

Standards Authorization Request Form

Request to propose a new or a revision to a Reliability Standard			
Title of Proposed Standard(s):		EOP-010-1 Geomagnetic Disturbance Operations TPL-007-1 Transmission System Planned Performance During Geomagnetic Disturbances	
Date Submitted:			
SAR Requester Information			
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SAR Type (Check as many as applicable)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New Standard		<input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawal of existing Standard	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Revision to existing Standard		<input type="checkbox"/> Urgent Action	

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<p>Purpose (Describe what the standard action will achieve in support of Bulk Electric System reliability.):</p> <p>To mitigate the risk of instability, uncontrolled separation, and Cascading in the Bulk-Power System as a result of geomagnetic disturbances (GMDs) through application of Operating Procedures and strategies that address potential impacts identified in a registered entity's assessment as directed in FERC Order 779.</p>
<p>Industry Need (What is the industry problem this request is trying to solve?):</p> <p>While the impacts of space weather are complex and depend on numerous factors, space weather has demonstrated the potential to disrupt the operation of the Bulk-Power System. A technical discussion of the effects of geomagnetic disturbances on the Bulk-Power System and recommended actions for NERC and the industry is provided in the NERC 2012 GMD Report prepared by the GMD Task Force. During a GMD event, geomagnetically-induced current (GIC) flow in transformers may cause half-cycle</p>

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saturation, which can increase absorption of Reactive Power, generate harmonic currents, and cause transformer hot spot heating. Harmonic currents may cause protection system Misoperation leading to the loss of Reactive Power sources. The combination of these effects from GIC can lead to voltage collapse.

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

The proposed project will develop requirements for registered entities to employ strategies that mitigate risks of instability, uncontrolled separation and Cascading in the Bulk-Power System caused by GMD in two stages as directed in Order 779:

1. Stage 1 standard(s) will require applicable registered entities to develop and implement Operating Procedures with predetermined and actionable steps to take prior to and during GMD events which take into account entity-specific factors that can impact the severity of GMD events in the local area. The Stage 1 standard(s) may also include associated training requirements for System Operators or development of training requirements may be deferred to Stage 2.
2. Stage 2 standard(s) will require applicable registered entities to conduct initial and on-going assessments of the potential impact of benchmark GMD events on their respective system as directed in Order 779. The Stage 2 standard(s) must identify benchmark GMD events that specify what severity GMD events applicable registered entities must assess for potential impacts. If the assessments identify potential impacts from benchmark GMD events, the Standard(s) will require the registered entity to develop and implement a plan to mitigate the risk of instability, uncontrolled separation, or Cascading as a result of benchmark GMD events.

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 standards development project will respond to the directives in FERC Order 779 in the timeframe required by the Order and draw upon the technical products of the GMD Task Force Phase 2 Project and other relevant information. The GMD Task Force Phase 2 Project addresses the recommendations in the 2012 GMD Report and is focused on improving the capabilities of industry to assess GMD risk and develop appropriate mitigation strategies.

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Operating Procedures are the first stage in the Standards project to manage risks associated with GMD events with accompanying training requirements to be addressed in Stage 1 or 2 as determined by the Standards Drafting Team. Specifically, the project will require owners and operators of the Bulk-Power System to develop and implement Operating Procedures and accompanying operator training which may include:

- Procedures for acquiring and disseminating forecasting information and warning messages from the space weather forecasting community to the System Operators;
- Predetermined and actionable steps for System Operators to take prior to and during a GMD event that are tailored to the registered entity's assessment of entity-specific factors such as geography, geology, and system topology;
- Procedures to notify and coordinate with interconnected registered entities for effective action;
- Restoration procedures for applicable elements that may be impacted;
- Minimum training requirements for System Operators; and
- Criteria for discontinuing the use of Operating Procedures at the conclusion of a GMD event.

The second stage of the project will require applicable registered entities to conduct initial and periodic assessments of the risk and potential impact of benchmark GMD events to the Bulk-Power System and develop strategies to mitigate the risk of instability, uncontrolled separation, and Cascading.

- The definition of benchmark GMD events will be based on reviewed technical analysis.
- Periodic update of the assessments will be required to account for new Facilities and modifications to existing Facilities. It is expected that assessments will also consider new information and the use of new or updated tools, including new research on GMDs and the on-going work of the NERC GMD Task Force.
- The Standard(s) will require Planning Coordinators and Reliability Coordinators to review plans addressing the potential impact of benchmark GMD events in order to provide a wide-area perspective. The Standard Requirements for plans will be supported by reviewed technical analysis, with consideration of the directives in FERC Order 779.

When both stages have been completed as required by FERC Order 779, all directives in the Order will have been addressed.

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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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.
<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	Owens and maintains transmission facilities.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Transmission Operator	Ensures the real-time operating reliability of the transmission assets within a Transmission Operator Area.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Distribution Provider	Delivers electrical energy to the End-use customer.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Generator Owner	Owens and maintains generation facilities.

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<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>	5. Facilities for communication, monitoring and control shall be provided, used and maintained for the reliability of interconnected bulk power systems.
<input checked="" 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?	
1. A reliability standard shall not give any market participant an unfair competitive advantage.	Enter (yes/no) 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	Yes

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with that standard.	
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
PER-005-1, R3	Training on GMD events and mitigation procedures will be added to this requirement as a specific element in required operator training unless included in a separate GMD standard.

Related SARs	
SAR ID	Explanation

Regional Variances	
Region	Explanation
ERCOT	
FRCC	
MRO	
NPCC	
RFC	
SERC	
SPP	
WECC	
<p>The intent of the project is to develop continent-wide requirements that allow responsible entities to tailor operational procedures or strategies based on the responsible entity's assessment of entity-specific factors such as geography, geology, and system topology. However, the need for regional variances will be researched throughout the proposed project and may be supported by analysis required to develop stage 2 Standard(s).</p>	