

Standards Authorization Request Form

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NERC welcomes suggestions to improve the reliability of the bulk power system through improved reliability standards. Please use this form to submit your request to propose a new or a revision to a NERC's Reliability Standard.

Request to propose a new or a revision to a Reliability Standard

Title of Proposed Standard:	Automatic Undervoltage Load Shedding		
Date Submitted:	Revised SAR posted for comment September 2013		
SAR Requester Information			
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SAR Type (Check as many as applicable)			
<input type="checkbox"/> New Standard	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Withdrawal of existing Standard		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Revision to existing Standard	<input type="checkbox"/> Urgent Action		

SAR Information

Industry Need (What is the industry problem this request is trying to solve?):

A need for clear and comprehensive requirements for the application and coordination of undervoltage loading shedding (UVLS) as an option to mitigate or address a number of different voltage control concerns, as evidenced by the following:

Of the events analyzed by NERC over the last 10 years, voltage issues have continued to contribute to disturbances.

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NERC SPCS Report to the Planning Committee: Technical Review of UVLS-Related Standards: PRC-010-0, PRC-020-1, PRC-021-1, and PRC-022-1 (December 2010):

“Specifically include a requirement for assessment of coordination between UVLS programs and all other protection systems, generator protection and control systems (including generator low voltage ride-through performance), UFLS systems, and other UVLS systems.”

FERC Order No. 693, Paragraph 1509:

“... the Commission directs the ERO to develop a modification to PRC-010-0 through the Reliability Standards development process that requires that an integrated and coordinated approach be included in all protection systems on the Bulk-Power System, including generators and transmission lines, generators’ low voltage ride through capabilities, and UFLS and UVLS programs.”

August 14 Blackout: Causes and Recommendations, Blackout Recommendation 21:

“[NERC should] determine the goals and principles needed to establish an integrated approach to relay protection for generators and transmission lines and the use of under-frequency and under-voltage load shedding (UFLS and UVLS) programs. An integrated approach is needed to ensure that at the local and regional level these interactive components provide an appropriate balance of risks and benefits in terms of protecting specific assets and facilitating overall grid survival.”

Purpose or Goal (How does this request propose to address the problem described above?):

- 1) Establish requirements to ensure an integrated approach to the design, evaluation, and reliable operation of automatic, distributed UVLS programs.
- 2) Ensure coordination with generator voltage ride-through capabilities and protection and control systems, including, but not limited to, Special Protection Systems (SPSs) and other UVLS programs.

Identify the Objectives of the proposed standard’s requirements (What specific reliability deliverables are required to achieve the goal?):

The objective of the proposed standard’s requirements is to codify the existing UVLS program requirements to focus on an integrated and coordinated approach to automatic, distributed UVLS programs. Subsequently, successful implementation of the modified standard will improve reliable operation of these programs.

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Brief Description (Provide a paragraph that describes the scope of this standard action.)

PRC-010-0 will absorb appropriate requirements from PRC-020-1, PRC-021-1, and PRC-022-1 and be revised to PRC-010-1, which will provide specific requirements for the design, evaluation, and coordinated operation of automatic, distributed UVLS programs. The revised standard will be accompanied by a recommendation to retire PRC-020-1, PRC-021-1, and PRC-022-1.

Detailed Description (Provide a description of the proposed project with sufficient details for the standard drafting team to execute the SAR. Also provide a justification for the development or revision of the standard, including an assessment of the reliability and market interface impacts of implementing or not implementing the standard action.)

The four existing NERC UVLS standards will be consolidated to create one comprehensive standard, which will reduce the total number of standards and eliminate the PRC-020 applicability to the Regional Reliability Organization (RRO). PRC-010-0 will absorb appropriate requirements from PRC-020-1, PRC-021-1, and PRC-022-1, and the existing UVLS requirements and measures will be revised to establish a results-based standard that clearly defines the responsibilities of applicable entities to:

- Pursue an integrated and coordinated approach to the design, evaluation, and reliable operation of automatic, distributed UVLS programs.
- Ensure the coordination of automatic, distributed, UVLS programs with generator voltage ride-through capabilities and protection and control systems, including, but not limited to, SPSs and other UVLS programs.
- Establish proper and meaningful automatic, distributed UVLS database requirements.

The revised standard **WILL**:

- Establish continent-wide requirements applicable to entities responsible for the design and implementation of automatic, distributed UVLS programs.
- Address automatic, distributed UVLS program requirements after the need for UVLS has been determined by the appropriate planning studies.
- Coordinate and align with standards that have overlapping requirements (i.e., EOP-003-2).

The revised standard **WILL NOT**:

- Require a UVLS program.
- Apply to undervoltage relays not part of a coordinated program that are used to protect local loads.

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- Apply to centrally-controlled or centrally-armed load shedding programs.
- Apply to the Generator Owner or Generator Operator; Generator Owner data reporting necessary for UVLS coordination is addressed in PRC-024-1.
- Include the previously applicable Load-Serving Entity since this function does not own physical assets. If a Load-Serving Entity is also registered as a Distribution Provider, the entity will be included under that applicable function.
- Include the previously applicable Transmission Operator because the requirements are more accurately applicable to asset owners (Transmission Owner and Distribution Provider).

No market interface impacts are anticipated.

Reliability Functions

The Standard will Apply to the Following Functions (Check each one that applies.)

<input type="checkbox"/> Regional Reliability Organization	Conducts the regional activities related to planning and operations, and coordinates activities of Responsible Entities to secure the reliability of the Bulk Electric System within the region and adjacent regions.
<input type="checkbox"/> Reliability Coordinator	Responsible for the real-time operating reliability of its Reliability Coordinator Area in coordination with its neighboring Reliability Coordinator's wide area view.
<input type="checkbox"/> Balancing Authority	Integrates resource plans ahead of time, and maintains load-interchange-resource balance within a Balancing Authority Area and supports Interconnection frequency in real time.
<input type="checkbox"/> Interchange Authority	Ensures communication of interchange transactions for reliability evaluation purposes and coordinates implementation of valid and balanced interchange schedules between Balancing Authority Areas.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Planning Coordinator	Assesses the longer-term reliability of its Planning Coordinator Area.
<input type="checkbox"/> Resource Planner	Develops a >one year plan for the resource adequacy of its specific loads within a Planning Coordinator area.

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Reliability Functions	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transmission Planner	Develops a >one year plan for the reliability of the interconnected Bulk Electric System within its portion of the Planning Coordinator area.
<input type="checkbox"/> Transmission Service Provider	Administers the transmission tariff and provides transmission services under applicable transmission service agreements (e.g., the pro forma tariff).
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transmission Owner	Owns and maintains transmission facilities.
<input type="checkbox"/> Transmission Operator	Ensures the real-time operating reliability of the transmission assets within a Transmission Operator Area.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Distribution Provider	Delivers electrical energy to the End-use customer.
<input type="checkbox"/> Generator Owner	Owns and maintains generation facilities.
<input type="checkbox"/> Generator Operator	Operates generation unit(s) to provide real and reactive power.
<input type="checkbox"/> Purchasing-Selling Entity	Purchases or sells energy, capacity, and necessary reliability-related services as required.
<input type="checkbox"/> Market Operator	Interface point for reliability functions with commercial functions.
<input type="checkbox"/> Load-Serving Entity	Secures energy and transmission service (and reliability-related services) to serve the End-use Customer.

Reliability and Market Interface Principles	
Applicable Reliability Principles (Check all that apply).	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1. Interconnected bulk power systems shall be planned and operated in a coordinated manner to perform reliably under normal and abnormal conditions as defined in the NERC Standards.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2. The frequency and voltage of interconnected bulk power systems shall be controlled within defined limits through the balancing of real and reactive power supply and demand.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3. Information necessary for the planning and operation of interconnected bulk power systems shall be made available to those entities responsible for planning and operating the systems reliably.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4. Plans for emergency operation and system restoration of interconnected bulk power systems shall be developed, coordinated, maintained and implemented.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	5. Facilities for communication, monitoring and control shall be provided, used and maintained for the reliability of interconnected bulk power systems.

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Reliability and Market Interface Principles	
<input type="checkbox"/>	6. Personnel responsible for planning and operating interconnected bulk power systems shall be trained, qualified, and have the responsibility and authority to implement actions.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	7. The security of the interconnected bulk power systems shall be assessed, monitored and maintained on a wide area basis.
<input type="checkbox"/>	8. Bulk power systems shall be protected from malicious physical or cyber attacks.
Does the proposed Standard comply with all of the following Market Interface Principles?	
Enter (yes/no)	
1. A reliability standard shall not give any market participant an unfair competitive advantage.	Yes
2. A reliability standard shall neither mandate nor prohibit any specific market structure.	Yes
3. A reliability standard shall not preclude market solutions to achieving compliance with that standard.	Yes
4. A reliability standard shall not require the public disclosure of commercially sensitive information. All market participants shall have equal opportunity to access commercially non-sensitive information that is required for compliance with reliability standards.	Yes

Related Standards	
Standard No.	Explanation
EOP-003-2	Per recommendations from the Emergency Operations Five-Year Review Team for Project 2009-03 Emergency Operations, EOP-003-2 Requirements R2, R4, and R7 will be moved to Project 2008-02 UVLS because they overlap with requirements in PRC-010-0. The UVLSSDT will address these overlapping requirements as part of the revision and mapping process.
TPL-001-2	Development of PRC-010-1 is based on implementation of NERC BOT-adopted TPL-001-2.

Related SARs	
SAR ID	Explanation
None	

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Regional Variances	
Region	Explanation
ERCOT	None
FRCC	
MRO	
NPCC	
RFC	
SERC	
SPP	
WECC	