

Project 2015-04 Alignment of Terms

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Drafting Team Members

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- **Phase 1** - Align the defined terms found in the NERC Glossary of Terms and the Rules of Procedure (ROP)
- **Phase 2** – Provide recommendations regarding other definition-related issues in the Glossary and ROP, including enhancements to the current definition development process, to prevent misalignment in the future

- Currently there are 55 terms that are defined in both the Glossary and ROP (“cross-over terms”)
- Of the 55 cross-over terms, 40 contain inconsistencies or differences in the definition narratives
- This causes industry confusion and may lead to inconsistent interpretation or application of the term
- The drafting team is proposing revisions to align 34 of the cross-over terms
- **Phase 1 revisions are limited to aligning the existing definitions in the ROP and Glossary. The drafting team did not propose new draft language for the Phase 1 revisions.**

- For the 40 cross-over terms with inconsistencies, the drafting team categorized by type of difference:
 - Group 1 – Current definitions with substantive differences
 - Group 2 – Definitions currently in flux with substantive differences
 - Group 3 – Capitalization differences
 - Group 4 – Errata/miscellaneous
- Full details regarding the groupings can be found on the project page. See, [“Summary of Proposed Revisions to Align Cross-Over Terms”](#) document

Group 1 terms: Substantive differences

Adjacent Balancing Authority	Alignment revisions proposed
Bulk Power System	Alignment revisions proposed
Generator Operator	Alignment revisions proposed
Generator Owner	Alignment revisions proposed
Net Energy for Load or NEL	No alignment revisions proposed
Reliability Standard	Alignment revisions proposed
Sink Balancing Authority	Alignment revisions proposed
Source Balancing Authority	Alignment revisions proposed
System Operating Limit	Alignment revisions proposed

Example of proposed revision to Group 1 term: Adjacent Balancing Authority

Existing Glossary definition (differences indicated in red)	Existing ROP definition (differences indicated in red)
<p>A Balancing Authority whose Balancing Authority Area is interconnected with another Balancing Authority Area either directly or via a multi-party agreement or transmission tariff.</p>	<p>a Balancing Authority Area that is interconnected to another Balancing Authority Area either directly or via a multi-party agreement or transmission tariff.**</p>

The drafting team is proposing to revise the ROP definition to align with the Glossary:

Redline of ROP definition:

a Balancing Authority ~~Area~~ whose Balancing Authority Area ~~that~~ is interconnected with ~~to~~ another Balancing Authority Area either directly or via a multi-party agreement or transmission tariff.**

Group 2 terms: Terms currently in flux

Critical Assets	No alignment revisions proposed
Critical Cyber Assets	No alignment revisions proposed
Cyber Assets	No alignment revisions proposed
Cyber Security Incident	No alignment revisions proposed
Interconnection	Alignment revisions proposed
Special Protection System	No alignment revisions proposed

Group 3 terms: Capitalization differences

Balancing Authority	Reactive Power
Balancing Authority Area	Real Power
Blackstart Resource	Reliability Coordinator
Cascading	Reliable Operation
Distribution Provider	Reserve Sharing Group
Element	Resource Planner
Flowgate	Transmission Customer
Interconnected Operations Service	Transmission Operator
Load Serving Entity	Transmission Owner
Planning Authority	Transmission Planner
Point of Receipt	Transmission Service Provider

Interchange Authority	Alignment revisions proposed
Load	Alignment revisions proposed
Protection System	Alignment revisions proposed

- Process for revising Glossary terms
 - *See*, Section 5.0 of NERC Standards Process Manual
 - Same process as for new or revised Reliability Standards
 - 45-day formal comment and ballot period
- Process for revising ROP terms
 - *See*, Section 1400 of the ROP
 - The NERC Standards Committee adopted the proposed revisions of the drafting team, and submitted a request to NERC to post the proposed revisions in accordance with the ROP
 - Proposed revisions are currently posted for public comment
 - After close of comment period, NERC Board will consider stakeholder comments received, and, if stakeholder support, approve proposed revisions

- **March 13 - April 13:** SAR posted for formal comment
- **April 20 - 22:** Drafting team meeting (Phoenix, AZ)
- **May 7 - 8:** Drafting team meeting (Washington DC, NERC office)
- **June 12 - July 27:**
 - Formal comment and ballot period (Glossary terms)
 - Comment period (ROP terms)
- **August 19 - 20:** Drafting team meeting (Atlanta, NERC office)
- **November 5:** NERC Board of Trustees for Approval

- Develop recommendations

Please submit your questions by using the chat feature

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