Summary of Proposed Revisions to the NERC Rules of Procedure
Alignment of Terms – NERC Glossary and ROP | June 2015

Executive Summary

Currently, fifty-five (55) defined terms appear in both the NERC Glossary of Terms Used in Reliability Standards (Glossary) and the NERC Rules of Procedure (ROP). In forty (40) of these “cross-over terms,” inconsistencies in punctuation, capitalization of terms within the definition narrative, or the substance of the definition narrative have been identified.

Such inconsistencies, where not otherwise appropriate due to usage or other considerations, can cause industry confusion and may lead to inconsistent interpretation or application of the meaning of a term. Consistency between the defined terms in the Glossary and the ROP will reduce confusion and enhance reliability by providing the owners, users, and operators of the BES, as well as the ERO Enterprise, with a better understanding of the terminology used in those documents.

To achieve consistency, alignment revisions are proposed here to sixteen (16) defined terms in Appendix 2 to the ROP. Concurrently with this posting, alignment revisions to twenty-six (26) defined terms in the Glossary are being proposed through the standard development process. The majority of the proposed ROP revisions fall within the following general categories:

- Revisions to defined terms that are marked with asterisks (**) in Appendix 2 to the ROP. As indicated in the preface of Appendix 2 to the ROP, the definitions of terms marked with two asterisks are taken from the Glossary. However, a number of the terms marked in this manner have definitions that are not identical to the definitions in the Glossary. Revisions are proposed to match the ROP definitions to the Glossary definitions.
- Revisions to defined terms to align the definitions with the statutory definitions contained in Section 215 of the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. § 824(o)), consistent with prior revisions to the Glossary.

Grammatical revisions, revisions to add asterisks (**) to certain defined terms that are now or would be aligned with the Glossary as a result of this project, and a revision to combine the ROP and Glossary definitions for one term comprise the remainder of the proposed ROP revisions.
Background of Project 2015-04, Alignment of Terms

The revisions proposed in this posting originate from recommendations made by the Project 2015-04 Alignment of Terms standard drafting team. This project was initiated in March 2015. The purpose of this project is to identify inconsistencies among defined terms found in the Glossary and the ROP, identify revisions to align the terms across the two documents where appropriate, and make recommendations to reduce inconsistencies in defined terms across the two documents in the future.

In completing this work, the Project 2015-04 standard drafting team identified fifty-five (55) existing defined terms that are contained in both the Glossary and ROP. Of the fifty-five (55) cross-over terms, forty (40) contain inconsistencies or differences in the definition narratives. Inconsistencies include differences in punctuation, capitalization, and substance. The standard drafting team then conducted additional research and analysis to determine whether, in light of the history and usage of the defined terms, it would be appropriate to recommend revisions to the Glossary or ROP to align the definition narratives.

As a result of its review, the standard drafting team recommended that changes be proposed to sixteen (16) ROP terms, to be undertaken in accordance with the NERC Bylaws and Section 1400 of the NERC Rules of Procedure. The standard drafting team is proposing alignment revisions to twenty-six (26) Glossary terms, to be undertaken through Section 5.0 of the NERC Standard Processes Manual.

A complete list of the cross-over terms, a side-by-side comparison of the ROP and Glossary definition narratives with proposed changes, and additional supporting rationale is available in the “Proposed Revisions to Align Definitions in the Glossary of Terms and Rules of Procedure” document available here.

Summary of ROP Changes

A redline of the proposed ROP changes is available here. A summary of each change, as well as a summary of the rationale, is provided below. Additional information regarding the proposed Glossary revisions is available on the Project 2015-04 project page.

Adjacent Balancing Authority
This term is marked in Appendix 2 to the ROP as being taken from the Glossary (**). Revisions are proposed to align the definition to the definition in the Glossary.

Balancing Authority
This term is marked in Appendix 2 to the ROP as being taken from the Glossary (**). A revision is proposed to change “Load” to “load” to align the definition to the definition in the Glossary.
**Balancing Authority Area**
This term is marked in Appendix 2 to the ROP as being taken from the Glossary (**). Revisions are proposed to change “Load” to “load” to align the definition to the definition in the Glossary.

**Bulk Power System**
Revisions are proposed to align this term with the definition contained in Section 215 of the Federal Power Act, consistently with revisions made to the Glossary in 2013 under Project 2012-08.1 Phase 1 of Glossary Updates (see July 9, 2013 Letter Order approving the revisions).

Other proposed revisions include the addition of two clarifying parenthetical statements: (i) regarding the use of capitalized terms in the statutory definitions; and (ii) clarifying that the terms “Bulk Power System” and “Bulk-Power System” are intended to have the same meaning. These statements are also proposed for inclusion in the Glossary definition.

**Flowgate**
This term is marked in Appendix 2 to the ROP as being taken from the Glossary (**). A revision is proposed to change “transmission” to defined term “Transmission” to align the definition in the ROP to the definition in the Glossary.

A corresponding change is also proposed to add the term “Transmission,” as it is defined in the Glossary, to Appendix 2 to the ROP. See “Transmission” below.

**Interchange Authority**
This term is marked in Appendix 2 to the ROP as being taken from the Glossary (**). A revision is proposed to change “communications” to “communication” to align the definition to the definition in the Glossary.

**Interconnection**
Appendix 2 to the ROP defines Interconnection as it is defined by Section 215 of the Federal Power Act. The Glossary definition of Interconnection effective July 1, 2016 defines Interconnection by identifying the four major electric system networks in North America. Changes are proposed to combine the statutory definition and the clarifying Glossary definition into one comprehensive definition used in both Appendix 2 to the ROP and the Glossary, to become effective no earlier than July 1, 2016.

**Load**
This term is marked in Appendix 2 to the ROP as being taken from the Glossary (**). A revision is proposed to change “end-user” to “end-use” to align the definition to the definition in the Glossary.

**Point of Receipt**
A revision is proposed to the Glossary definition to change the term “Generator” to lower case “generator,” as “generator” is not a defined term. Following this change, the ROP and Glossary definitions...
would be aligned. Therefore, a revision is proposed to add asterisks (**) to the existing ROP term to indicate consistency with the Glossary.

**Protection System**
This term is marked in Appendix 2 to the ROP as being taken from the Glossary (**). A revision is proposed to refer to “station batteries,” thereby aligning the definition to the definition in the Glossary.

**Reliability Standard**
Revisions are proposed to align this term with the definition contained in Section 215 of the Federal Power Act, consistently with revisions made to the Glossary in 2013 under Project 2012-08.1 Phase 1 of Glossary Updates (see July 9, 2013 Letter Order approving the revisions).

Other proposed revisions include the addition of two clarifying parenthetical statements: (i) regarding the use of capitalized terms in the statutory definitions (also proposed for inclusion in the Glossary definition); and (ii) clarifying that the term “Reliability Standard” may, in some contexts in the ROP, refer to a Reliability Standard that is in the process of being developed or has not yet been approved.

**Reliable Operation**
Revisions are proposed to align this term with the definition contained in Section 215 of the Federal Power Act, consistently with revisions made to the Glossary in 2013 under Project 2012-08.1 Phase 1 of Glossary Updates (see July 9, 2013 Letter Order approving the revisions).

Other proposed revisions include the addition of a clarifying parenthetical statement regarding the use of capitalized terms in the statutory definitions. This statement is also proposed for inclusion in the Glossary definition.

**Reserve Sharing Group**
Grammatical changes are proposed to this definition.

**Sink Balancing Authority**
This term is marked in Appendix 2 to the ROP as being taken from the Glossary (**). Revisions are proposed to align the definition to the definition in the Glossary.

**Source Balancing Authority**
This term is marked in Appendix 2 to the ROP as being taken from the Glossary (**). Revisions are proposed to align the definition to the definition in the Glossary.

**System Operating Limit**
This term is marked in Appendix 2 to the ROP as being taken from the Glossary (**). However, the definition is missing nearly all of the explanatory text present in the Glossary definition. Revisions are proposed to align the ROP definition to include the explanatory text in the Glossary definition. Changes
are also being proposed to the Glossary definition to correct capitalization of words, which would ensure complete alignment in the definitions across the two documents.

**Transmission**
A corresponding change to **Flowgate** (see above) is to add the term “Transmission,” as it is defined in the Glossary, to Appendix 2 to the ROP.