

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

Request for an Interpretation of a Reliability Standard	
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<b>Identify the standard that needs clarification:</b>	
Standard Number (include version number):	<a href="#">TOP-001-1</a>
Standard Title:	<a href="#">Reliability Responsibilities and Authorities</a>
<b>Identify specifically what requirement needs clarification:</b>	
<b>Requirement Number and Text of Requirement:</b>	
<p><a href="#">R8. During a system emergency, the Balancing Authority and Transmission Operator shall immediately take action to restore the Real and Reactive Power Balance. If the Balancing Authority or Transmission Operator is unable to restore Real and Reactive Power Balance it shall request emergency assistance from the Reliability Coordinator. If corrective action or emergency assistance is not adequate to mitigate the Real and Reactive Power Balance, then the Reliability Coordinator, Balancing Authority, and Transmission Operator shall implement firm load shedding.</a></p>	
<b>Clarification needed:</b>	
<p><a href="#">Balancing real power is not a function of a TOP and balancing reactive power is not a function of a BA. For Requirement R8 is the Balancing Authority responsibility to immediately take corrective action to restore Real Power Balance and is the TOP responsibility to immediately take corrective action to restore Reactive Power Balance?</a></p>	
<b>Identify the material impact associated with this interpretation:</b>	
<b>Identify the material impact to your organization or others caused by the lack of clarity or an incorrect interpretation of this standard.</b>	
<p><a href="#">Not having the correct interpretation of this requirement could cause a TOP only (TOP that is not a BA) or BA only (BA that is not a TOP) to be found non-compliant.</a></p>	