

## A. Introduction

1. **Title:** **Reliability Coordination — Staffing**
2. **Number:** PER-004-2
3. **Purpose:**

Reliability Coordinators must have sufficient, competent staff to perform the Reliability Coordinator functions.
4. **Applicability**
  - 4.1. Reliability Coordinators.
5. **Effective Date:**
  - Retire Requirement 2 when PER-005-1 Requirement 3 becomes effective.
  - Retire Requirements 3 and 4 when PER-005-1 Requirements 1 and 2 become effective.

## B. Requirements

- R1. Each Reliability Coordinator shall be staffed with adequately trained and NERC-certified Reliability Coordinator operators, 24 hours per day, seven days per week.  
*[Violation Risk Factor: High] [Time Horizon: Real-time Operations]*
- R2. Reliability Coordinator operating personnel shall place particular attention on SOLs and IROLs and inter-tie facility limits. The Reliability Coordinator shall ensure protocols are in place to allow Reliability Coordinator operating personnel to have the best available information at all times.  
*[Violation Risk Factor: High] [Time Horizon: Real-time Operations]*

## C. Measures

None

## D. Compliance

1. **Compliance Monitoring Process**
  - 1.1. **Compliance Monitoring Responsibility**

Regional Reliability Organizations shall be responsible for compliance monitoring.
  - 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 non-compliance.

### **1.3. Data Retention**

Each Reliability Coordinator shall keep evidence of compliance for the previous two calendar years plus the current year.

If an entity is found non-compliant the entity shall keep information related to the noncompliance until found compliant or for two years plus the current year, 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 shall keep the last periodic audit report and all requested and submitted subsequent compliance records.

### **1.4. Additional Compliance Information**

None.

**2. Violation Severity Levels**

R#	Lower VSL	Moderate VSL	High VSL	Severe VSL
R1.	N/A	N/A	N/A	The responsible entity has failed to be staffed with adequately trained and NERCcertified Reliability Coordinator operators, 24 hours per day, seven days per week.
R2.	Reliability Coordinator operating personnel did not place particular attention on 5% or less of the SOLs or IROLs or inter-tie facility limits.	Reliability Coordinator operating personnel did not place particular attention on more than 5% up to (and including) 10% of the SOLs or IROLs or inter-tie facility limits.	Reliability Coordinator operating personnel did not place particular attention on more than 10% up to (and including) 15% of the SOLs or IROLs or inter-tie facility limits.	Reliability Coordinator operating personnel did not place particular attention on more than 15% of the SOLs or IROLs or inter-tie facility limits.  OR The Reliability Coordinator did not ensure protocols are in place to allow Reliability Coordinator operating personnel to have the best available information at all times.

**E. Regional Differences**

None identified.

**Version History**

<b>Version</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Change Tracking</b>
0	April 1, 2005	Effective Date	New
0	August 8, 2005	Removed “Proposed” from Effective Date	Errata
1	November 1, 2006	Adopted by Board of Trustees	Revised
2	February 10, 2009	Adopted by Board of Trustees	Retire R2 and M1 when PER-005-1 Requirement 3 becomes effective. Retire R3, R4 and M2 when PER-005 R1 and R2 become effective.
2	November 18, 2010	FERC Approved	
2	August 27, 2013	Added VRFs/VSLs based on June 24, 2013 approval.	