

Project 2014-01 Standards Applicability for Dispersed Generation

Resources PRC-005-5

Standards Involved

Approval:

PRC-005-5 – Protection System and Automatic Reclosing Maintenance

Retirement:

• PRC-005-4 – Protection System and Automatic Reclosing Maintenance

Prerequisite Approvals N/A

Background

In light of the revised "Bulk Electric System" (BES) definition adopted by the NERC Board of Trustees (Board), changes to the applicability sections of certain Reliability Standards, including PRC-005, are necessary to align them with the implementation of the revised BES definition. The Dispersed Generation Resources Standard Drafting Team (DGR SDT) for Project 2014-01 – Standards Applicability for Dispersed Generation Resources, has modified the applicability section of certain Generator Owner/Generator Operator requirements to recognize the unique technical and reliability aspects of dispersed power producing resources in order to ensure the applicability of the standards are consistent with the reliable operation of the BES.

General Considerations

Reliability Standard PRC-005-4, with its associated Implementation Plan, was adopted by the Board on November 7, 2013. The DGR SDT has revised the applicability section of PRC-005-4 to align the standard with the revised definition of the BES in the event that this version of PRC-005 is mandatory and enforceable on the effective date of the revised definition of the BES.

Effective Date

PRC-005-5 shall become effective on the later of the effective date of PRC-005-4, or the date that PRC-005-5 is approved by an applicable governmental authority or as otherwise provided for in a jurisdiction where approval by an applicable governmental authority is required for a standard to go into effect. Where approval by an applicable governmental authority is not required, the standard shall become effective either on the first day of the first calendar quarter after the date the standard is adopted by the Board or as otherwise provided for in that jurisdiction, or 12 months following the effective date of PRC-005-4, whichever is later.

Retirement of Existing Standards

PRC-005-4 shall be retired at midnight of the day immediately prior to the effective date of PRC-005-5 in the particular jurisdiction in which the revised standard is becoming effective.

Implementation Plan

PRC-005-5 only modifies the applicability for PRC-005-4. All aspects of the Implementation Plan for PRC-005-4 will remain applicable to PRC-005-5 and are incorporated here by reference.

Cross References

The Implementation Plan for the revised definition of "Bulk Electric System" is available here.

The Implementation Plan for PRC-005-4 is available here.