

## PER Informal Development Survey

Questions (May 13- May 17)

### **Applicability to GOP**

Please provide a “yes” or “no” answer to the following questions based on your experience as a Generator Operator (GOP) or, if you are not a GOP, your knowledge of, or experience conducting business with, GOPs. Answer these questions in reference to dispatch personnel at a dispatch Control Center. Do not consider GOPs that are plant operators.

1. Are you a GOP, or are you aware of any GOPs, that have the authority and/or capability to make unilateral decisions or take unilateral action that could directly impact the reliability of the Bulk Electric System during normal or emergency operations?
2. Is it true that any decision or action of a Generator Operator (GOP) that could potentially impact the reliability of the Bulk Electric System (including, but not limited to, deciding which unit(s) to dispatch or during emergency operations) must first be approved and/or authorized by a Balancing Authority or Transmission Operator?
3. Even if there is a requirement that all GOP decisions and actions that could potentially impact the reliability of the Bulk Power System be approved/authorized by an Balancing Authority or Transmission Operator, is it possible for the Generator Operator to take unilateral action (including, but not limited to, making a determination from which geographical location to put power onto the grid) in contravention of such requirement and impact the reliability of the Bulk Power System?

### **Applicability to Support Personnel of Transmission Operators and Balancing Authorities**

Please provide a “yes” or “no” answer to the following questions based on your experience as a TOP or BA, or if you are not a TOP or BA, your knowledge of, or experience conducting business with, TOPs and BAs:

1. Is it possible for the decisions and actions of operations planning or operations support staff to have a direct impact on the reliable operations of the Bulk Electric System?
2. Are you aware of any disturbances to the BES that resulted from, or was related to, the decisions or actions of operations planning or operations support staff?
3. Would your certified personnel (i.e. System Operators) have sufficient oversight for the actions of operations planning or operations support staff so the certified personnel would be able to prevent any errors created by operations planning or operations support staff that would affect the Bulk Electric System?
4. Are you aware of any events that impacted the reliable operation of the BES that were caused by or related to the decisions or actions of EMS personnel?

5. Could certain tasks performed by your operations support staff impact the ability of System Operators to monitor and control the Bulk Electric System?
6. Could certain tasks performed by your EMS support personnel cause failure or partial failure of the EMS/SCADA systems?