

**SPP TLR 5 Investigation Report**  
**Flowgate 5354**  
**(Randall-Palo Duro 115kV for the loss of Amarillo-Swisher 230kV)**  
**TLR Level 5: August 1, 2009**  
**Report Issued: August 28, 2009**

**1. Description of purpose/cause of hold/curtailment.**

This report is submitted in accordance with the NERC Transmission Loading Relief Investigation Procedure for the Level 5 TLR event that occurred on Flowgate 5354 on August 1, 2009. Flowgate 5354 is an SPP flowgate. The Level 5 TLR was in effect from 1:00 until 4:00 CST on August 1, 2009. Projected post-contingent flows on the Randall – Palo Duro 115 kV line exceeded the SOL. This flowgate was created in response to a request from the balancing authority due to an equipment rating decrease which in turn caused thermal loading concerns. The rating is based on the limit within the substation.

**2. Facility/flowgate limitations and flows at the time the TLR was initiated.**

At the time the Level 5A TLR was issued, the Limiting Element was rated at 99 MVA. Flow on the Limiting Element was 48 MVA. Flow on the Contingent Element was 151 MVA. The LODF was approximately 20%. Post-contingent flow on the Limiting Element was approximately 78 MVA. However, the balancing authority had been reporting post-contingent loading on the Limiting Element up to 30% higher than those recorded by the Reliability Coordinator. The Reliability Coordinator took action based on the higher loading observed by the balancing authority.

**3. TLR levels, timing, and relief requested amounts.**

TLR levels, timing and relief requested amounts are shown in the Event History and NERC TLR Log on pages 3-5.

**4. Transmission and generation outages or changes from prediction that may have contributed.**

There were no unplanned outages that contributed to this TLR.

**5. Procedures implemented prior to hold/curtailment.**

There were no non-firm transactions that impacted the flowgate by more than 5%. The TLR was escalated to a Level 5 in order to curtail firm transactions and firm market flow to alleviate loading on the flowgate.

**6. The initial investigation shall compare all transaction curtailment lists as generated by the IDC with the list of transactions flowing as determined by the IDC (Whole Transaction Lists) both before and after curtailment. The reasons for any transactions that were excluded from curtailment shall be provided. For those transactions not curtailed, the Reliability Authority will identify those entities and any affiliation with said entities.**

There were no known transactions excluded from curtailment for this TLR.

**7. List of known transactions not in the IDC with Transaction Contribution Factors greater than the curtailment threshold and actions taken to curtail such transactions.**

There were no known transactions not in the IDC.

**8. Excerpts from the RA Operations Log containing information relevant to the TLR event.**

Information was provided to Reliability Coordinators through the IDC and the RCIS. Also the SPP Reliability Coordinators logged information describing the actions taken at each issuance of the TLR, see page 6. Times in the RC Log are CDT.

**9. Flowgate limitations as identified by security analysis processes conducted by the Reliability Authority for the day prior to the TLR event.**

The next day process did not indicate an issue with this flowgate based upon conditions at the time of the daily peak.

**10. State Estimator snapshots and security analysis, including any contingency analysis or stability analysis, along with any other recorded data indicating need for TLR.**

The SPP Reliability Coordinator was monitoring their state estimator, RTCA and RTLODF applications for current flowgate loading and other potential issues during this time. eDNA data historian recorded all line flows before, during and after the Level 5 TLR event, see page 7.

**11. ATC limitations before, during, and after the TLR event.**

SPP Tariff Administration grants transmission service using an AFC process. This process evaluates each transmission request on a case by case basis. SPP Tariff Administration was not granting any transmission requests that impacted the congested flowgate by 3 % or greater at the time of the Level 5 TLR.

**12. Description of actions taken to avoid future hold/curtailments.**

This TLR was caused by a combination of generation patterns, load, and system flows coupled with a facility derating. This facility has been in TLR frequently since the derate in October 2008. Loading sometimes requires escalating to a Level 5 TLR in order to obtain sufficient relief to reduce overloads. There are currently no plans to uprate this facility; however, a permanent reconfiguration option has been studied, and a new operation guide is being developed to alleviate loading on the flowgate.

**13. Provide IDC generated Congestion Management Reports showing transaction curtailment list and Control Area NNL (network and native load) curtailment responsibility.**

Congestion Management Reports for each issuance of the TLR have been reviewed and are archived in the IDC. These screen shots have not been included to reduce the size of this report.

**14. Re-dispatch actions taken.**

SPP EIS Market redispatch was implemented during the entire TLR event. Firm Market Flow was reduced on the flowgate as reported in the TLR Event History and NERC TLR Log on pages 3-5.

## TLR Event History

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Status	TLR Level	TLR Date (CST)	TLR Confirm Time (CST)	Run Time (CST)	Requested Relief	Remaining Relief	Relief Provided	Total Cuts	
								Tags	MW
<a href="#">SUPERSEDED</a>	3B	07/31/2009 22:15	07/31/2009 22:01	07/31/2009 22:01:34	25.0	25.0	0.0	0	0
<a href="#">SUPERSEDED</a>	3A	08/01/2009 00:00	07/31/2009 23:26	07/31/2009 23:26:06	43.0	43.0	0.0	0	0
<a href="#">SUPERSEDED</a>	5A	08/01/2009 01:00	08/01/2009 00:28	08/01/2009 00:27:38	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0
<a href="#">SUPERSEDED</a>	5A	08/01/2009 02:00	08/01/2009 01:26	08/01/2009 01:26:08	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0
<a href="#">SUPERSEDED</a>	5A	08/01/2009 03:00	08/01/2009 02:26	08/01/2009 02:26:25	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0
<a href="#">SUPERSEDED</a>	3A	08/01/2009 04:00	08/01/2009 03:27	08/01/2009 03:27:14	32.0	32.0	0.0	0	0
<a href="#">SUPERSEDED</a>	3A	08/01/2009 05:00	08/01/2009 04:26	08/01/2009 04:25:46	104.0	0.0	104.0	0	0
<a href="#">TERMINATED</a>	0	08/01/2009 04:55	08/01/2009 04:45	08/01/2009 04:45:31	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0

08/28/2009 08:00:13 (CST)

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Aug 01 04:45	TLR 0	CURRENT	NONE	NONE	NONE	18	69	252	N/A
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### TLR Schedule Totals

Priority	Schedule			
	Total Tags Cut / Hold	IDC Cut MW	RC Cut Acknowledge MW	Hold MW
0	0	0	0	0
1	0	0	0	0
2	0	0	0	0
3	0	0	0	0
4	0	0	0	0
5	0	0	0	0
6	0	0	0	0
7	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

### TLR Market Flow Totals

Market	Type	Market Relief	
		IDC MW	RC Ackn MW
SWPP	ED-2	0.0	0.0
	ED-6	104.0	104.0
	FIRM-7	0.0	0.0
<b>Total for SWPP</b>		<b>104.0</b>	<b>104.0</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>104.0</b>	<b>104.0</b>

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1	<b>Reliability Log for August, 1</b>				
2	<b>Time</b>	<b>Initials</b>	<b>Comments</b>		
3	0026	LWB	Issued TLR level 3A on RanPalAmaSwi flgt #5354.		
4	0127	LWB	Issued TLR level 5A on RanPalAmaSwi flgt #5354 for feasibility.		
5	0226	LWB	Re-issued TLR level 5A on RanPalAmaSwi flgt #5354 for feasibility.		
6	0326	LWB	Re-issued TLR level 5A on RanPalAmaSwi flgt #5354 for feasibility.		
7	0427	LWB	Issued TLR level 3A on RanPalAmaSwi flgt #5354.		
8	0525	LWB	Issued TLR level 3A on RanPalAmaSwi flgt #5354.		
9	0545	LRG	Issued TLR level 0 on RanPalAmaSwi flgt #5354.		
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