation of Question #1. Your comments will be forwarded to the Project 2007-17 SDT that is presently drafting proposed revisions to PRC-005-1.</p>				
Richard Salgo	Sierra Pacific Power Co.	1	Affirmative	I agree with all elements of the interpretation. With respect to number 5, it appears that the "associated communications" are only included to the extent that they are essential to the protection of the particular element.
<p>Response: Thank you for your support.</p>				
Chad Bowman	Public Utility District No. 1 of Chelan County	1	Affirmative	I think the proposed Interpretation is excellent. It makes use of the plain language of the approved Standard to determine scope. If more expansive application of testing and maintenance of protection systems are needed, efforts to make such changes should be routed through the revision process already in place, rather than

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				achieved through expansive interpretations of existing language.
Response: Thank you for your support.				
Steve Alexanderson	Central Lincoln PUD	3	Affirmative	If more expansive application of testing and maintenance of protection systems are needed, efforts to make such changes should be routed through the revision process already in place, rather than achieved through expansive interpretations of existing language.
Response: Thank you for your support.				
Bruce Merrill	Lincoln Electric System	3	Negative	LES does not think that the answers given to the question on examples of "associated communications systems" is a sufficient answer. LES believes the intent of the request for interpretation was to know if the whole telecom system was included, or if only the parts of it that can affect the bulk electric system. Logically, the answer should be the same whether we own or lease the channel, though we certainly can not go down to the phone company to test their equipment. LES recommends that the demarcation point be at a place just after the device that generates the signal to be sent to the remote end and/or receives the remote signal and generates an action output, e.g., trip, block, unblock etc. If the telecom system is to be included, the requirement should be in COMM, not PRC.
Response: The answer provided for Question #5 provides examples of what systems might be considered "associated communication systems." If the associated communication system is used to convey essential Protection System tripping logic, then it is included. If a telecom circuit is used to convey a trip signal or block-trip signal or any essential trip scheme logic, then that telecommunications equipment is part of a Protection System. There should be no distinction as to whether the system is owned or leased. The interpretation does not indicate what degree of maintenance and testing might be required. Your comments will be forwarded to the Project 2007-17 SDT that is presently drafting proposed revisions to PRC-005-1.				

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Dennis Florum	Lincoln Electric System	5	Negative	LES does not think that the answers given to the question on examples of "associated communications systems" is a sufficient answer. LES believes the intent of the request for interpretation was to know if the whole telecom system was included, or if only the parts of it can affect the bulk electric system. Logically, the answer should be the same whether we own or lease the channel, though we certainly can not go down to the phone company to test their equipment. LES recommends that the demarcation point be at a place just after the device that generates the signal to be sent to the remote end and/or receives the remote signal and generates an action output, e.g., trip, block, unblock etc. If the telecom system is to be included, the requirement should be in COMM, not PRC.
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<p>Response: The answer provided for Question #5 provides examples of what systems might be considered "associated communication systems." If the associated communication system is used to convey essential Protection System tripping logic, then it is included. If a telecom circuit is used to convey a trip signal or block-trip signal or any essential trip scheme logic, then that telecommunications equipment is part of a Protection System. There should be no distinction as to whether the system is owned or leased. The interpretation does not indicate what degree of maintenance and testing might be required. Your comments will be forwarded to the Project 2007-17 SDT that is presently drafting proposed revisions to PRC-005-1.</p>				
Kenneth R. Johnson	Public Utility District No. 1 of Chelan	3	Affirmative	Nice work

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	County			
Response: Thank you for your support.				
Jacque Smith	ReliabilityFirst Corporation	10	Negative	<p>ReliabilityFirst staff believe that station batteries chargers are part of the station batteries thus would be included under PRC-005-1.</p> <p>ReliabilityFirst staff request that the drafting team provide the clarification that was being sought in Question 4 for the DC control circuitry. The team should provide the interpretation based upon not only the standard and glossary of terms but also the intent of the standard when they were drafting it. The team strictly interpreted the language of the glossary of terms but the questions were seeking an interpretation to the standard and glossary of terms to clarify the ambiguity of the standard and provide consistency among the regions.</p> <p>ReliabilityFirst staff disagree that reclosers or anything else used to restore vs. isolate is not part of the protective system.</p>
Response: Thank you for your comments.				
<p>We concur that the battery chargers play a critical role in the station DC Supply; however, the existing definition does not specifically include that element. It is noted that the existing standard needs to be revised in order to address this deficiency, and a substantive change such as this needs to go through the full standards development process, rather than the abbreviated process used for interpretations.</p> <p>Draft PRC-005-2 (Project 2007-17), which is nearing its first comment posting, addresses battery chargers and the issues raised relative to DC control circuitry. Your comments will be forwarded to the Project 2007-17 SDT.</p>				

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Thomas J. Bradish	Reliant Energy Services	5	Affirmative	<p>Reliant voted affirmative but we are concerned over the statement in the answer to Question 2: "The existing definition of "Protection System" does not include auxiliary relays; therefore, maintenance and testing of such devices is not explicitly required. Maintenance and testing of such devices is addressed to the degree that an entity's maintenance and testing program for DC control circuits involves maintenance and testing of imbedded auxiliary relays.</p> <p>Maintenance and testing of devices that respond to quantities other than electrical quantities (for example, sudden pressure relays) are not included within Requirement R1." Although sudden pressure relays don't meet the strict definition of voltage and current sensing devices but we believe that they meet the intent of the definition. SPR's respond quicker than other protective schemes and therefore they do a better job to limit damage to a transformer. If they are employed on a transformer, why not test them?</p> <p>Also in the answer to Question 3: "R1 does not require maintenance and testing of transmission line re-closing relay because "protective relays" refer to devices that detect and take action for abnormal conditions. Automatic restoration of transmission lines is not a "protective" function". Our concern is if a re-closing relay mis-operates and causes the interrupting device to close back into a persistent fault in the circuit, that's a problem. Or, if a re-closing relay mis-operates and doesn't allow the interrupting device to re-close into a cleared circuit, that could be a problem (e.g., customers not returned to service until after crews are dispatched to determine the status of the circuit, interrupting device, etc.).</p>
Trent Carlson	Reliant Energy Services	6	Affirmative	<p>Reliant voted affirmative but we are concerned over the statement in the answer to Question 2: "The existing definition of "Protection System" does not include auxiliary relays; therefore, maintenance and testing of such devices is not explicitly required. Maintenance and testing of such devices is addressed to the degree that an entity's maintenance and testing program for DC control circuits involves maintenance and testing of imbedded auxiliary relays.</p> <p>Maintenance and testing of devices that respond to quantities other than electrical quantities (for example, sudden pressure relays) are not included within</p>

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<p>Response: Thank you for your comments. Your comments will be forwarded to the Project 2007-17 SDT that is presently drafting proposed revisions to PRC-005-1.</p>				
Martin Bauer	U.S. Bureau of Reclamation	5	Affirmative	<p>Relying on the NERC Glossary for an interpretation that a Battery Charger is not included in the meaning of what is included in "Batteries" seems to contradict the standards intent to ensure reliability. Batteries will not provide a reliable source of power if the battery chargers are not reliable. The response becomes a literal reading rather than an interpretation.</p>
<p>Response: Thank you for your comments. A request for interpretation is specifically tasked with interpreting a standard, not changing requirements or establishing new requirements. If the definition is not adequate, changes must be pursued through the standards development process.</p> <p>Draft PRC-005-2 (Project 2007-17), which is nearing its first comment posting, proposes a change to the definition of "Protection System" to include the overall DC Supply, and proposes specific required maintenance activities for battery chargers.</p>				
Anita Lee	Alberta Electric	2	Negative	<p>The AESO agrees with all the responses to the questions in the interpretation, except for Q#2. The AESO agrees with the first part of the response to Q#2, that</p>

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	System Operator			<p>being auxiliary relays are not considered to be protective relays and therefore are not within scope of R1.</p> <p>However, the AESO disagrees with the last portion of the response where it said "devices that respond to quantities other electrical quantities (for example, sudden pressure relays) are not included in R1". The AESO believes that some protective relays/devices, even they do not respond to electric quantities, such as sudden pressure relays in a major transformer, pressure sensing relay in a GIS substation, etc., should be considered as part of the protection system because they can be crucial in ensuring the BES reliability. This interpretation actually limits/reduces the original intended scope of R1.</p>
<p>Response: Thank you for your comments. The drafting team believes that current NERC PRC standards do not address this type of protective device. A change of this nature is more appropriately handled via the overall standards development process rather than via the abbreviated process used for interpretations.</p> <p>Your comments will be forwarded to the Project 2007-17 SDT that is presently drafting proposed revisions to PRC-005-1.</p>				
Michehl R. Gent	Other	8	Negative	<p>The wrong interpretation has been made! Battery chargers are well known to fail and the result often leads to malfunctions of relays. The "right thing" would be to assume the "but not limited to" language was never removed from the definition when the version "0" standards were developed.</p>
<p>Response: Thank you for your comments. We concur that the battery charger plays a critical role in the station DC Supply; however, the existing definition does not specifically include that element.</p> <p>Draft PRC-005-2 (Project 2007-17), which is nearing its first comment posting, proposes a change to the definition of "Protection System" to include the overall DC Supply, and proposes specific required maintenance activities for battery chargers.</p>				
Kent Saathoff	Electric Reliability Council of Texas, Inc.	10	Negative	<p>We should not lose sight of the fact that ensuring reliability is the overarching purpose of the Standards. This strict interpretation of the wording of the definition of Protection Systems runs directly counter to that purpose. Battery chargers, auxiliary relays and line reclosing relays must function properly and be maintained to have properly functioning protection systems and a reliable electric system.</p>

Voter	Entity	Segment	Vote	Comment
<p>Response: Thank you for your comments. We concur that the battery charger plays a critical role in the reliability of the Protection System; however, the existing definition does not specifically include that element.</p> <p>The drafting team believes that auxiliary relays in the tripping path are included today only to the degree that an entity's Protection System maintenance and testing program maintains the DC control circuits as currently expressed in the definition of Protection System, but are not explicitly included in PRC-005-1.</p> <p>Draft PRC-005-2 (Project 2007-17), which is nearing its first comment posting, proposes a change to the definition of "Protection System" to include the overall DC Supply, and proposes specific required maintenance activities for battery chargers. It also explicitly discusses auxiliary relays that are in the trip path.</p> <p>Your comments on reclosing relays will be forwarded to the Project 2007-17 SDT.</p>				
Louise McCarren	Western Electricity Coordinating Council	10	Affirmative	WECC believes the interpretation process was rigorous and that the resulting interpretation is accurate and adds clarity. WECC further believes the Standard itself needs to be revised pursuant to the Standards Development Process.
<p>Response: Thank you for your support. Revisions to PRC-005-1 are proceeding under Project 2007-17.</p>				
James A Ziebarth	Y-W Electric Association, Inc.	4	Affirmative	Y-W Electric Association agrees with the interpretation of these terms. While the CMPWG may have some valid concerns for equipment to be added to the definition of a Protection System, Y-WEA believes that the definition should be formally changed through the revision process rather than by adopting and applying expansive interpretations of the existing language.
<p>Response: Thank you for your support. Revisions to PRC-005-1 are proceeding under Project 2007-17, which will propose revisions to the Protection System definition.</p>				

Standards Announcement Recirculation Ballot Window Open July 22–August 3, 2009

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Project 2009-10: Interpretation of PRC-005-1 for the Compliance Monitoring Processes Working Group

A recirculation ballot window for an interpretation of PRC-005-1 — Transmission and Generation Protection System Maintenance and Testing Requirement R1 for the Compliance Monitoring Processes Working Group is now open **until 8 p.m. EDT on August 3, 2009**.

Please note that a correction has been made to the interpretation. The word “currently” in the phrase “Therefore, PRC-005-1 does not currently require...” has been removed from the response; the term is redundant. A redlined copy has been posted to show the edit. The edit is considered errata, not a content revision, allowing the interpretation to proceed to the recirculation ballot stage.

Instructions

Members of the ballot pool associated with this project may log in and submit their votes from the following page: <https://standards.nerc.net/CurrentBallots.aspx>

Recirculation Ballot Process

The Standards Committee encourages all members of the ballot pool to review the consideration of comments submitted with the initial ballots. In the recirculation ballot, votes are counted by exception only — if a ballot pool member does not submit a revision to that member’s original vote, the vote remains the same as in the first ballot. Members of the ballot pool may:

- Reconsider and change their vote from the first ballot.
- Vote in the second ballot even if they did not vote on the first ballot.
- Take no action if they do not want to change their original vote.

Next Steps

Voting results will be posted and announced after the ballot window closes.

Project Background

The Compliance Monitoring Processes Working Group is seeking clarification on aspects of the maintenance and testing program required for Protection Systems in Requirement R1. The

request includes questions about battery chargers, relays, sensing devices, circuitry, and communication systems. The request and interpretation can be found on the project page: http://www.nerc.com/filez/standards/Project2009-10_ Interpretation_PRC-005-1_CMPWG.html

Standards Development Process

The [Reliability Standards Development Procedure](#) contains all the procedures governing the standards development process. The success of the NERC standards development process depends on stakeholder participation. We extend our thanks to all those who participate.

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Request for an Interpretation of a Reliability Standard

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Identify the standard that needs clarification:

Standard Number: PRC-005-1

Identify specifically what needs clarification:

Requirement Number and Text of Requirement:

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For R1, what are examples of "associated communications systems" that are part of

"Protection Systems" that require a maintenance and testing program?

Identify the material impact associated with this interpretation:

Identify the material impact to your organization or others caused by the lack of clarity or an incorrect interpretation of this standard.

This interpretation is needed to assure that the intent of the standard is supported through effective compliance monitoring. Protection Systems are a line of defense essential to the reliability of the BES and the failure of Protection Systems can cause catastrophic events.

Project 2009-10: Response to Request for an Interpretation of PRC-005-1, Requirement R1 for the Compliance Monitoring Processes Working Group

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Response to Question #1

While battery chargers are vital for ensuring "station batteries" are available to support Protection System functions, they are not identified within the definition of "Protection Systems." Therefore, PRC-005-1 does not require maintenance and testing of battery chargers.

Question #2

Does R1 require a maintenance and testing program for auxiliary relays and sensing devices? If so, what types of auxiliary relays and sensing devices? (i.e. transformer sudden pressure relays)

Response to Question #2

The existing definition of "Protection System" does not include auxiliary relays; therefore, maintenance and testing of such devices is not explicitly required. Maintenance and testing of such devices is addressed to the degree that an entity's maintenance and testing program for

DC control circuits involves maintenance and testing of imbedded auxiliary relays. Maintenance and testing of devices that respond to quantities other than electrical quantities (for example, sudden pressure relays) are not included within Requirement R1.

Question #3

Does R1 require maintenance and testing of transmission line re-closing relays?

Response to Question #3

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Question #4

Does R1 require a maintenance and testing program for the DC circuitry that is just the circuitry with relays and devices that control actions on breakers, etc., or does R1 require a program for the entire circuit from the battery charger to the relays to circuit breakers and all associated wiring?

Response to Question #4

PRC-005-1 requires that entities 1) address DC control circuitry within their program, 2) have a basis for the way they address this item, and 3) execute the program. PRC-005-1 does not establish specific additional requirements relative to the scope and/or methods included within the program.

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For R1, what are examples of "associated communications systems" that are part of "Protection Systems" that require a maintenance and testing program?

Response to Question #5

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Project 2009-10: Interpretation of PRC-005-1 for the Compliance Monitoring Processes Working Group

The recirculation ballot for an interpretation of PRC-005-1 — Transmission and Generation Protection System Maintenance and Testing Requirement R1 for the Compliance Monitoring Processes Working Group ended August 6, 2009.

Ballot Results

Voting statistics are listed below, and the [Ballot Results](#) Web page provides a link to the detailed results:

Quorum: 95.26%

Approval: 95.62%

The ballot pool approved the interpretation. Ballot criteria details are listed at the end of the announcement.

Next Steps

The interpretation will be submitted to the NERC Board of Trustees for adoption.

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Ballot Name:	Project 2009-10 Interpretation - CMPWG - PRC-005-1 R1_rc
Ballot Period:	7/24/2009 - 8/6/2009
Ballot Type:	recirculation
Total # Votes:	261
Total Ballot Pool:	274
Quorum:	95.26 % The Quorum has been reached
Weighted Segment Vote:	95.62 %
Ballot Results:	The Standard has Passed

Summary of Ballot Results									
Segment	Ballot Pool	Segment Weight	Affirmative		Negative		Abstain # Votes	No Vote	
			# Votes	Fraction	# Votes	Fraction			
1 - Segment 1.		78	1	74	0.987	1	0.013	2	1
2 - Segment 2.		10	0.9	8	0.8	1	0.1	1	0
3 - Segment 3.		62	1	52	0.945	3	0.055	2	5
4 - Segment 4.		19	1	18	1	0	0	0	1
5 - Segment 5.		60	1	52	0.981	1	0.019	2	5
6 - Segment 6.		29	1	26	0.963	1	0.037	1	1
7 - Segment 7.		1	0.1	1	0.1	0	0	0	0
8 - Segment 8.		4	0.4	3	0.3	1	0.1	0	0
9 - Segment 9.		3	0.3	3	0.3	0	0	0	0
10 - Segment 10.		8	0.7	7	0.7	0	0	1	0
Totals		274	7.4	244	7.076	8	0.324	9	13

Individual Ballot Pool Results				
Segment	Organization	Member	Ballot	Comments
1	Allegheny Power	Rodney Phillips	Affirmative	
1	Ameren Services	Kirit S. Shah	Affirmative	
1	American Electric Power	Paul B. Johnson	Affirmative	
1	American Transmission Company, LLC	Jason Shaver	Affirmative	
1	Associated Electric Cooperative, Inc.	John Bussman	Affirmative	
1	Avista Corp.	Scott Kinney	Affirmative	
1	Baltimore Gas & Electric Company	John J. Moraski	Affirmative	
1	BC Transmission Corporation	Gordon Rawlings	Affirmative	

1	Black Hills Corp	Eric Egge	Affirmative	
1	Bonneville Power Administration	Donald S. Watkins	Affirmative	
1	Brazos Electric Power Cooperative, Inc.	Tony Kroskey	Affirmative	
1	CenterPoint Energy	Paul Rocha	Affirmative	
1	Central Maine Power Company	Brian Conroy	Affirmative	
1	City of Tacoma, Department of Public Utilities, Light Division, dba Tacoma Power	Alan L Cooke	Affirmative	
1	City Utilities of Springfield, Missouri	Jeff Knottek	Affirmative	
1	Cleco Power LLC	Danny McDaniel	Affirmative	
1	Consolidated Edison Co. of New York	Christopher L de Graffenried	Affirmative	
1	Dairyland Power Coop.	Robert W. Roddy	Affirmative	
1	Deseret Power	James Tucker	Affirmative	
1	Dominion Virginia Power	William L. Thompson	Affirmative	
1	Duke Energy Carolina	Douglas E. Hils	Negative	View
1	E.ON U.S. LLC	Larry Monday	Affirmative	
1	East Kentucky Power Coop.	George S. Carruba	Affirmative	
1	Entergy Corporation	George R. Bartlett	Affirmative	
1	Exelon Energy	John J. Blazekovich	Affirmative	
1	Farmington Electric Utility System	Alan Glazner	Affirmative	
1	FirstEnergy Energy Delivery	Robert Martinko	Affirmative	View
1	Florida Keys Electric Cooperative Assoc.	Dennis Minton	Affirmative	
1	Florida Power & Light Co.	C. Martin Mennes	Affirmative	
1	Georgia Transmission Corporation	Harold Taylor, II	Affirmative	
1	Great River Energy	Gordon Pietsch	Affirmative	
1	Hoosier Energy Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc.	Damon Holladay	Affirmative	
1	Hydro One Networks, Inc.	Ajay Garg	Affirmative	
1	ITC Transmission	Elizabeth Howell	Affirmative	
1	JEA	Ted E. Hobson	Affirmative	
1	Kansas City Power & Light Co.	Michael Gammon	Affirmative	
1	Kissimmee Utility Authority	Joe B Watson	Affirmative	
1	Lee County Electric Cooperative	Rodney Hawkins	Abstain	
1	Lincoln Electric System	Doug Bantam	Affirmative	
1	Lower Colorado River Authority	Martyn Turner	Affirmative	
1	Manitoba Hydro	Michelle Rheault	Affirmative	
1	MEAG Power	Danny Dees	Affirmative	
1	MidAmerican Energy Co.	Terry Harbour	Affirmative	
1	Minnesota Power, Inc.	Carol Gerou	Affirmative	
1	National Grid	Manuel Couto	Affirmative	
1	Nebraska Public Power District	Richard L. Koch	Affirmative	
1	New York Power Authority	Ralph Ruffano	Affirmative	
1	Northeast Utilities	David H. Boguslawski	Affirmative	
1	Northern Indiana Public Service Co.	Kevin M Largura	Affirmative	
1	Ohio Valley Electric Corp.	Robert Matthey	Affirmative	
1	Oklahoma Gas and Electric Co.	Marvin E VanBebber	Affirmative	
1	Omaha Public Power District	Ilores Tadros	Affirmative	
1	Oncor Electric Delivery	Charles W. Jenkins	Affirmative	
1	Orange and Rockland Utilities, Inc.	Edward Bedder	Affirmative	
1	Orlando Utilities Commission	Brad Chase	Affirmative	
1	Otter Tail Power Company	Lawrence R. Larson	Affirmative	
1	PacifiCorp	Mark Sampson		
1	Platte River Power Authority	John C. Collins	Affirmative	
1	Potomac Electric Power Co.	Richard J. Kafka	Affirmative	
1	PowerSouth Energy Cooperative	Larry D. Avery	Affirmative	
1	PP&L, Inc.	Ray Mammarella	Affirmative	
1	Progress Energy Carolinas	Sammy Roberts	Affirmative	
1	Public Service Electric and Gas Co.	Kenneth D. Brown	Affirmative	
1	Public Utility District No. 1 of Chelan County	Chad Bowman	Affirmative	View
1	Puget Sound Energy, Inc.	Catherine Koch	Affirmative	
1	Salt River Project	Robert Kondziolka	Affirmative	
1	Santee Cooper	Terry L. Blackwell	Affirmative	
1	SaskPower	Wayne Guttormson	Affirmative	
1	Seattle City Light	Pawel Krupa	Affirmative	
1	Sierra Pacific Power Co.	Richard Salgo	Affirmative	View
1	Southern California Edison Co.	Dana Cabbell	Affirmative	
1	Southern Company Services, Inc.	Horace Stephen Williamson	Affirmative	
1	Southwest Transmission Cooperative, Inc.	James L. Jones	Abstain	

1	Tampa Electric Co.	Thomas J. Szelistowski	Affirmative	
1	Westar Energy	Allen Klassen	Affirmative	
1	Western Area Power Administration	Brandy A Dunn	Affirmative	
1	Western Farmers Electric Coop.	Alan Derichsweiler	Affirmative	
1	Xcel Energy, Inc.	Gregory L. Pieper	Affirmative	
2	Alberta Electric System Operator	Anita Lee	Negative	View
2	British Columbia Transmission Corporation	Phil Park	Affirmative	
2	California ISO	Greg Tillitson	Abstain	
2	Independent Electricity System Operator	Kim Warren	Affirmative	
2	ISO New England, Inc.	Kathleen Goodman	Affirmative	
2	Midwest ISO, Inc.	Terry Bilke	Affirmative	
2	New Brunswick System Operator	Alden Briggs	Affirmative	
2	New York Independent System Operator	Gregory Campoli	Affirmative	
2	PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.	Tom Bowe	Affirmative	
2	Southwest Power Pool	Charles H Yeung	Affirmative	
3	Alabama Power Company	Robin Hurst	Affirmative	
3	Allegheny Power	Bob Reeping	Affirmative	
3	Ameren Services	Mark Peters	Affirmative	
3	American Electric Power	Raj Rana	Affirmative	
3	Arizona Public Service Co.	Thomas R. Glock	Affirmative	
3	Atlantic City Electric Company	James V. Petrella	Affirmative	
3	Basin Electric Power Cooperative	Daniel Klempel		
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3	Black Hills Power	Andy Butcher	Affirmative	
3	Bonneville Power Administration	Rebecca Berdahl	Affirmative	
3	Central Lincoln PUD	Steve Alexanderson	Affirmative	View
3	City of Tallahassee	Rusty S. Foster		
3	Cleco Utility Group	Bryan Y Harper	Affirmative	
3	Commonwealth Edison Co.	Stephen Lesniak		
3	Consolidated Edison Co. of New York	Peter T Yost	Affirmative	
3	Consumers Energy	David A. Lapinski	Affirmative	
3	Cowlitz County PUD	Russell A Noble	Affirmative	
3	Delmarva Power & Light Co.	Michael R. Mayer	Affirmative	
3	Detroit Edison Company	Kent Kujala	Affirmative	
3	Dominion Resources, Inc.	Jalal (John) Babik	Affirmative	
3	Douglas County PUD #1	Jeff Johnson		
3	Duke Energy Carolina	Henry Ernst-Jr	Negative	
3	Entergy Services, Inc.	Matt Wolf	Affirmative	
3	FirstEnergy Solutions	Joanne Kathleen Borrell	Affirmative	View
3	Florida Power Corporation	Lee Schuster	Affirmative	
3	Georgia Power Company	Leslie Sibert	Affirmative	
3	Grays Harbor PUD	Wesley W Gray	Affirmative	
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3	New York Power Authority	Michael Lupo	Affirmative	
3	Niagara Mohawk (National Grid Company)	Michael Schiavone	Affirmative	
3	Northern Indiana Public Service Co.	William SeDoris	Affirmative	
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3	Southern Indiana Gas and Electric Co.	Fred Frederick	Affirmative	
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