• Summary of revised Draft TPL-007-1
• Comment Responses
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• Question and answer

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Geomagnetically-induced currents (GIC) can cause:

- Increased reactive power consumption
- Transformer heating
- Protection System misoperation
• Requires a Geomagnetic Disturbance (GMD) Vulnerability Assessment of the system to determine its ability to withstand a Benchmark GMD Event without causing voltage collapse
  ▪ Assessment performed once every five years
  ▪ Applicability: Planning Coordinators, Transmission Planners

• Requires a Transformer thermal impact assessment to ensure high-side, wye grounded Bulk Electric System (BES) transformers connected at 200kV or higher will not overheat based on the benchmark event
  ▪ Applies to transformers where maximum GIC ≥ 15 A per phase
  ▪ Performed once every five years with GMD Vulnerability Assessment
  ▪ Applicability: Generator Owners, Transmission Owners
The Benchmark GMD Event is described by:

- **Reference geoelectric field amplitude** *(8V/km)*
  - 1-in-100 year amplitude determined statistically from geomagnetic field measurements for a reference earth model
  - Used for GIC studies and load-flow simulations that account for transformer Reactive Power absorption caused by half-cycle saturation

- **Reference geomagnetic field waveshape**
  - March 13-14, 1989 GMD event selected from recorded GMD events
  - Used for time-domain analysis on equipment such as transformer thermal impact assessment and/or determine local geoelectric field if alternative earth model is available

- Scaling factors for geomagnetic latitude and earth conductivity can be used to adjust geoelectric field amplitude
GMD-specific Planning Steps
GIC calculation is now available on most power system analysis software

- Assemble model and equipment data
- Create dc model of the system
- Calculate GIC for each transformer
- Calculate transformer reactive losses
- Conduct transformer thermal assessment
- Identify voltage and system issues
- Run ac power flow w/ reactive losses included
- Investigate mitigation options

Standard TPL Planning
- Consult manufacturer or IEEE Std C57.91 for temperature limits
- Assessment approaches:

Transformer manufacturer capability curves

Thermal response simulation
Revised Implementation Plan

Date of Approval

6 Months
• R1
• Identify Responsibilities

18 Months
• R2
• System Models

24 Months
• R5
• GIC Flow Information

48 Months
• R6
• Thermal Assessment

60 Months
• R3, R4, and R7
• GMD Assessment
• Corrective Action Plan
• Table 1 revisions clarify use of load shedding to meet performance requirements
  ▪ Objective is that voltage collapse, Cascading, and uncontrolled islanding shall not occur as a result of the benchmark GMD event
• Timeline for completing transformer thermal assessments was increased from 12 months to 24 months
• Attachment 1 includes ground model scaling factor for Florida and revised guidance in cases where a ground model is not known
  ▪ Entities should use largest scaling factor of adjacent areas while researchers address gaps
  ▪ Specific earth models can be used with documented justification
• General support for the 8 V/km benchmark and scaling factors
  ▪ Minority opinions argue that the benchmark is either too high or too low

• Transformer thermal models are needed for impact assessment
  ▪ Proposed standard gives owners latitude to select appropriate approach
    o Manufacturer information
    o General models (in development)
    o Other technically-justified means
  ▪ Screening models are in scope of GMD Task Force project
  ▪ Implementation Plan is extended (48 months for thermal assessment)
• Consider expanding the 15 A screening criterion
  ▪ Draft standard provides floor of 15 A per phase effective GIC
  ▪ Data is not currently available to establish an additional screening value for 3-phase 3 limb units

• Clarify corrective action responsibility
  ▪ TPL-007 is consistent with approved TPL-001-4. Planners have the lead role in considering the range of options to achieve performance.
  ▪ Planning Coordinator and Reliability Coordinator have wide area perspective
  ▪ Planning processes account for implementation and cost considerations
• Formal comment and initial ballot ended July 30, 2014
• Revised standard posted for comment and additional ballot August 27 – October 10, 2014
• Seek NERC Board adoption at November meeting
• File with FERC by January 2015
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