

December 14, 2007

TO: REGISTERED BALLOT BODY

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Announcement of Initial Ballot Results for Three Interpretations

The Standards Committee (SC) announces the following:

Initial Ballot Results 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

The initial ballot for the Interpretation (for Ameren) 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 was conducted from December 4–13, 2007.

The request for interpretation 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 ballot achieved a quorum; however, there were some negative ballots with comments, initiating the need to review the comments and determine whether the interpretation needs modification before proceeding to a re-circulation ballot. The drafting team will be reviewing comments submitted with the ballot and preparing its consideration of those comments. ([Detailed Ballot Results](#))

Quorum: 86.70 %
Approval: 88.10 %

Initial Ballot Results 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

The initial ballot for the Interpretation (for MISO) 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, was conducted from December 4–13, 2007.

The request for interpretation 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 ballot achieved a quorum, however there were some negative ballots with comments, initiating the need to review the comments and determine whether the interpretation needs modification before proceeding to a re-circulation ballot. The drafting team will be reviewing comments submitted with the ballot and preparing its consideration of those comments. ([Detailed Ballot Results](#))

Quorum: 86.10 %

Approval: 87.50 %

Initial Ballot Results for Interpretation of VAR-001-0 Requirement R4 for Dynegy

The initial ballot for the Interpretation (for Dynegy) of VAR-001-0 — Voltage and Reactive Control, Requirement R4, was conducted from December 4–13, 2007.

The request for interpretation 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.

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The [Interpretation](#) clarifies that VAR-001-1 is only comprised of the 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.”

The ballot achieved a quorum; however, there were some negative ballots with comments, initiating the need to review the comments and determine whether the interpretation needs modification before proceeding to a re-circulation ballot. The drafting team will be reviewing comments submitted with the ballot and preparing its consideration of those comments. ([Detailed Ballot Results](#))

Quorum: 86.41 %
Approval: 93.00 %

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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