

**Compliance Questionnaire and**

**Reliability Standard Audit Worksheet**

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

**Registered Entity:** *(Must be completed by the Compliance Enforcement Authority)*

**NCR Number:** *(Must be completed by the Compliance Enforcement Authority)*

**Applicable Function(s):** RC

**Auditors:**

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# ­Subject Matter Experts

Identify your company’s subject matter expert(s) responsible for this Reliability Standard. Include the person's title, organization and the requirement(s) for which they are responsible. Insert additional lines if necessary.

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# Reliability Standard Language

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

**Purpose:**

To ensure that each Reliability Coordinator’s operations are coordinated such that they will not have an Adverse Reliability Impact on other Reliability Coordinator Areas and to preserve the reliability benefits of interconnected operations.

**Applicability:**

Reliability Coordinator

**NERC BOT Approval Date: 2/7/2006**

**FERC Approval Date: 3/16/2007**

**Reliability Standard Enforcement Date in the United States: 6/18/2007**

**Requirements**:

1. The Reliability Coordinator shall have Operating Procedures, Processes, or Plans in place for activities that require notification, exchange of information or coordination of actions with one or more other Reliability Coordinators to support Interconnection reliability. These Operating Procedures, Processes, or Plans shall address Scenarios that affect other Reliability Coordinator Areas as well as those developed in coordination with other Reliability Coordinators.

**R1.1.** These Operating Procedures, Processes, or Plans shall collectively address, as a minimum, the following:

**R1.1.1.** Communications and notifications, including the conditions[[1]](#footnote-1) under which one Reliability Coordinator notifies other Reliability Coordinators; the process to follow in making those notifications; and the data and information to be exchanged with other Reliability Coordinators.

**R1.1.2.** Energy and capacity shortages

**R1.1.3.** Planned or unplanned outage information.

**R1.1.4.** Voltage control, including the coordination of reactive resources for voltage control.

**R1.1.5.** Coordination of information exchange to support reliability assessments

**R1.1.6.** Authority to act to prevent and mitigate instances of causing Adverse Reliability Impacts to other Reliability Coordinator Areas

**Describe, in narrative form, how you meet compliance with this requirement:**

***(Registered Entity Response Required)***

# R1 Supporting Evidence and Documentation

**Response: *(Registered Entity Response Required)***

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**Compliance Assessment Approach Specific to IRO-014-1 R1**

\_\_\_ Review the evidence provided by the entity to determine if the operating procedures,

processes or plans address the exchange of information, notification, or coordination of the following:

\_\_\_ Communications and notifications as detailed in Requirement 1.1.1

\_\_\_ Energy and capacity shortages

\_\_\_ Planned or unplanned outage information

\_\_\_ Voltage control, including coordinating reactive resources

\_\_\_ Coordination of information exchange

\_\_\_ Authority to act to prevent and mitigate instances that are causing Adverse Reliability

Impacts to other Reliability Coordinator Areas

**Detailed Notes:**

**R2.** Each Reliability Coordinator’s Operating Procedure, Process, or Plan that requires one or more other Reliability Coordinators to take action (e.g., make notifications, exchange information, or coordinate actions) shall be:

**R2.1.** Agreed to by all the Reliability Coordinators required to take the indicated action(s).

**R2.2.** Distributed to all Reliability Coordinators that are required to take the indicated action(s).

**Describe, in narrative form, how you meet compliance with this requirement:**

***(Registered Entity Response Required)***

# R2 Supporting Evidence and Documentation

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**Compliance Assessment Approach Specific to IRO-014-1 R2**

Review the evidence provided by the entity to determine if the Reliability Coordinator’s Operating Procedure, Process, or Plan that requires one or more other Reliability Coordinators to take action are:

\_\_\_ Agreed to by all the Reliability Coordinators required to take the indicated action(s).

\_\_\_ Distributed to all Reliability Coordinators that are required to take the indicated action(s).

**Detailed Notes:**

**R3.** A Reliability Coordinator’s Operating Procedures, Processes, or Plans developed to support a Reliability Coordinator-to-Reliability Coordinator Operating Procedure, Process, or Plan shall include:

**R3.1.** A reference to the associated RC-to-RC Operating Procedures, Processes, or Plans

**R3.2.** The agreed-upon actions from the associated RC-to-RC Operating Procedures, Processes, or Plans

**Describe, in narrative form, how you meet compliance with this requirement:**

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# R3 Supporting Evidence and Documentation

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**Compliance Assessment Approach Specific to IRO-014-1 R3**

Verify the Reliability Coordinator’s Operating Procedures, Processes, or Plans developed (for its

System Operators’ internal use) to support a Reliability Coordinator-to-Reliability Coordinator

Operating Procedure, Process, or Plan received from another Reliability Coordinator:

\_\_\_Include a reference to the associated Operating Procedure, Process or Plan

\_\_\_ Support the agreed-upon actions from the Operating Procedure, Process or Plan.

**Detailed Notes:**

**R4.** Each of the Operating Procedures, Processes, and Plans addressed in Reliability Standard IRO-014 Requirement 1 and Requirement 3 shall:

**R4.1.** Include version control number or date.

**R4.2.** Include a distribution list.

**R4.3.** Be reviewed, at least once every three years, and updated if needed.

**Describe, in narrative form, how you meet compliance with this requirement:**

***(Registered Entity Response Required)***

# R4 Supporting Evidence and Documentation

**Response: *(Registered Entity Response Required)***

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**Compliance Assessment Approach Specific to IRO-014-1 R4**

Verify each of the Operating Procedures, Processes, and Plans addressed in Reliability Standard IRO- 014 Requirement 1 and Requirement 3 contains:

\_\_\_A version control number or date

\_\_\_A distribution list

\_\_\_The Operating Procedures, Processes, and Plans are reviewed, at least once every three years, and updated if needed.

**Detailed notes:**

# Supplemental Information

**Other –** The list of questions above is not all inclusive of evidence required to show compliance with the Reliability Standard. Provide additional information here**, as necessary that** demonstrates compliance with this Reliability Standard.

**Entity** **Response: *(Registered Entity Response)***

# Compliance Findings Summary (to be filled out by auditor)

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**Excerpts from FERC Orders -- For Reference Purposes Only**

**Updated Through March 31, 2009**

**IRO-014-1**

**Order 693**

P888. The Interconnection Reliability Operations and Coordination (IRO) group of Reliability Standards detail the responsibilities and authorities of a reliability coordinator.The IRO Reliability Standards establish requirements for data, tools and wide-area view, all of which are intended to facilitate a reliability coordinator’s ability to perform its responsibilities and ensure the reliable operation of the interconnected grid.”

P993. The stated purpose of IRO-014-1 is to ensure that each reliability coordinator’s operations are coordinated so that they will not have an adverse reliability impact on other reliability coordinator areas and to preserve the reliability benefits of interconnected operation. Specifically, IRO-014-1 ensures energy balance and transmission by requiring a reliability coordinator to have operating procedures, processes or plans for the exchange of operating information and coordination of operating plans.

P996. For the reasons stated in the NOPR, the Commission approves IRO-014-1as mandatory and enforceable.

**Revision History**

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| **Version** | **Date** | **Reviewers** | **Revision Description** |
| 1 | December 2010 | QRSAW WG | Revised Findings Table, modified Supporting Evidence tables and Added Revision History |
| 1 | January 2011 | Craig Struck | Reviewed for format consistency and content. |
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1. Examples of conditions when one Reliability Coordinator may need to notify another Reliability Coordinator may include (but aren’t limited to) sabotage events, Interconnection Reliability Operating Limit violations, voltage reductions, insufficient resources, arming of special protection systems, etc. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)