

A. Introduction

1. **Title:** Reliability Coordinator Operational Analyses and Real-time Assessments
2. **Number:** IRO-008-1
3. **Purpose:** To prevent instability, uncontrolled separation, or cascading outages that adversely impact the reliability of the interconnection by ensuring that the Bulk Electric System is assessed during the operations horizon.
4. **Applicability**
 - 4.1. Reliability Coordinator.
5. **Proposed Effective Date:**

In those jurisdictions where no regulatory approval is required, the standard shall become effective on the latter of either April 1, 2009 or the first day of the first calendar quarter, three months after BOT adoption.

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B. Requirements

- R1. Each Reliability Coordinator shall perform an Operational Planning Analysis to assess whether the planned operations for the next day within its Wide Area, will exceed any of its Interconnection Reliability Operating Limits (IROLs) during anticipated normal and Contingency event conditions. (*Violation Risk Factor: High*) (*Time Horizon: Operations Planning*)
- R2. Each Reliability Coordinator shall perform a Real-Time Assessment at least once every 30 minutes to determine if its Wide Area is exceeding any IROLs or is expected to exceed any IROLs. (*Violation Risk Factor: High*) (*Time Horizon: Real-time Operations*)
- R3. When a Reliability Coordinator determines that the results of an Operational Planning Analysis or Real-Time Assessment indicates the need for specific operational actions to prevent or mitigate an instance of exceeding an IROL, the Reliability Coordinator shall share its results with those entities that are expected to take those actions. (*Violation Risk Factor: Medium*) (*Time Horizon: Real-time Operations or Same Day Operations*)

C. Measures

- M1. The Reliability Coordinator shall have, and make available upon request, the results of its Operational Planning Analyses.
- M2. The Reliability Coordinator shall have, and make available upon request, evidence to show it conducted a Real-Time Assessment at least once every 30 minutes. This evidence could include, but is not limited to, dated computer log showing times the assessment was conducted, dated checklists, or other evidence.

- M3.** The Reliability Coordinator shall have and make available upon request, evidence to confirm that it shared the results of its Operational Planning Analyses or Real-Time Assessments with those entities expected to take actions based on that information. This evidence could include, but is not limited to, dated operator logs, dated voice recordings, dated transcripts of voice records, dated facsimiles, or other evidence.

D. Compliance

1. Compliance Monitoring Process

1.1. Compliance Enforcement Authority

For Reliability Coordinators that work for the Regional Entity, the ERO shall serve as the Compliance Enforcement Authority.

For Reliability Coordinators that do not work for the Regional Entity, the Regional Entity shall serve as the Compliance Enforcement Authority.

1.2. Compliance Monitoring Period and Reset Time Frame

Not applicable.

1.3. Compliance Monitoring and Enforcement Processes

Compliance Audits

Self-Certifications

Spot Checking

Compliance Violation Investigations

Self-Reporting

Complaints

1.4. Data Retention

The Reliability Coordinator shall keep data or evidence to show compliance as identified below unless directed by its Compliance Enforcement Authority to retain specific evidence for a longer period of time as part of an investigation:

The Compliance Enforcement Authority shall keep the last audit records and all requested and submitted subsequent audit records.

The Reliability Coordinator shall retain evidence for Requirement R1, Measure M1 and Requirement R2, Measure M2 for a rolling 30 days. The Reliability Coordinator shall keep evidence for Requirement R3, Measure M3 for a rolling three months.

1.5. Additional Compliance Information

None.

2. Violation Severity Levels

| Requirement | Lower | Moderate | High | Severe |
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| R1 | Performed an Operational Planning Analysis that covers all aspects of the requirement for all except one of 30 days | Performed an Operational Planning Analysis that covers all aspects of the requirement for all except two of 30 days. | Performed an Operational Planning Analysis that covers all aspects of the requirement for all except three of 30 days. | Missed performing an Operational Planning Analysis that covers all aspects of the requirement for four or more of 30 days. |
| R2 | For any sample 24 hour period within the 30 day retention period, a Real-time Assessment was not conducted for one 30-minute period. within that 24-hour period (R2) | For any sample 24 hour period within the 30 day retention period, Real-time Assessments were not conducted for two 30-minute periods within that 24-hour period (R2) | For any sample 24 hour period within the 30 day retention period, Real-time Assessments were not conducted for three 30-minute periods within that 24-hour period (R2) | For any sample 24 hour period within the 30 day retention period, Real-time Assessments were not conducted for more than three 30-minute periods within that 24-hour period (R2) |
| R3 | N/A | N/A | N/A | The Reliability Coordinator failed to share the results of its analyses or assessments with any of the entities that were required to take action. |

E. Regional Variances

None

F. Associated Documents

None

Version History

| Version | Date | Action | Change Tracking |
|----------------|-------------------|---|------------------------|
| 1 | October 17, 2008 | Adopted by NERC Board of Trustees | |
| 1 | March 17, 2011 | Order issued by FERC approving IRO-008-1 (approval effective 5/23/11) | |
| 1 | February 28, 2014 | Updated VSLs and VRF's based on June 24, 2013 approval. | |