

FERC Request for OMB Approval of Non-Substantive Change to FERC-725A, as Contained in the Proposed Rule in Docket Number RM12-19¹

On August 24, 2012, NERC submitted a Petition for Approval of Proposed Reliability Standard (Petition), seeking Commission approval of a proposed Reliability Standard, MOD-028-2, Area Interchange Methodology, Requirement R3.1, which would revise the currently effective “Version 1” standard – MOD-028-1.

In its Petition, NERC asserts that it intended the language of MOD-028-1 to specify that, for certain transfer capability calculations, the load forecast used should be consistent with the period being calculated. Specifically, NERC states:

Requirement R3 of the MOD-028-1 standard is proposed to be modified to clarify language regarding load forecasting, to indicate that for days two through 31, a daily load forecast is required (identical to the current standard); for months two through 13, a monthly load forecast is required (identical to the current standard); and for current-day and next-day, entities may use *either* a daily or hourly load forecast (the language being clarified). The new language clarifies and is consistent with the intent of the original requirement language, and does not materially change the standard.²

NERC thus proposes Reliability Standard MOD-028-2, which revises MOD-028-1 as follows:

- R3. When calculating TTCs for ATC Paths, the Transmission Operator shall include the following data for the Transmission Service Provider’s area ...
 - R3.1. ~~For on-peak and off-peak intra-day and next-day~~For TTCs, use the following (as well as any other values and additional parameters as specified in the ATCID).
 - R3.1.1. Expected generation and Transmission outages, additions, and retirements, included as specified in the ATCID.

¹ The Commission was unable to submit this non-substantive change request at the time the proposed rule published in the Federal Register because of another item in the same control number pending an OMB decision (ICR# 201303-1902-014). OMB decided on the pending item on 5/29/13.

² NERC Petition at 7 (emphasis added).

R.3.1.2. ~~Load~~ A daily or hourly load forecast for the applicable period being calculated TTCs used in current-day and next-day ATC calculations.

R.3.1.3. A daily load forecast for TTCs used in ATC calculations for days two through 31.

~~R.3.1.2:~~R3.1.4. A monthly load forecast for TTCs used in ATC calculations for months two through 13 months TTCs.

The Commission previously approved, in Order No. 729, the Reliability Standard (MOD-028-1) that is the subject of the current rulemaking in RM12-19. The rulemaking proposes to approve one revision to a previously approved Reliability Standard developed by the North American Electric Reliability Corporation as the Electric Reliability Organization. The proffered revision relates to an existing Reliability Standard and does not change this standard; therefore, it does not add to or otherwise change any entities' current reporting burden. Thus, the current proposal would not materially affect the burden estimates relating to the currently effective version of the Reliability Standards presented in Order No. 729. The MOD-028-1 Reliability Standard that is subject of the approved revision was approved in Order No. 729, and the related information collection requirements were reviewed and approved, accordingly.³

Based on the above, the Commission requests approval of this nonsubstantive change.

³ See Order No. 729, 129 FERC ¶ 61,155 at PP 307-312.