

## Standards Announcement

### Project 2012-INT-02 - Interpretation of TPL-003 and TPL-004 for System Protection and Control Subcommittee

Formal Comment Period Open: June 20 – July 19, 2012

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A formal comment period for the interpretation of **TPL-003-0a** – System Performance Following Loss of Two or More Bulk Electric System Elements (Category C) and **TPL-004-0** – System Performance Following Extreme Events Results in the Loss of Two or More Bulk Electric System Elements (Category D) is open through 8 p.m. Eastern on Thursday, July 19, 2012.

#### Instructions for Commenting

A formal comment period is open through **8 p.m. Eastern on Thursday, July 19, 2012**. Please use the [electronic form](#) to submit comments. If you experience any difficulties in using the electronic form, please contact Monica Benson at [monica.benson@nerc.net](mailto:monica.benson@nerc.net). An off-line, unofficial copy of the comment form is posted on the [project page](#).

#### Next Steps

The drafting team will consider all comments and determine whether to make changes to the interpretation response. If significant changes are made to the interpretation response the drafting team will submit the interpretation response for quality review prior to the next posting.

#### Background

Order No. 754, issued September 15, 2011, was the Final Rule approving the Interpretation of TPL-002-0a for PacifiCorp ([Project 2009-14](#)) regarding requirement R1.3.10. In addition to the approval, the Commission expressed a concern (Para 19 and 20) about single point of failure of protection systems and issued NERC a directive for further investigation. This request for interpretation submitted by the System Protection and Control Subcommittee (SPCS) is one of three approaches aimed to address the concern. The SPCS is seeking clarification in two areas in TPL-003-0a (Category C) and TPL-004-0 (Category D). The first regarding the comprehensive study of system performance relating to Table 1's, Category C and D contingency of a "(stuck breaker or protection system failure)." Second, to what extent does the description in the standards' Table 1, footnote (e) require an entity to model a single point of failure of a protection system component that may prevent correct operation of a protection system.

Additional information is available on the [project page](#).

**Standards Development Process**

The [Standards Processes Manual](#) contains all the procedures governing the standards development process. The success of the NERC standards development process depends on stakeholder participation. We extend our thanks to all those who participate.

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