

Note: an Interpretation cannot be used to change a standard.

Request for an Interpretation of a Reliability Standard	
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Identify the standard that needs clarification:	
Standard Number (include version number):	TOP-006-2
Standard Title:	Monitoring System Conditions
Identify specifically what requirement needs clarification:	
Requirement Number and Text of Requirement:	
<p>R1.2 Each Transmission Operator and Balancing Authority shall inform the Reliability Coordinator and other affected Balancing Authorities and Transmission Operators of all generation and transmission resources available for use.</p> <p>R3 Each Reliability Coordinator, Transmission Operator, and Balancing Authority shall provide appropriate technical information concerning protective relays to their operating personnel.</p>	
Clarification needed:	
<p>For Requirement 1.2, since the BA is not responsible for transmission, is the Balancing Authority responsible for reporting generation resources available for use and Transmission Operator responsible for reporting transmission resources that are available for use?</p> <p>For Requirement 3, does "appropriate technical information concerning protective relays" refer to protective relays for which the entity has responsibility?</p>	
Identify the material impact associated with this interpretation:	
Identify the material impact to your organization or others caused by the lack of clarity or an incorrect interpretation of this standard.	
<p>Not having the correct interpretation of this requirement could cause a BA only (BA that is not a TOP) to be found non-compliant.</p>	

Interpretation 2010-01: Response to Request for an Interpretation of TOP-006-2, Requirements R1.2 and R3, for the Florida Municipal Power Pool
<p>The following interpretation of TOP-006-2 — Monitoring System Conditions, Requirements R1.2 and R3, was developed by the Project 2007-03 (Real-time Operations) drafting team.</p>
Requirement Number and Text of Requirement
<p>R1.2. Each Transmission Operator and Balancing Authority shall inform the Reliability Coordinator and other affected Balancing Authorities and Transmission Operators of all generation and transmission resources available for use.</p> <p>R3. Each Reliability Coordinator, Transmission Operator, and Balancing Authority shall provide appropriate technical information concerning protective relays to their operating personnel.</p>
Question 1
<p>For R1.2: 1) Is the Balancing Authority responsible for reporting generation resources available for use? 2) Is the Transmission Operator responsible for reporting transmission resources that are available for use?</p>
Response 1
<p>In the context of this requirement, the drafting team deems the answer to both questions is "yes."</p>
Question 2
<p>For R3: Does "appropriate technical information concerning protective relays" refer to protective relays for which the entity has responsibility?</p>
Response 2
<p>No. The drafting team believes the intent of Requirement R3 is that all operating personnel of each referenced applicable entity are informed of the relevant characteristics (appropriate technical information) of the protective relays that may impact that entity.</p>