

Implementation Plan for COM-003-1 — Operating Personnel Communications Protocols

Approvals Required

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Prerequisite Approvals

None

Revisions to Glossary

The following term is proposed for addition to the NERC Glossary of Terms:

Operating Communication — Communication of instruction to change or maintain the state, status, output, or input of an Element or Facility of the Bulk Electric System.

~~Conforming Changes to Requirements in Already Approved Standards~~

- ~~• Remove R4 from COM-001-1~~
- ~~• Move R2 (or subsequent replacements) from COM-002-3 into COM-003-1 and retire COM-002-3~~

Standard Summary

~~The OPCP SDT developed this new standard and is proposing removing requirements R4 from COM-001-1 and R2 (or subsequent replacements) from COM-002-3 for inclusion in this standard. This standard addresses part of Blackout Recommendation #26 and issues in FERC Order 693.~~

Compliance with Standards Applicable Entities

Once these standards become effective, the responsible entities identified in the Applicability section of the standard must comply with the requirements. These include:

- Reliability Coordinator
- Balancing Authority
- ~~• Transmission Owner~~
- Transmission Operator
- Generator Operator
- Distribution Provider
- ~~• Transmission Service Provider~~
- ~~• Load Serving Entity~~

Revisions or Retirements to Approved Standards

<u>Approved Requirement to be Retired</u>	<u>Proposed Replacement Requirement(s)</u>
<p><u>COM-001-1.1 Requirement R4</u></p> <p><u>R4. Unless agreed to otherwise, each Reliability Coordinator, Transmission Operator, and Balancing Authority shall use English as the language for all communications between and among operating personnel responsible for the real-time generation control and operation of the interconnected Bulk Electric System. Transmission Operators and Balancing Authorities may use an alternate language for internal operations.</u></p>	<p><u>COM-003-1 Requirement R1 Part 1.1.1</u></p> <p><u>R1. Each Reliability Coordinator, Transmission Operator, Balancing Authority, Generator Operator and Distribution Provider shall use the following communications protocols:</u></p> <p><u>1.1. When participating in oral or written Operating Communications:</u></p> <p><u>1.1.1. Use the English language when communicating between functional entities, unless another language is mandated by law or regulation.</u></p>

Conforming Changes to Other Standards

Revisions to COM-001-1.1- are under development in two projects. Project 2006-06 includes revisions to Requirements R1-R3 and R5-R6 and Project 2007-02 includes revisions to R4.

Effective Date

COM-003-1 shall become ~~The proposed effective date for this standard is~~ the first day of the ~~third~~ first calendar quarter, ~~six calendar months following after~~ applicable regulatory approval; ~~or, s~~ ~~have been received (or the Reliability Standard otherwise becomes effective the first day of the~~ third calendar quarter after BOT adoption in those jurisdictions where ~~no~~ regulatory approval is ~~not required,)-~~ the first day of the first calendar quarter a year from the date of Board of Trustees adoption.

- If the version of COM-001-2 revised under Project 2006-06 is approved before COM-003-1 is approved, then the remaining requirement (R4) from COM-001-1.1 shall expire midnight of the day immediately prior to the Effective Date of COM-003-1 in the particular jurisdiction in which COM-003-1 is becoming effective.
- If the version of COM-001-2 revised under Project 2006-06 is not approved before COM-003-1 is approved, then COM-001-1.1 shall expire midnight of the day immediately the version of COM-001-2 developed under Project 2007-02 shall become effective on the first day of the first calendar quarter, six calendar months following applicable regulatory approval; or, in those jurisdictions where no regulatory approval is required,



the first day of the first calendar quarter a year from the date of Board of Trustee adoption.

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