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Standards Announcement

Informal Comment Period Open

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Project 2010-11 TPL Table 1 Order (Footnote 'b')

The TPL Table 1 Order Drafting Team is seeking comments on Table 1 footnote 'b' in TPL-001-1 through TPL-004-1 **until 8 p.m. EDT on October 8, 2010:**

FERC Order RM06-16-009 requires the ERO to clarify TPL-002-0, Table 1 - footnote 'b,' regarding the planned or controlled interruption of electric supply where a single contingency occurs on a transmission system and originally directed NERC to file the revised standards by June 30, 2010. To meet this directive a proposed revision was posted for "Urgent Action" and balloted from May 17-27, 2010. The proposed revision achieved a quorum (84%) and almost enough affirmative votes (64%) to achieve weighted segment approval; however many balloters provided comments indicating the need for additional modifications. Following the initial ballot, FERC extended the due date to March 31, 2011; thus the project is no longer considered "Urgent Action."

The drafting team developed a second draft of the proposed revision to TPL Table 1 footnote 'b' that reflects consideration of the comments received from industry on the initial ballot and the inputs received from the Technical Conference held on August 10, 2010. The second draft allows interruption of demand without numerical constraints where the application is subject to review and acceptance in an open and transparent stakeholder process.

Because Table 1 appears in TPL-001, TPL-002, TPL-003, and TPL-004, the change is reflected in all four standards:

TPL-001-1 - System Performance Under Normal (No Contingency) Conditions (Category A)

TPL-002-1b - System Performance Following Loss of a Single Bulk Electric System Element (Category B)

TPL-003-1a - System Performance Following Loss of Two or More Bulk Electric System Elements (Category C)

TPL-004-1 - System Performance Following Extreme Events Resulting in the Loss of Two or More Bulk Electric System Elements (Category D)

Transition from Reliability Standards Development Procedure Version 7 – to Standard Processes Manual

In accordance with the Standard Processes Manual approved by FERC on September 3, 2010, the drafting team is using an "informal" comment period to solicit stakeholder feedback. The new standard development process allows drafting teams to use informal comment periods. Unlike formal comment periods where a drafting team

provides a response to each comment submitted, with informal comment periods the drafting team provides a summary response to each question asked on its comment form. The summary response will indicate whether stakeholders support the proposal and will identify any additional changes made based on stakeholder comments. With informal comment periods drafting teams are not required to provide an individual response to each comment submitted – this change to the process is intended to give drafting teams more time to deliberate on technical issues, as opposed to deliberating on individual responses to comments. Note that while informal comment periods are allowed in the new standard process for preliminary drafts of proposed standards, formal comment periods are still required for the final draft of each standard.

Instructions

Please use this [electronic form](#) to submit comments. If you experience any difficulties in using the electronic form, please contact Monica Benson at monica.benson@nerc.net. An off-line, unofficial copy of the comment form is posted on the project page:

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Next Steps

The drafting team will draft and post a summary response to the comments received and, if applicable, a revised ‘footnote b.’ After reviewing the comments, and determining whether there is a need for additional feedback on the proposed footnote b language, the drafting team will determine its next steps. The next steps may include a 30-day formal comment period or may include a 45-day formal comment period with a ballot pool formed during the first 30 days of that comment period and an initial ballot conducted during the last 10 days of the 45-day comment period.

Project Background

The Assess Transmission Future Needs Standard Drafting Team (Project 2006-02) has developed a clarification to TPL Table 1 — footnote ‘b’ concerning the loss of load and handling of firm transfers when a single contingency occurs on the transmission system. Since this clarification may present a different interpretation of footnote ‘b’ than the one presently used by some entities, the SDT is proposing a 60 month implementation plan to allow those entities time to react.

Standards 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.

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