

Implementation Plan

Dispersed Generation Resources

PRC-004-4

Standards Involved

Approval:

- PRC-004-4 – Protection System Misoperation Identification and Correction

Retirement:

- PRC-004-3 – Protection System Misoperation Identification and Correction

Prerequisite Approvals:

- PRC-004-3 – Protection System Misoperation Identification and Correction¹

Background

In light of the adoption of a revised Bulk Electric System definition by the NERC Board of Trustees, changes to the applicability sections of certain Reliability Standards, including PRC-004, are necessary to align with the implementation of the revised Bulk Electric System definition. The Standard Drafting Team (SDT) for Project 2014-01 – Standards Applicability for Dispersed Power Producing Resources has modified the applicability section or requirements of certain standards applicable to Generator Owners and Generator Operators to recognize the unique technical and reliability aspects of dispersed generation in order to ensure the applicability of the standards is consistent with the reliable operation of the Bulk Power System.

General Considerations

PRC-004-4 is proposed for approval to align the applicability section of PRC-004-3 with the revised definition of the Bulk Electric System. The intent of the SDT was to allow for flexibility of the PRC-004 applicability section regardless of the version that is currently in effect when an applicable governmental authority acts on the PRC-004-3 filing. Currently, PRC-004-2.1a is in effect as PRC-004-3 (developed in Project 2010-05.1) is pending regulatory approval. Depending on the timing of approvals for various versions of PRC-004, PRC-004-2.1a may still be in effect at the time the revised definition of Bulk Electric System becomes effective for all entities. If this occurs, PRC-004-2.1(i)a(✗) will go into effect and PRC-004-4 shall go into effect after the technical revisions developed in Project 2010-05.1 are approved by applicable regulators, or as otherwise provided for in jurisdictions that do not require regulatory approvals.

¹ PRC-004-3 was adopted by the NERC Board of Trustees on August 18, 2014.

Effective Date

PRC-004-4 shall become effective ~~on the later of the effective date of PRC-004-3, or the date that PRC-004-4 either immediately after the standard~~ is approved by an applicable governmental authority or as otherwise provided for in a jurisdiction where approval by an applicable governmental authority is required for a standard to go into effect, ~~or 12 months following the approval of PRC-004-3, whichever is later~~. Where approval by an applicable governmental authority is not required, the standard shall become effective either on the first day of the first calendar quarter after the date the standard is adopted by the NERC Board of Trustees or as otherwise provided for in that jurisdiction, or 12 months following the ~~approval effective date~~ of PRC-004-3, whichever is later.

Retirement of Existing Standards:

The existing standard, PRC-004-3, shall be retired at midnight of the day immediately prior to the Effective Date of PRC-004-4.

Applicability:

This standard applies to the following functional entities:

- Transmission Owner
- Generator Owner
- Distribution Provider