

Implementation Plan

Project 2010-01 Operations Personnel Training

Implementation Plan for PER-005-2 – Operations Personnel Training

Approvals Required

PER-005-2 – Operations Personnel Training

Prerequisite Approvals

There are no other standards that must receive approval prior to the approval of this standard.

Revisions to Glossary Terms

When the standard becomes effective, this defined term will be removed from the individual standard and added to the Glossary.

System Operator: An individual at a control center of a Balancing Authority, Transmission Operator, or Reliability Coordinator who operates or directs the operation of the Bulk Electric System in Real-time.

Other Definitions Used within the Standard

The following terms are defined for use only within PER-005-2 and, upon approval of the standard, will not be moved to the NERC Glossary of Terms:

System Personnel: System Operators of a Reliability Coordinator, Transmission Operator or Balancing Authority, and the Transmission Owner personnel described in the Applicability Section of this standard.

Operations Support Personnel: Individuals, as identified by the Reliability Coordinators, Balancing Authorities, Transmission Operators or Transmission Owners, who perform outage coordination or assessments, or who determine SOLs, IROLs, or operating nomograms,¹ in direct support of Real-time, reliability related tasks performed by System Operators.

Applicable Entities

- Reliability Coordinator
- Balancing Authority
- Transmission Operator

¹ Nomograms are used in the WECC Region to describe element operating limits.

- Transmission Owners that have personnel at a facility, excluding field switching personnel, who act independently to carry out tasks that require Real-time operation of the Bulk Electric System, including protecting assets, protecting personnel safety, adhering to regulatory requirements and establishing stable islands during system restoration.
- Generator Operators that have dispatch personnel at a centrally located dispatch center who receive direction from their Reliability Coordinator, Balancing Authority, Transmission Operator, or Transmission Owner and may develop specific dispatch instructions for plant operators under their control. These personnel does not include plant operators located at a generator plant site or personnel at a centrally located dispatch center who relay dispatch instructions, without making any modifications.

Applicable Facilities

None

Conforming Changes to Other Standards

None

Effective Dates

PER-005-2 shall become effective as follows:

This standard shall become effective the first day of the first calendar quarter that is 24 months beyond the date that this standard is approved by an applicable governmental authority or is otherwise provided for in a jurisdiction where approval by an applicable authority is required for a standard to go into effect.

Where approval by an applicable governmental authority is not required, this standard shall become effective on the first day of the first calendar quarter that is 24 months after the date the standard is adopted by the NERC Board of Trustees or as otherwise provided for in that jurisdiction.

Actions to be Completed as of the Effective Date:

This section describes the actions that an entity must complete as of the effective date of PER-005-2. This section does not address evidence of compliance; see measures, compliance input and RSAWs for further information regarding possible evidence.

Requirement R1:

- R1: An entity must have developed and implemented a training program that is based on a systematic approach to training.
- 1.1: An entity must have defined and documented its methodology for creating a list of company specific Real-time reliability related tasks, and must have a list of these tasks.

1.1.1: Entities already subject to PER-005-1 (RC, BA and TOP) must conduct a review once in the calendar year that this standard becomes effective; however this may be conducted either under the existing standard (PER-005-1) prior to the effective date of proposed standard (PER-005-2) or under the proposed standard (PER-005-2) after it becomes effective.

Entities that were not previously subject to PER-005-1 would not be expected to have conducted a review prior to the effective date of the proposed standard, or in the calendar year that the proposed standard becomes effective. The entity's first review would occur in the first calendar year following the effective date of this standard.

1.2: An entity must have completed the design and development of training materials as necessary under its training program. An entity is not obligated to have designed and developed training materials for all future training.

1.3: Entities already subject to PER-005-1 must continue to implement training in accordance with its existing training program.

Entities that were not previously subject to PER-005-1 must begin to implement training in accordance with its training program as of the effective date. Under the standard, such entities are not expected to have delivered training prior to the effective date.

1.4: Entities already subject to PER-005-1 (RC, BA and TOP) must conduct an evaluation once in the calendar year that this standard becomes effective; however this may be conducted either under the existing standard (PER-005-1) prior to the effective date of the proposed standard (PER-005-2) or under the proposed standard after it becomes effective.

Entities that were not previously subject to PER-005-1 would not be expected to have conducted an evaluation prior to the effective date of the proposed standard or in the calendar year that the proposed standard becomes effective. The entity's first required evaluation would occur in the first calendar year following the effective date of the proposed standard.

Requirement R2:

R2: Entities already subject to PER-005-1 (RC, BA and TOP) must have verified their System Personnel's² capabilities to perform each of its assigned Real-time reliability-related tasks, at least once.

² As used in this standard, the term "System Personnel" is defined as System Operators of a Reliability Coordinator, Transmission Operator or Balancing Authority, and the Transmission Owner personnel described in the Applicability Section of this standard.

Entities that were not previously subject to PER-005-1 must have verified its System Personnel's capabilities to perform each of its assigned Real-time reliability-related tasks, at least once, as identified in Requirement R1 part 1.1, prior to the effective date of the standard.

- 2.1: Entities already subject to PER-005-1 (RC, BA and TOP) must have, within six months, verified its System Personnel's capabilities to perform a new or modified Real-time reliability-related task identified Requirement R1 part 1.1 pursuant to PER-005-1.

Entities that were not previously subject to PER-005-1 would not be expected to have verified its System Personnel's capabilities to perform a new or modified Real-time reliability-related task identified under Requirement R1 part 1.1 prior to the effective date of the standard. This requirement pertains to reliability-related tasks that are new or modified following the effective date of this standard.

Requirement R3:

- R3: Entities already subject to PER-005-1 (RC, BA and TOP) must have completed training using simulation technology according to its training program under the existing standard (PER-005-1) and must continue to provide training using simulation technology according to its training program after the effective date of the proposed standard (PER-005-2).

Entities that were not previously subject to PER-005-1 (TO) must begin to implement training using simulation technology according to its training program as of the effective date. Under the standard, these entities are not expected to have delivered simulation training prior to the effective date.

- 3.1: Entities already subject to PER-005-1 (RC, BA and TOP) that gained operational authority or control over Facilities with established IROLs or has established operating guides or protection systems to mitigate IROL violations must have provided each System Operator with emergency operations training using simulation technology such as a simulator, virtual technology, or other technology that replicates the operational behavior of the BES during normal and emergency conditions prior to the effective date.

Entities that were not previously subject to PER-005-1 are not required to have completed this action prior to the effective date of the standard. This requirement pertains to IROLs that are gained following the effective date of this standard.

Requirement R4:

- R4: The personnel identified in this requirement were not previously subject to PER-005-1. The entities (RC, BA, TOP and TO) must have established a training program for their Operations Support Personnel³ and must have begun to implement training in accordance with their

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training program as of the effective date. Under the standard, entities are not expected to have delivered or developed material for all future training identified in its training program prior to the effective date.

- 4.1: The personnel identified in this requirement were not previously subject to PER-005-1 and the entities are not required to have conducted a review prior to the effective date. The entity's first review of the training for its Operations Support Personnel would occur in the first calendar year following the effective date of this standard.

Requirement R5:

R5: Generator Operators were not previously subject to PER-005-1. Generator Operators must have established its training program and must have begun to implement training in accordance with its training program as of the effective date. Under the standard, Generator Operators are not expected to have delivered or developed material for all future training identified in its training program prior to the effective date.

- 5.1: Generator Operators were not previously subject to PER-005-1 and they are not required to have conducted a review prior to the effective date. The Generator Operators' first review would occur in the first calendar year following the effective date of this standard.

Justification

The 24-month period for implementation of PER-005-2 will provide sufficient time for the applicable entities to make necessary modifications to their systematic approach to training and, for entities not yet subject to the standard, time to develop a systematic approach to training that is compliant with the proposed standard. This time frame is consistent with the 24-month implementation period FERC approved for PER-005-1 to allow for Reliability Coordinators, Balancing Authorities, and Transmission Operators to develop a systematic approach to training. The standard drafting team concluded that the same timeframe (24-months) should be provided to the new applicable entities and for the entities currently subject to PER-001-1 to development training for their Operations Support Personnel.

Retirements

PER-005-1 – System Personnel Training should be retired at 11:59:59 of the day immediately prior to the effective date of PER-005-2 in the particular jurisdiction in which the new standard is becoming effective.

Attachment 1
Approved Standards Incorporating the Term “System Operator”

EOP-005-2 — System Restoration from Blackstart Resources

EOP-006-2 — System Restoration Coordination

EOP-008-1 — Loss of Control Center Functionality

IRO-002-3 — Reliability Coordination – Analysis Tools

IRO-014-1 — Procedures, Processes, or Plans to Support Coordination between Reliability Coordinators

MOD-008-1 — TRM Calculation Methodology

MOD-020-0 — Providing Interruptible Demands and DCLM Data

PER-003-1 — Operation Personnel Credentials

PRC-004-WECC-1 – Protection System and Remedial Action Scheme Maintenance and Testing

PRC-023 -2 — Transmission Relay Loadability