

December 4, 2007

TO: REGISTERED BALLOT BODY

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Announcement: Three Initial Ballot Windows for Interpretations Open

The Standards Committee (SC) announces the following standards actions:

Initial Ballot Window for Interpretation of TPL-002-0 Requirements R1.3.2 and R1.3.12 and TPL-003-0 Requirements R1.3.2 and R1.3.12 for Ameren Open until 8 p.m. (EST) December 13, 2007

Ameren submitted a [Request for an Interpretation](#) of Requirements R1.3.2 and R1.3.12 in both TPL-002-0 — System Performance Following the Loss of a Single Bulk Electric System Element and TPL-003-0 — System Performance Following Loss of Two or More Bulk Electric System Elements.

The request asked if TPL-002-0 R1.3.2 and TPL-003-0 R1.3.2 require multiple contingent generating unit outages as part of possible generation dispatch scenarios describing critical system conditions for which the system shall be operated in accordance with the contingency definitions included in Table 1. The request also asked if TPL-002-0 R1.3.12 and TPL-003-0 R1.3.12 require that the system be planned to be operated during those conditions associated with planned outages consistent with the performance requirements described in Table 1 plus any unidentified outage.

The [Interpretation](#) clarifies that TPL-002-0 R1.3.2 and TPL-003-0 R1.3.2 do not specify the process for selection of the credible critical generation dispatch for modeling of critical system conditions and clarifies that the selection of the credible critical generation dispatch for modeling of critical system conditions is within the discretion of the Planning Authority and the Transmission Planner. The interpretation also states that TPL-002-0 R1.3.12 and TPL-003-0 R1.3.12 explicitly provide that the inclusion of planned (including maintenance) outages of any bulk electric equipment at demand levels for which the planned outages are performed is within the discretion of the Planning Authority and the Transmission Planner.

The [initial ballot](#) for the Interpretation (for Ameren) of TPL-002 and TPL-003 is open and will remain open until 8 p.m. (EST) on Thursday, December 13, 2007.

Initial Ballot Window for Interpretation of TPL-002-0 Requirements R1.3.2 and R1.3.12 and TPL-003-0 Requirements R1.3.2 and R1.3.12 for MISO Open until 8 p.m. (EST) December 13, 2007

MISO submitted a [Request for an Interpretation](#) of Requirements R1.3.2 and R1.3.12 in both TPL-002-0 — System Performance Following the Loss of a Single Bulk Electric System Element and TPL-003-0 — System Performance Following Loss of Two or More Bulk Electric System Elements.

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The request asked if TPL-002-0 R1.3.2 and TPL-003-0 R1.3.2 require that any specific dispatch be applied, other than one that is representative of supply of firm demand and transmission service commitments, in the modeling of system contingencies specified in Table 1 in the TPL standards.

MISO then asked if a variety of possible dispatch patterns should be included in planning analyses including a probabilistically based dispatch that is representative of generation deficiency scenarios.

The request also asked if the term “planned outages” means only already known/scheduled planned outages that may continue into the planning horizon, or does it include potential planned outages not yet scheduled that may occur at those demand levels for which planned (including maintenance) outages are performed?

The [Interpretation](#) clarifies that TPL-002-0 R1.3.2 and TPL-003-0 R1.3.2 do not specify the process for selection of the credible critical generation dispatch for modeling of critical system conditions and clarifies that the selection of the credible critical generation dispatch for modeling of critical system conditions is within the discretion of the Planning Authority and the Transmission Planner. The interpretation also states that TPL-002-0 R1.3.12 and TPL-003-0 R1.3.12 explicitly provide that the inclusion of planned (including maintenance) outages of any bulk electric equipment at demand levels for which the planned outages are performed is within the discretion of the Planning Authority and the Transmission Planner.

The [initial ballot](#) for the Interpretation (for MISO) of TPL-002 and TPL-003 is open and will remain open until 8 p.m. (EST) on Thursday, December 13, 2007.

Initial Ballot Window for Interpretation of VAR-001-0 Requirement R4 Open until 8 p.m. (EST) December 13, 2007

Dynergy submitted a [Request for an Interpretation](#) of VAR-001-1 — Voltage and Reactive Control, Requirement R4.

The request asked if the Transmission Operator is implicitly required to have a technical basis for specifying the voltage or reactive power schedule, asked if the voltage or reactive power schedule must be reasonable and practical for the Generator Operator to maintain, and asked what measure should be used to determine if the Transmission Operator has issued a technically based, reasonable, and practical voltage or reactive power schedule.

The [Interpretation](#) clarifies that VAR-001-1 is only comprised of stated requirements and associated measures and compliance elements. Interpreting an ‘implicit’ requirement would effectively be adding a new requirement to the standard and needs to be achieved with a Standard Authorization Request (SAR) to modify the standard rather than through an Interpretation. There are no requirements in VAR-001-1 to issue a “technically based, reasonable, and practical to maintain voltage or reactive power schedule and associated tolerance band.”

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The [initial ballot](#) for the Interpretation (for Dynegy) of VAR-001 is open and will remain open until 8 p.m. (EST) on Thursday, December 13, 2007.

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. If you have any questions, please contact me at 813-468-5998 or maureen.long@nerc.net.

Sincerely,

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