

**Compliance Questionnaire and**

**Reliability Standard Audit Worksheet**

**IRO-015-1 — Notifications and Information Exchange Between Reliability Coordinators**

**Registered Entity:** *(Must be completed by the Compliance Enforcement Authority)*

**NCR Number:** *(Must be completed by the Compliance Enforcement Authority)*

**Applicable Function(s):** RC

**Auditors:**

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# ­Subject Matter Experts

Identify your company’s subject matter expert(s) responsible for this Reliability Standard. Include the person's title, organization and the requirement(s) for which they are responsible. Insert additional lines if necessary.

**Response: *(Registered Entity Response Required)***

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# Reliability Standard Language

**IRO-015-1 — Notifications and Information Exchange Between Reliability Coordinators**

**Purpose:**

To ensure that each Reliability Coordinator’s operations are coordinated such that they will not have an Adverse Reliability Impact on other Reliability Coordinator Areas and to preserve the reliability benefits of interconnected operations.

**Applicability:**

Reliability Coordinators

**NERC BOT Approval Date: 2/7/2006**

**FERC Approval Date: 3/16/2007**

**Reliability Standard Enforcement Date in the United States: 6/18/2007**

**Requirements**:

1. The Reliability Coordinator shall follow its Operating Procedures, Processes, or Plans for making notifications and exchanging reliability-related information with other Reliability Coordinators.
   1. The Reliability Coordinator shall make notifications to other Reliability Coordinators of conditions in its Reliability Coordinator Area that may impact other Reliability Coordinator Areas.

**Describe, in narrative form, how you meet compliance with this requirement:**

***(Registered Entity Response Required)***

# R1 Supporting Evidence and Documentation

**Response: *(Registered Entity Response Required)***

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**Compliance Assessment Approach Specific to IRO-015-1 R1**

\_\_\_ Verify that the Reliability Coordinator followed its procedures, processes, or plans for making notifications and exchanging reliability-related information with other RCs.

\_\_\_ Verify that if the Reliability Coordinator identified a condition that may impact another Reliability Coordinator Area, the other Reliability Coordinator was notified.

**Detailed Notes:**

1. The Reliability Coordinator shall participate in agreed upon conference calls and other communication forums with adjacent Reliability Coordinators.
   1. The frequency of these conference calls shall be agreed upon by all involved Reliability Coordinators and shall be at least weekly.

**Describe, in narrative form, how you meet compliance with this requirement:**

***(Registered Entity Response Required)***

# R2 Supporting Evidence and Documentation

**Response: *(Registered Entity Response Required)***

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**Compliance Assessment Approach Specific to IRO-015-1 R2**

Verify that the Reliability Coordinator participated in the agreed upon conference calls and other

communication forums.

\_\_\_ Verify those calls were on, at least, a weekly basis.

**Detailed notes:**

1. The Reliability Coordinator shall provide reliability-related information as requested by other Reliability Coordinators.

**Describe, in narrative form, how you meet compliance with this requirement:**

***(Registered Entity Response Required)***

# R3 Supporting Evidence and Documentation

**Response: *(Registered Entity Response Required)***

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**Compliance Assessment Approach Specific to IRO-015-1 R3**

\_\_\_ Review the evidence provided by the entity to determine if other Reliability Coordinators requested reliability-related information. (This might come from, but is not limited to, a complaint, a neighbor’s questionnaire, Reliability Coordinator Information System (RCIS), or the audited entity’s internal logs.)

\_\_\_ Review the evidence provided by the entity to determine if the Reliability Coordinator provided the above requested information.

**Detailed notes:**

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# Supplemental Information

**Question:** Describe your communication forums and conference calls with adjacent Reliability Coordinators.

**Entity** **Response: *(Registered Entity Response Required)***

**Other –** The list of questions above is not all inclusive of evidence required to show compliance with the Reliability Standard. Provide additional information here**, as necessary that** demonstrates compliance with this Reliability Standard.

**Entity** **Response: *(Registered Entity Response)***

# Compliance Findings Summary (to be filled out by auditor)

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**Excerpts from FERC Orders -- For Reference Purposes Only**

**Updated Through March 31, 2009**

**IRO-015-1**

**Order 693**

P888. The Interconnection Reliability Operations and Coordination (IRO) group of Reliability Standards detail the responsibilities and authorities of a reliability coordinator.The IRO Reliability Standards establish requirements for data, tools and wide-area view, all of which are intended to facilitate a reliability coordinator’s ability to perform its responsibilities and ensure the reliable operation of the interconnected grid.

P997. IRO-015-1 establishes Requirements for a reliability coordinator to share and exchange reliability-related information among its neighbors and participate in agreed upon conference calls and other communication forums with adjacent reliability coordinators.

P1000. For the reasons stated in the NOPR, the Commission approves IRO-015-1 as mandatory and enforceable.

**Revision History**

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| **Version** | **Date** | **Reviewers** | **Revision Description** |
| 1 | December 2010 | QRSAW WG | Revised Findings Table, modified Supporting Evidence tables and Added Revision History |
| 1 | January 2011 | Craig Struck | Reviewed for format consistency and content. |
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