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:

2. SAR approved on August 13, 2007.
3. First posting of revised standard PRC-001-2 on September 11, 2009
4. PRC-001-2 was approved by the NERC Board of Trustees on May 9, 2012. The legacy Requirements R2, R5, and R6 of PRC-001-1 were retired. Transitioned from a revision to development of PRC-027-1 based on industry comments, quality review feedback, and consideration of FERC directives relative to the existing requirements of PRC-001-1.

Proposed Action Plan and Description of Current Draft:

The Project 2007-06 System Protection Coordination SDT is recommending retirement of the legacy Requirements R2 and R3 of PRC-001-2 because those requirements address Protection System coordination issues included in the new Reliability Standard PRC-027-1. This redlined version of PRC-001-2 shows the proposed changes. The SPC SDT is posting PRC-001-3 and PRC-027-1 for stakeholder comments under a 30-day formal comment period. The ballot of PRC-001-3 is associated with the approval of PRC-027-1 and the implementation plan for this project.

The SPC SDT created a new results-based standard PRC-027-1 to coordinate Protection Systems utilized to protect interconnected Facilities, such that those Protection Systems remove from service only those Elements required to isolate Faults, while meeting the system performance specified within requirements established in other approved NERC Reliability Standards. This standard incorporates and enhances the coordination aspects of Requirements R3 and R4 from PRC-001-1. The SPC SDT is requesting a posting for stakeholder comments under a 30-day formal comment period.

Future Development Plan:

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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.

There are no new or revised definitions proposed in this standard revision.
A. Introduction

1. **Title:** System Protection Coordination

2. **Number:** PRC-001-23

3. **Purpose:**
   
   To ensure system protection is coordinated among operating entities.

4. **Applicability**

   4.1. Balancing Authorities

   4.2. Transmission Operators

   4.3. Generator Operators

5. **Effective Date:** All requirements become effective the first day of the first calendar quarter twelve months following applicable regulatory approval. In those jurisdictions where no regulatory approval is not required, the standard shall become effective on the first day of the first calendar quarter that is twelve months following the date this standard is approved by the NERC Board of Trustees, or as otherwise made effective pursuant to the laws applicable to such ERO governmental authorities.

B. Requirements

**R1.** Each Transmission Operator, Balancing Authority, and Generator Operator shall be familiar with the purpose and limitations of protection system schemes applied in its area. [Violation Risk factor: High][Time Horizon: Operations Planning, Same-day Operations, Real-time Operations]

**R2.** A Generator Operator or Transmission Operator shall coordinate new protective systems and changes as follows:

- **R2.1.** Each Generator Operator shall coordinate all new protective systems and all protective system changes with its Transmission Operator and Host Balancing Authority. [Violation Risk Factor: High][Time Horizon: Operations Planning, Same-day Operations, Real-time Operations]

- **R2.2.** Each Transmission Operator shall coordinate all new protective systems and all protective system changes with neighboring Transmission Operators and Balancing Authorities. [Violation Risk Factor: High] [Time Horizon: Operations Planning, Same-day Operations, Real-time Operations]

**R3.** Each Transmission Operator shall coordinate protection systems on major transmission lines and interconnections with neighboring Generator Operators, Transmission Operators, and Balancing Authorities. [Violation Risk Factor: High] [Time Horizon: Operations Planning, Same-day Operations, Real-time Operations]

C. Measures

**M1.** Each Generator Operator and Transmission Operator shall have and provide upon request evidence that could include but is not limited to, revised fault analysis study, letters of agreement on settings, notifications of changes, or other equivalent evidence
that will be used to confirm that there was coordination of new protective systems or changes as noted in Requirements 2, 2.1, and 2.2.

D. Compliance

1. Compliance Monitoring Process

1.1. Compliance Enforcement Authority

The Regional Entity shall be responsible for compliance monitoring—serve as the Compliance enforcement authority unless the applicable entity is owned, operated, or controlled by the Regional Entity. In such cases the ERO or a Regional entity approved by FERC or other applicable governmental authority shall serve as the CEA.

1.2. Compliance Monitoring and Reset Time Frame

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.)
- Triggered Investigations (Notification of an investigation must be made within 60 days of an event or complaint of noncompliance. The entity will have up to 30 days to prepare for the investigation. An entity may request an extension of the preparation period, and the extension will be considered by the Compliance Monitor on a case-by-case basis.)

The Performance-Reset Period shall be 12 months from the last finding of noncompliance.

1.3. Data Retention

The following evidence retention periods identify the period of time an entity is required to retain specific evidence to demonstrate compliance. For instances where the evidence retention period specified below is shorter than the time since the last audit, the Compliance Enforcement Authority may ask an entity to provide other evidence to show that it was compliant for the full time period since the last audit.

- Each Generator Operator and Transmission Operator shall have current, in-force documents available as evidence of compliance for Measure 1.
- Each responsible entity shall keep evidence to demonstrate compliance with Requirement R1 for the previous three calendar years.
If an entity is found non-compliant, the entity shall keep information related to the noncompliance until mitigation is complete and approved until found compliant, or for two years plus the current year the time period specified above, whichever is longer.

Evidence used as part of a triggered investigation shall be retained by the entity being investigated for one year from the date that the investigation is closed, as determined by the Compliance Monitor.

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

1.4.1.3 Compliance Monitoring and Assessment Processes

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

- Compliance Audit
  
- Self-certification
  
  (Conducted annually with submission according to schedule.)

- Spot Checking Audits (Conducted anytime with up to 30 days notice given to prepare.)

- Compliance Investigation

- Self-Reporting

- Complaint

- Periodic Audit (Conducted once every three years according to schedule.)

- Triggered Investigations (Notification of an investigation must be made within 60 days of an event or complaint of noncompliance. The entity will have up to 30 days to prepare for the investigation. An entity may request an extension of the preparation period, and the extension will be considered by the Compliance Monitor on a case-by-case basis.)

1.5.1.4 Additional Compliance Information

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E. Regional Differences

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