

Standards Announcement

Project 2010-07 – Generator Requirements at the Transmission Interface

Successive Ballot Results

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Ballots of two Generator Requirements at the Transmission Interface standards concluded Monday, April 9, 2012:

- FAC-003-3 – Transmission Vegetation Management
- FAC-003-X – Transmission Vegetation Management Program

Voting statistics for each ballot are listed below, and the [Ballots Results](#) page provides a link to the detailed results.

Standard	Quorum	Approval
FAC-003-3 – Transmission Vegetation Management	Quorum: 80.37%	Approval: 85.18%
FAC-003-X – Transmission Vegetation Management Program	Quorum: 80.10%	Approval: 85.01%

Next Steps

The drafting team will consider all comments received during the formal comment period and successive ballot. If the comments received during this formal comment period and ballot do not indicate the need for significant changes, the drafting team will post its consideration of those comments along with the standard and a recirculation ballot will be conducted.

Background

A Level 1 Appeal of FAC-003-3/FAC-003-X was received and reviewed by the Vice President of Standards and Training and then the Standards Committee's Executive Committee. They determined the appellant's claim to be valid in part, and determined that the modifications the SDT made to the applicability of FAC-003-3 and FAC-003-X prior to the recirculation ballot were substantive.

Consequently, the results of the recirculation ballots for FAC-003-3 and FAC-003-x have been declared void. The Standards Committee's Executive Committee remanded FAC-003-3 and FAC-003-x to the SDT with direction to consider the issues raised in the Exelon appeal and either:

- Modify the language added following the initial ballot and then post the standard for a successive ballot, or
- Remove the language added following the initial ballot and go directly to recirculation ballot.

A copy of the Executive Committee meeting minutes has been posted on the [project page](#) for information.

The purpose of Project 2010-07 is to ensure that all generator-owned Facilities are appropriately covered under NERC's Reliability Standards. While many Generator Owners and Generator Operators operate Facilities, commonly known as generator interconnection Facilities, that are considered by some entities to be transmission, these are most often radial Facilities that are not part of the integrated grid. As such, they should not be subject to the same standards applicable to Transmission Owners and Transmission Operators who own and operate Transmission Elements and Facilities that are part of the integrated grid.

As part of the BES, generators affect the overall reliability of the BES. But registering a Generator Owner or Generator Operator as a Transmission Owner or Transmission Operator, as has been the solution in some cases in the past, may decrease reliability by diverting the Generator Owner's or Generator Operator's resources from the operation of the equipment that actually produces electricity – the generation equipment itself.

The drafting team's goal is to ensure that an adequate level of reliability is maintained in the BES by clearly describing which standards need to be applied to generator interconnection Facilities that are not already applicable to Generator Owners or Generator Operators. The SDT believes that properly applying FAC-003 to Generator Owners as proposed in the redline standards posted for comment supports this objective.

Before reviewing the standards, the drafting team encourages all stakeholders to read the technical justification resource document it has provided to describe its rationale and its work thus far.

Additional information is available on the [project page](#).

Standards Development Process

The [Standard Processes Manual](#) contains all the procedures governing the standards development process. The success of the NERC standards development process depends on stakeholder participation. We extend our thanks to all those who participate. For more information or assistance, please contact Monica Benson at monica.benson@nerc.net.