

Implementation Plan

Project 2007-02 - Operating Personnel Communications Protocols

Implementation Plan for COM-003-1 – Operating Personnel Communications Protocols Standard

Approvals Required

COM-003-1 – Operating Personnel Communications Protocols Standard

Prerequisite Approvals

None

Revisions to Glossary

The following term is proposed for addition to the NERC Glossary of Terms:

Operating Instruction —

Operating Instruction — A command, other than a Reliability Directive, by a System Operator of a Reliability Coordinator, or of a Transmission Operator, or of a Balancing Authority, where the recipient of the command is expected to act to change or preserve the state, status, output, or input of an Element of the Bulk Electric System or Facility of the Bulk Electric System.

A discussion of general information and of potential options or alternatives to resolve BES operating concerns is not a command and is not considered an Operating Instruction. An Operating Instruction is exclusive and distinct from a Reliability Directive. There is no overlap between an Operating Instruction and Reliability Directive.

Applicable Entities

Balancing Authority
Distribution Provider
Generator Operator
Reliability Coordinator
Transmission Operator

Revisions or Retirements to Approved Standards

| Approved Requirement to be Retired | Proposed Replacement Requirement(s) |
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| COM-001-1.1 Requirement R4 R4. Unless agreed to otherwise, each Reliability Coordinator, Transmission Operator, and Balancing Authority shall use | COM-003-1 Requirement R1 Part 1.1 R1. Each Balancing Authority, Reliability Coordinator, and Transmission Operator, in each Reliability Coordinator area, shall |

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| <p>English as the language for all communications between and among operating personnel responsible for the real-time generation control and operation of the interconnected Bulk Electric System. Transmission Operators and Balancing Authorities may use an alternate language for internal operations</p> | <p>develop, subject to the Reliability Coordinator’s approval, documented communication protocols for the issuance of Operating Instructions in that Reliability Coordinator’s area. The documented communication protocols will address, where applicable, the following:[<i>Violation Risk Factor: Low</i>] [<i>Time Horizon: Long-term Planning</i>]</p> <p>1.1. The use of the English language when issuing or responding to an oral or written Operating Instruction, unless another language is mandated by law or regulation</p> |
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Conforming Changes to Other Standards

None

Effective Dates

COM-003-1 shall become effective the first day of first calendar quarter, twelve calendar months following applicable regulatory approval, or as otherwise made effective pursuant to the laws applicable to such ERO governmental authorities; or, in those jurisdictions where no regulatory approval is required, the first day of the first calendar quarter twelve calendar months from the date of Board of Trustee adoption.

Each Balancing Authority, Reliability Coordinator, and Transmission Operator must develop their communication protocols prior to the effective date of COM-003-1 to satisfy Requirement R1. COM-001-1.1 Requirement R4 shall expire midnight of the day immediately prior to the Effective Date of COM-003-1 in the particular Jurisdiction in which COM-003-1 is becoming effective.