

A. Introduction

1. **Title:** System Personnel Training
2. **Number:** PER-005-1
3. **Purpose:** To ensure that System Operators performing real-time, reliability-related tasks on the North American Bulk Electric System (BES) are competent to perform those reliability-related tasks. The competency of System Operators is critical to the reliability of the North American Bulk Electric System.
4. **Applicability:**
 - 4.1. **Functional Entities:**
 - 4.1.1 Reliability Coordinator.
 - 4.1.2 Balancing Authority.
 - 4.1.3 Transmission Operator.
5. **Proposed Effective Date for Regulatory Approvals:**
 - 5.1. In those jurisdictions where regulatory approval is required, Requirement R1 and Requirement R2 shall become effective on the first day of the first calendar quarter, 24 months after applicable regulatory approval. In those jurisdictions where no regulatory approval is required, Requirement R1 and Requirement R2 shall become effective on the first day of the first calendar quarter, 24 months after Board of Trustees adoption.
 - 5.2. In those jurisdictions where regulatory approval is required, Requirement R3 shall become effective on the first day of the first calendar quarter after applicable regulatory approval. In those jurisdictions where no regulatory approval is required, Requirement R3 shall become effective on the first day of the first calendar quarter after Board of Trustees adoption.
 - 5.3. In those jurisdictions where regulatory approval is required Sub-requirement R3.1 shall become effective on the first day of the first calendar quarter, 36 months after applicable regulatory approval. In those jurisdictions where no regulatory approval is required, the Sub-requirement R3.1 shall become effective on the first day of the first calendar quarter, 36 months after Board of Trustees adoption.

B. Requirements

- R1. Each Reliability Coordinator, Balancing Authority and Transmission Operator shall use a systematic approach to training to establish a training program for the BES company-specific reliability-related tasks performed by its System Operators and shall implement the program. *[Violation Risk Factor: Medium] [Time Horizon: Long-term Planning]*
 - R1.1. Each Reliability Coordinator, Balancing Authority and Transmission Operator shall create a list of BES company-specific reliability-related tasks performed by its System Operators.
 - R1.1.1. Each Reliability Coordinator, Balancing Authority and Transmission Operator shall update its list of BES company-specific reliability-related tasks performed by its System Operators each calendar year to identify new or modified tasks for inclusion in training.

- R1.2.** Each Reliability Coordinator, Balancing Authority and Transmission Operator shall design and develop learning objectives and training materials based on the task list created in R1.1.
- R1.3.** Each Reliability Coordinator, Balancing Authority and Transmission Operator shall deliver the training established in R1.2.
- R1.4.** Each Reliability Coordinator, Balancing Authority and Transmission Operator shall conduct an annual evaluation of the training program established in R1, to identify any needed changes to the training program and shall implement the changes identified.
- R2.** Each Reliability Coordinator, Balancing Authority and Transmission Operator shall verify each of its System Operator’s capabilities to perform each assigned task identified in R1.1 at least one time. *[Violation Risk Factor: High] [Time Horizon: Long-term Planning]*
 - R2.1.** Within six months of a modification of the BES company-specific reliability-related tasks, each Reliability Coordinator, Balancing Authority and Transmission Operator shall verify each of its System Operator’s capabilities to perform the new or modified tasks.
- R3.** At least every 12 months each Reliability Coordinator, Balancing Authority and Transmission Operator shall provide each of its System Operators with at least 32 hours of emergency operations training applicable to its organization that reflects emergency operations topics, which includes system restoration using drills, exercises or other training required to maintain qualified personnel. *[Violation Risk Factor: Medium] [Time Horizon: Long-term Planning]*
 - R3.1.** Each Reliability Coordinator, Balancing Authority and Transmission Operator that has operational authority or control over Facilities with established IROLs or has established operating guides or protection systems to mitigate IROL violations shall provide each System Operator with emergency operations training using simulation technology such as a simulator, virtual technology, or other technology that replicates the operational behavior of the BES during normal and emergency conditions.

C. Measures

- M1.** Each Reliability Coordinator, Balancing Authority and Transmission Operator shall have available for inspection evidence of using a systematic approach to training to establish and implement a training program, as specified in R1.
 - M1.1** Each Reliability Coordinator, Balancing Authority, and Transmission Operator shall have available for inspection its company-specific reliability-related task list, with the date of the last review and/or revision, as specified in R1.1.
 - M1.2** Each Reliability Coordinator, Balancing Authority, and Transmission Operator shall have available for inspection its learning objectives and training materials, as specified in R1.2.
 - M1.3** Each Reliability Coordinator, Balancing Authority, and Transmission Operator shall have available for inspection System Operator training records showing the names of the people trained, the title of the training delivered and the dates of delivery to show that it delivered the training, as specified in R1.3.
 - M1.4** Each Reliability Coordinator, Balancing Authority, and Transmission Operator shall have available for inspection evidence (such as instructor observations, trainee feedback, supervisor feedback, course evaluations, learning assessments, or internal

audit results) that it performed an annual training program evaluation, as specified in R1.4

M2. Each Reliability Coordinator, Balancing Authority and Transmission Operator shall have available for inspection evidence to show that it verified that each of its System Operators is capable of performing each assigned task identified in R1.1, as specified in R2. This evidence can be documents such as training records showing successful completion of tasks with the employee name and date; supervisor check sheets showing the employee name, date, and task completed; or the results of learning assessments.

M3. Each Reliability Coordinator, Balancing Authority and Transmission Operator shall have available for inspection training records that provide evidence that each System Operator has obtained 32 hours of emergency operations training, as specified in R3.

M3.1 Each Reliability Coordinator, Balancing Authority and Transmission Operator shall have available for inspection training records that provide evidence that each System Operator received emergency operations training using simulation technology, as specified in R3.1.

D. Compliance

1. Compliance Monitoring Process

1.1. Compliance Enforcement Authority

For Reliability Coordinators and other functional entities that work for their Regional Entity, the ERO shall serve as the Compliance Enforcement Authority.

For entities that do not work for the Regional Entity, the Regional Entity shall serve as the Compliance Enforcement Authority.

1.2. Compliance Monitoring Period and Reset

Not Applicable.

1.3. Compliance Monitoring and Enforcement Processes:

Compliance Audits

Self-Certifications

Spot Checking

Compliance Violation Investigations

Self-Reporting

Complaints

1.4. Data Retention

Each Reliability Coordinator, Balancing Authority and Transmission Operator shall keep data or evidence to show compliance for three years or since its last compliance audit, whichever time frame is the greatest, unless directed by its Compliance Enforcement Authority to retain specific evidence for a longer period of time as part of an investigation.

If a Reliability Coordinator, Balancing Authority and Transmission Operator is found non-compliant, it shall keep information related to the non-compliance until found compliant.

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

1.5. Additional Compliance Information

None.

2. Violation Severity Levels

R#	Lower VSL	Moderate VSL	High VSL	Severe VSL
R1	N/A	<p>The responsible entity failed to update its BES company-specific reliability-related task list to identify new or modified tasks each calendar year. (R1.1.1)</p> <p>OR</p> <p>The responsible entity failed to evaluate its training program to identify needed changes to its training program(s). (R1.4)</p> <p>OR</p> <p>An entity evaluated its training program and identified changes, but failed to implement them. (R1.4)</p>	<p>The responsible entity failed to design and develop learning objectives and training materials based on the BES company specific reliability related tasks. (R1.2)</p>	<p>The responsible entity failed to prepare a BES company-specific reliability-related task list. (R1.1)</p> <p>OR</p> <p>The responsible entity failed to deliver training based on the BES company specific reliability related tasks. (R1.3)</p>
R2	N/A	<p>The responsible entity failed to verify 5% or less of its System Operators’ capabilities to perform each assigned task from its list of BES company-specific reliability-related tasks. (R2)</p>	<p>The responsible entity failed to verify more than 5% up to (and including) 10% of its System Operators’ capabilities to perform each assigned task from its list of BES company-specific reliability-related tasks. (R2)</p> <p>OR</p> <p>The responsible entity verified its System Operator’s capabilities to perform each new or modified task more than six months but fewer than twelve months after making a modification to its BES company-specific reliability-related task list. (R2.1)</p>	<p>The responsible entity failed to verify more than 10% of its System Operators’ capabilities to perform each assigned task from its list of BES company-specific reliability-related tasks. (R2)</p> <p>OR</p> <p>The responsible entity failed to verify its System Operator’s capabilities to perform each new or modified task within twelve months of making a modification to its BES company-specific reliability-related task list. (R2.1)</p>
R3	N/A	<p>The responsible entity failed to provide at least 32 hours of emergency operations training applicable to its organization, affecting 5% or less of their System Operators. (R3)</p>	<p>The responsible entity failed to provide at least 32 hours of emergency operations training applicable to its organization, affecting more than 5% and up to (and including) 10% of its System Operators. (R3)</p>	<p>The responsible entity failed to provide at least 32 hours of emergency operations training applicable to its organization, affecting more than 10% its System Operators (R3)</p> <p>OR</p>

R#	Lower VSL	Moderate VSL	High VSL	Severe VSL
				<p>The responsible entity did not include simulation technology replicating the operational behavior of the BES in its emergency operations training. (R3.1)</p>

E. Regional Variances

None.

Version History

Version	Date	Action	Change Tracking
1	2/10/2009	Adopted by the NERC Board of Trustees	
1	11/18/2010	FERC Approved	
1	8/26/2013	Updated VSLs based on June 24, 2013 approval.	