

### Standard Development Roadmap

*This section is maintained by the drafting team during the development of the standard and will be removed when the standard becomes effective.*

#### Development Steps Completed:

1. SAC approved SAR and standard for posting (January 11, 2007).
2. Posted for initial comment period from January 15–February 28, 2007.
3. Second draft posted for comment from July 19–August 17, 2007

#### Proposed Action Plan and Description of Current Draft:

This is the third draft of the proposed standard, posted for a 30-day comment period, along with the associated implementation plan from July 28 through August 26, 2008.

#### Future Development Plan:

Anticipated Actions	Anticipated Date
1. Post response to comments.	September 5, 2008
2. Post for 30-day pre-ballot review	September 5–October 5, 2008
3. Conduct initial ballot	October 6–15, 2008
4. Respond to comments with initial ballot	October 16, 2008
5. Conduct recirculation ballot	October 17–26, 2008
6. BOT adoption	October 29, 2008
7. File with regulatory authorities	To be determined

### **Definitions of Terms Used in Standard**

*This section includes all newly defined or revised terms used in the proposed standard. Terms already defined in the Reliability Standards Glossary of Terms are not repeated here. New or revised definitions listed below become approved when the proposed standard is approved. When the standard becomes effective, these defined terms will be removed from the individual standard and added to the Glossary.*

**None.**

## A. Introduction

1. **Title:** Facility Ratings
2. **Number:** FAC-008-2
3. **Purpose:** To ensure that Facility Ratings used in the reliable planning and operation of the Bulk Electric System (BES) are determined based on technically sound principles. A Facility Rating is essential for the determination of System Operating Limits.
4. **Applicability**
  - 4.1. Transmission Owner.
  - 4.2. Generator Owners ~~s with units in a plant directly connected to the BES and units in a plant with an aggregate > 300 MVA (gross nameplate rating) not directly connected to the BES.~~
5. **Proposed Effective Date:** The first day of the first calendar quarter that is twelve months beyond the date approved by applicable regulatory authorities, or in those jurisdictions where regulatory approval is not required, the first day of the first calendar quarter twelve months following BOT adoption.

## B. Requirements

- R1. The Generator Owner shall have a documented methodology for determining the Facility Ratings (Facility Ratings Methodology) of its solely and jointly owned generating unit Facilities that identifies how each of the following were considered: [*Violation Risk Factor: ~~Lower Medium~~*] [*Time Horizon: Long-term Planning*]
  - R1.1. Facility commissioning data.
  - R1.2. Performance history or rating verification accompanied by engineering analysis.
  - R1.3. Ratings provided by equipment manufacturers or obtained from equipment manufacturer specifications.
  - R1.4. Ambient conditions.
  - R1.5. Equipment Rating standard(s) used in development of this methodology.
- R2. The Transmission Owner and Generator Owner shall each have a documented methodology for determining Facility Ratings (Facility Ratings Methodology) of its solely and jointly owned Facilities (except for those generating Facilities addressed in R1) that contains all of the following: [*Violation Risk Factor: ~~Lower Medium~~*] [*Time Horizon: Long-term Planning*]
  - R2.1. The methodology used to establish the Ratings of the Equipment that comprises the Facility shall be consistent with at least one of the following:
    - R2.1.1. Nameplate rating.
    - R2.1.2. One or more industry ~~Equipment Rating~~ standards developed through an open process such as IEEE or ~~guidelines.~~<sup>+</sup>CIGRE.
    - R2.1.3. A practice that has been verified by testing or engineering analysis.

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<sup>+</sup>~~The industry Equipment Rating standard or practice used must be either a nameplate rating; IEEE Standards or Guides; or a recognized, published industry-accepted practice such as a CIGRE guideline, or other similar documents.~~

- R2.2.** The underlying assumptions, design criteria, and methods used to determine the Equipment Ratings identified in R2.1 including identification of how each of the following were considered:
- R2.2.1.** Equipment Rating standard(s) used in development of this methodology.
  - R2.2.2.** Ratings provided by equipment manufacturers or obtained from equipment manufacturer specifications.
  - R2.2.3.** Ambient conditions (for particular or average conditions or as they vary in real-time).
  - R2.2.4.** Operating limitations.<sup>2</sup>
- R2.3.** A statement that a Facility Rating shall respect the most limiting applicable Equipment Rating of the individual equipment that comprises that Facility.
- R2.4.** The method/process by which the Rating (of equipment that comprises a Facility) is determined.
- R2.4.1.** The scope of equipment addressed shall include, but not be limited to, transmission conductors, transformers, relay protective devices, terminal equipment, and series and shunt compensation devices.
  - R2.4.2.** The scope of Ratings addressed shall include, as a minimum, both Normal and Emergency Ratings.
- R3.** The Transmission Owner and Generator Owner shall each make its Facility Ratings Methodology available for inspection and technical review by those Reliability Coordinators, Transmission Operators, Transmission Planners and Planning Coordinators that have responsibility for the area in which the associated Facilities are located, within 21 calendar days of receipt of a request. [*Violation Risk Factor: Lower*] [*Time Horizon: Operations Planning*]
- R4.** If a Reliability Coordinator, Transmission Operator, Transmission Planner or Planning Coordinator provides written documented comments on its technical review of a Transmission Owner's or Generator Owner's Facility Ratings Methodology, the Transmission Owner or Generator Owner shall provide a response to that commenting entity within 45 calendar days of receipt of those comments. The response shall indicate whether a change will be made to the Facility Ratings Methodology and, if no change will be made to that Facility Ratings Methodology, the reason why. [*Violation Risk Factor: Lower*] [*Mitigation Time Horizon: Operations Planning*]
- R5.** The Transmission Owner and Generator Owner shall each have Facility Ratings for its solely and jointly owned Facilities that are consistent with the associated Facility Ratings Methodology. [*Violation Risk Factor: Medium*] [*Time Horizon: Operations Planning, Same-day Operations, Real-time Operations*]
- R6.** The Transmission Owner and Generator Owner shall each provide Facility Ratings for its solely and jointly owned Facilities that are existing Facilities, new Facilities, modifications to existing Facilities and re-ratings of existing Facilities to its associated Reliability Coordinator(s), Planning Coordinator(s), Transmission Planner(s), and Transmission Operator(s) as scheduled by such requesting entities. [*Violation Risk Factor: Medium*] [*Time Horizon: Operations Planning, Same-day Operations, Real-time Operations*]

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<sup>2</sup> Including Such as temporary de-ratings of impaired equipment in accordance with good utility practice.

- R7.** If a ~~Transmission Owner receives a request (from an associated~~ Reliability Coordinator, Transmission Operator, Transmission Planner, or Planning Coordinator) ~~for identification requests:~~
- Identification of the most limiting Equipment that comprises a Facility ~~and the, or~~
  - The hypothetical increase in the Facility’s Rating if that most limiting Equipment that comprises that Facility were not considered in the development of that Facility Rating;

then the Transmission Owner shall provide the requested information within 30 calendar days, (or a later date if specified by the requester) if the Facility Rating meets all of the ~~following~~ criteria in the table below: [*Violation Risk Factor: Lower*] [*Time Horizon: Operations Planning*]

~~R6.1. It is a thermal rating.~~

~~R6.2. It is not limited by a conductor rating.~~

~~R6.3. It can be classified as one of the following:~~

- ~~- An Interconnection Reliability Operating Limit~~
- ~~- A limitation of Total Transfer Capability~~
- ~~- An impediment to generation deliverability~~
- ~~- An impediment to service to major cities or load pockets~~

<u>If the Facility Rating meets both of the following:</u>	<u>And the requester provides evidence that the Facility Rating is at least one of the following:</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <u>It is a thermal rating</u></li> <li>- <u>It is limited by equipment other than the conductor</u></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <u>Used to develop an Interconnection Reliability Operating Limit</u></li> <li>- <u>A limitation of Total Transfer Capability</u></li> <li>- <u>An impediment to generation deliverability</u></li> <li>- <u>An impediment to service to major cities or load pockets</u></li> </ul>

**C. Measures**

- M1.** The Generator Owner shall have a documented Facility Ratings Methodology that ~~considers~~ shows how each of the items identified in Requirement 1.1 through Requirement 1.5 ~~were considered~~.
- M2.** The Transmission Owner and Generator Owner shall each have a documented Facility Ratings Methodology that includes all of the items identified in Requirement 2.1 through Requirement 2.4.
- M3.** The Transmission Owner and Generator Owner shall each have evidence, such as a copy of a dated electronic note, or other comparable evidence to show that it made its Facility Ratings Methodology available for inspection within 21 calendar days of a request in accordance with Requirement 3.
- M4.** If the Reliability Coordinator, Transmission Operator, Transmission Planner or Planning Coordinator provides documented comments on its technical review of a Transmission Owner’s or Generator Owner’s Facility Ratings Methodology, the Transmission Owner or

Generator Owner shall have evidence, (such as a copy of a dated electronic or hard copy note, or other comparable evidence from the Transmission Owner or Generator Owner addressed to the commenter that includes the response to the comment,) ~~that it provided a response to that commenting entity in accordance with Requirement 4.~~

- M5.** The Transmission Owner and Generator Owner shall have evidence to show or shall be able to demonstrate that its Facility Ratings are consistent with its Facility Ratings Methodology (Requirement 5).
- M6.** The Transmission Owner's and Generator Owner's set of Facility Ratings shall include ratings for its solely and jointly owned Facilities including new Facilities, existing Facilities, modifications to existing Facilities and re-ratings of existing Facilities. (Requirement ~~5~~6)
- M7.** The Transmission Owner and Generator Owner shall each have evidence, such as a copy of a dated electronic note, or other comparable evidence to show that it provided its Facility Ratings to its associated Reliability Coordinator(s), Planning Coordinator(s), Transmission Planner(s), and Transmission Operator(s) in accordance with Requirement 6.
- M8.** The Transmission Owner shall each have evidence, such as a copy of a dated electronic note, or other comparable evidence to show that it provided requested information (identification of the most limiting Equipment that comprises a Facility and the hypothetical increase in the Facility's Rating if that most limiting Equipment that comprises that Facility were not considered in the development of that Facility's Rating) to its associated Reliability Coordinator(s), Planning Coordinator(s), Transmission Planner(s), and Transmission Operator(s) in accordance with Requirement 7.

## D. Compliance

### 1. Compliance Monitoring Process

#### ~~1.1. Compliance Monitoring Responsibility~~

##### 1.1. Compliance Enforcement Authority

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##### 1.2. Compliance Monitoring Period and Reset Timeframe

~~One or more of the following methods will be used to assess compliance:~~

~~–Self certification (conducted annually with submission according to schedule).~~

~~–Spot check audits (conducted anytime with up to 30 days notice given to prepare).~~

~~–Periodic audit (conducted once every three years according to schedule for the Transmission Operator and once every six years according to schedule for the Generator Operator).~~

~~–Investigations.~~

Other methods as provided for in the Not Applicable

##### 1.3. Compliance Monitoring and Enforcement ~~Program~~ Processes:

~~The Reset Timeframe shall be one month from the last finding of noncompliance.~~

- ~~– Self-Certifications~~
- ~~– Spot Checking~~
- ~~– Compliance Audits~~
- ~~– Self-Reporting~~

- Compliance Violation Investigations
- Complaints

#### 1.4. Data Retention

The Generator Owner shall keep its ~~evidence for Measures 1 through 7 for three years plus current, or in force Facility Rating Methodology (for R1) and any modifications to the methodology that were in force since the last compliance audit, whichever is longer, period for Measure 1 and Measure 5.~~

The Transmission Owner and Generator Owner shall keep its ~~evidence for Measures 2 through 7 for three years plus current or, in force Facility Ratings Methodology (for R2) and any modifications to the methodology that were in force since the last compliance audit, whichever is longer~~ for Measure 2 and Measure 5.

The Transmission Owner and Generator Owner shall keep its current, in force Facility Ratings and any changes to those ratings for three calendar years for Measure 5 and Measure 6.

The Generator Owner and Transmission Owner shall each keep evidence for Measure 3, Measure 4, Measure 7, and Measure 8 for three calendar years.

If a Generator Owner or Transmission Owner is found non-compliant, it shall keep information related to the non-compliance until found compliant.

The Compliance ~~Monitor~~Enforcement Authority shall keep the last audit and all subsequent compliance records.

#### 1.5. Additional Compliance Information

~~The Transmission Owner and Generator Owner shall each make the following available for inspection during an on-site audit by the Compliance Monitor or within 15 business days of a request as part of an investigation:~~

~~1.5.1 Facility Ratings Methodology.~~

~~1.5.2 Industry Equipment Rating standards or practice(s) used for developing Equipment Ratings.~~

~~1.5.3 Superseded portions of its Facility Ratings Methodology that had been replaced, changed or revised within the past 12 months.~~

~~1.5.3.1 The Compliance Monitor may, at its determination, request some or all the previous three years of the superseded portions of the entity's Facility Ratings Methodology that had been replaced, changed or revised as part of an audit or investigation.~~

~~1.5.4 Documented comments provided by a Reliability Coordinator, Transmission Operator, Transmission Planner or Planning Coordinator on its technical review of a Transmission Owner's or Generator Owner's Facility Ratings methodology, and the associated responses.~~

~~1.5.5 Facility Ratings.~~

~~1.5.6 Evidence that Facility Ratings were distributed.~~

~~1.5.7 Distribution schedules provided by entities that requested Facility Ratings.~~

None

## 2. Violation Severity Levels

~~2.1.Lower:—There shall be a lower violation if one or more of the following conditions exists:~~

~~2.1.1The Facility Ratings Methodology does not contain a statement that a Facility Rating shall equal the most limiting applicable Equipment Rating of the individual equipment that comprises that Facility.~~

~~2.1.2The Facility Ratings Methodology does not address one of the required equipment types identified in FAC 008 R2.4.1.~~

~~2.1.3No evidence of responses to a Reliability Coordinator's, Transmission Operator, Transmission Planner, or Planning Coordinator's comments on the Facility Ratings Methodology.~~

~~2.1.4Not all requested Facility Ratings associated with existing Facilities were provided to the Reliability Coordinator(s), Planning Coordinator(s), Transmission Planner(s), and Transmission Operator(s) in accordance with their respective schedules.~~

~~2.1.5The Facility Ratings Methodology was not made available for inspection within 22 business days of receipt of a request, but was provided within 28 calendar days of receipt.~~

~~2.2.Moderate:—There shall be a moderate violation if one or more of the following conditions exists:~~

~~2.2.1The Facility Ratings Methodology is missing the assumptions used to determine Facility Ratings or does not address two of the required equipment types identified in FAC 008 R2.4.1.~~

~~2.2.2Not all Facility Ratings associated with new Facilities, modifications to existing Facilities, and re-ratings of existing Facilities were provided to the Reliability Coordinator(s), Planning Coordinator(s), Transmission Planner(s), and Transmission Operator(s) in accordance with their respective schedules.~~

~~2.2.3The Facility Ratings Methodology was not made available for inspection within 29 business days of receipt of a request, but was provided within 42 calendar days of receipt.~~

~~2.3.High:—There shall be a high violation if one or more of the following conditions exists:~~

~~2.3.1The Facility Ratings Methodology does not address three or more of the required equipment types identified in FAC 008 R2.4.1.~~

~~2.3.2Facility Ratings provided were not developed consistent with the Facility Ratings Methodology.~~

~~2.3.3The Facility Ratings Methodology was not made available for inspection within 42 business days of receipt of a request, but was provided within 56 calendar days of receipt.~~

~~2.4.Severe:—There shall be a severe violation if one or more of the following conditions exists:~~

~~2.4.1The Facility Ratings Methodology does not address both Normal and Emergency Ratings or the Facility Ratings Methodology was not made available for inspection within 15 business days of receipt of a request.~~

~~2.4.2 No Facility Ratings were provided to the Reliability Coordinator(s), Planning Coordinator(s), Transmission Planner(s), or Transmission Operator(s) in accordance with their respective schedules.~~

~~2.4.3 The Facility Ratings Methodology was not made available for inspection within 57 calendar days of receipt of a request, or was not provided for inspection at all.~~

R #	Lower VSL	Moderate VSL	High VSL	Severe VSL
R1	The Generator Owner’s Facility Ratings Methodology for generating unit Facilities, does not identify how ambient conditions were considered. (R1.4)	The Generator Owner’s Facility Ratings Methodology for generating unit Facilities, does not identify how either of the following were considered: Ratings provided by equipment manufacturers (R1.3) Equipment Rating standard(s) (R1.5)	The Generator Owner’s Facility Ratings Methodology for generating unit Facilities, does not identify how either of the following were considered: Facility commissioning data. (R1.1) Facility Performance history or rating verification accompanied by engineering analysis. (R1.2)	The Generator Owner’s Facility Ratings Methodology for generating unit Facilities, does not identify how any of the following were considered: Facility commissioning data. (R1.1) R1.2. Performance history or rating verification accompanied by engineering analysis. (R1.2) Ratings provided by equipment manufacturers. (R1.3) Ambient conditions. (R1.4) Equipment Rating standard(s) (R1.5)
R2	The Transmission Owner’s or Generator Owner’s Facility Rating Methodology addresses all of its solely and jointly owned facilities, but is missing one of the following: Does not identify how it considered ratings from equipment manufacturers specifications (R2.2.2) OR The scope of equipment type addressed is missing one of the	The Transmission Owner’s or Generator Owner’s Facility Rating Methodology does not address one of the following sub-requirements: R2.2.1, R2.2.3, R2.2.4. OR The scope of equipment addressed is missing two of the following equipment types: transmission conductors, transformers, relay protective devices, terminal equipment,	The Transmission Owner’s or Generator Owner’s Facility Rating Methodology does not address two of the following sub-requirements: R2.2.1, R2.2.3, R2.2.4. OR The methodology does not respect the most limiting applicable Equipment Rating of the individual equipment that comprises that Facility. (R2.3)	The Transmission Owner or Generator Owner has no Facility Rating Methodology. (R2)

R #	Lower VSL	Moderate VSL	High VSL	Severe VSL
R3	<p>following: transmission conductors, transformers, relay protective devices, terminal equipment, and series and shunt compensation devices. (R2.4.1) OR The methodology document is missing a statement that a Facility Rating shall respect the most limiting applicable Equipment Rating of the individual equipment that comprises that Facility. (R2.3)</p> <p>The Transmission Owner or Generator Owner made its methodology available for inspection, but within a time period that was greater than 21 calendar days but less than 45 calendar days of receipt of a request - (R3)</p>	<p>and series and shunt. (R2.4.1) OR The methodology does not identify whether it is consistent with the methods identified in R2.1.1, R2.1.2, or R2.1.3.</p> <p>The Transmission Owner or Generator Owner did not make its methodology available to either its Transmission Planners or its Planning Coordinators but did make it available to its Reliability Coordinators and Transmission Operators. (R3)</p>	<p>OR The scope of equipment addressed is missing more than two of the following equipment types: transmission conductors, transformers, relay protective devices, terminal equipment, and series and shunt compensation devices. (R2.4.1) OR The methodology is missing the process for determining either normal or emergency ratings. (R2.4.2)</p> <p>The Transmission Owner or Generator Owner did not make its methodology available to either its Transmission Planners or Planning Coordinators OR The Transmission Owner or Generator Owner made its methodology available to some but not all of its Reliability Coordinators and Transmission Operators. (R3)</p>	<p>The Transmission Owner or Generator Owner did not make its Facility Ratings Methodology available to any of the required entities. (R3)</p>

R #	Lower VSL	Moderate VSL	High VSL	Severe VSL
R4	The Transmission Owner or Generator Owner provided a complete response to comments on its Facility Ratings Methodology, but the response was late. (R4)	<p>The Transmission Owner or Generator Owner provided a late response to comments on its Facility Ratings Methodology and the response was missing one of the following:</p> <p>An indication of whether changes were made</p> <p>An explanation to support the decision made. (R4)</p>	<p>The Transmission Owner or Generator Owner provided a response to comments on its Facility Ratings Methodology, on time, but was missing <b>both</b> of the following:</p> <p>An indication of whether changes were made</p> <p>An explanation to support the decision made. (R4)</p>	<p>The Transmission Owner or Generator Owner provided a response to comments on its Facility Ratings Methodology, that was late and was missing <b>both</b> of the following:</p> <p>An indication of whether changes were made</p> <p>An explanation to support the decision made</p> <p>OR</p> <p>The Transmission Owner or Generator Owner did not provide any response to comments on its Facility Ratings Methodology within 90 calendar days. (R4)</p>
R5	The Transmission Owner or Generator Owner developed Facility Ratings and some but less than 5% of the ratings reviewed were inconsistent with the associated Facility Rating Methodology. (R5)	The Transmission Owner or Generator Owner developed Facility Ratings but 5% or more but less than 10% of the ratings reviewed were inconsistent with the associated Facility Rating Methodology. (R5)	The Transmission Owner or Generator Owner developed Facility Ratings but 10% or more but less than 15% of the ratings reviewed were inconsistent with the associated Facility Rating Methodology. (R5)	The Transmission Owner or Generator Owner developed Facility Ratings but 15% or more of the ratings reviewed were inconsistent with the associated Facility Rating Methodology. (R5)
R6	The Transmission Owner or Generator Owner provided all of its Facility Ratings to all of the requesting entities but missed meeting one or more of the schedules by up to 15 calendar days. (R6)	The Transmission Owner or Generator Owner provided all of its Facility Ratings to all but one of the requesting entities but the Facility Ratings provided to one of the required entities were incomplete.	The Transmission Owner or Generator Owner provided some Facility Ratings to all of the requesting entities but the Facility Ratings provided to the following entities were incomplete:	The Transmission Owner or Generator Owner did not provide any of its Facility Ratings to the following entities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Planning Coordinators and Transmission Planners, or</li> </ul>

R #	Lower VSL	Moderate VSL	High VSL	Severe VSL
R7	<p>The Transmission Owner reported all of the required information but in a time period that was greater than 30 calendar days, but less than 60 calendar days. (R7)</p>	<p>OR</p> <p>The Transmission Owner or Generator Owner provided all of its Facility Ratings to all of the requesting entities but missed meeting one or more of the schedules by 15 calendar days or more but less than 30 calendar days. (R6)</p> <p>The Transmission Owner responded to the request within 30 calendar days, but the response was incomplete. (R7)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Planning Coordinators and Transmission Planners, or</li> <li>– Reliability Coordinators and Transmission Operators</li> </ul> <p>OR</p> <p>The Transmission Owner or Generator Owner provided all of its Facility Ratings to all of the requesting entities but missed meeting one or more of the schedules by 30 calendar days or more but less than 45 calendar days. (R6)</p> <p>The Transmission Owner responded to the request in a time period that was greater than 30 calendar days, but less than 60 calendar days AND The response was incomplete. (R7)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Reliability Coordinators and Transmission Operators</li> </ul> <p>OR</p> <p>The Transmission Owner or Generator Owner provided all of its Facility Ratings to all of the requesting entities but missed meeting one or more of the schedules by 45 calendar days or more. (R6)</p> <p>The Transmission Owner did not provide any response within 60 calendar days. (R7)</p>

**E. Regional Variances**

None Identified

**F. Associated Documents**

None Identified

**Version History**

Version	Date	Action	Change Tracking