

Implementation Plan for COM-001-2 – Communications

Approvals Requested

The RC SDT requests the approval of COM-001-2 – Communications and two new NERC Glossary terms.

Prerequisite Approvals

- None

Defined Terms in the NERC Glossary

The RC SDT proposes the following new definitions:

Interpersonal Communication: Any medium that allows two or more individuals interact, consult, or exchange information.

Alternative Interpersonal Communication: Any Interpersonal Communication that is able to serve as a substitute for, and does not utilize the same infrastructure (medium) as, Interpersonal Communications used for day-to-day operation.

Conforming Changes to Requirements in Already Approved Standards

- None.

Revisions to Approved Standards and Definitions

The RCSDT revised the COM-001-1 standard and is proposing retiring ~~three-four~~ requirements (R1, R4, R5 and R6). COM-001-1 requirement R1 is proposed to be replaced with COM-001-2 requirements R1, R2, R3, R4, R5, R6, R7 and R8 to achieve clarity to which entities were required to have to reliable communications. Requirement R2 in COM-001-1 will become requirement R9 in COM-001-2. Requirement R3 in COM-001-1 has been included within R1 of COM-001-2. Requirement R4 will remain enforceable until its inclusion into COM-003 being revised under Project 2007-02 Operating Personnel Communication Protocols and becomes mandatory and enforceable. Requirement R5 in COM-001-1 is redundant with EOP-008-0, R1 and EOP-008-1, R1 and is will be retired upon the effective date of COM-001-2. COM-001-1, requirement R6 will be retired as it is an ERO procedural requirement and does not impact reliability. Changes were made to eliminate redundancies between standards (existing and proposed), to align with the ERO Rules of Procedure and to address issues in FERC Order 693.

Effective Dates

The first day of the ~~first~~second calendar quarter following applicable regulatory approval – or in those jurisdictions where no regulatory approval is required, the first day of the first calendar quarter following Board of Trustees adoption.

Retirements

COM-001-1.1 will be retired at midnight the day before COM-001-2 becomes effective with the exception of Requirement R4. This requirement is being revised and will be included in Standard COM-003-1, Operating Personnel Communications Protocols. COM-001-1.1, Requirement R4 will be retired at midnight the day before COM-003-1 becomes effective.