

Adequate Level of Reliability

The intent of the set of NERC Reliability Standards is to deliver an Adequate Level of Reliability defined by the following bulk power system characteristics:

- The system is controlled to stay within acceptable limits during normal conditions.
- The system performs acceptably after credible contingencies.
- The system limits the impact and scope of instability and cascading outages when they occur.
- The system's facilities are protected from unacceptable damage by operating them within facility ratings.
- The system's integrity can be restored promptly if it is lost.
- The system has the ability to supply the aggregate electric power and energy requirements of the electricity consumers at all times, taking into account scheduled and reasonably expected unscheduled outages of system components.