

Standard Authorization Request (SAR) Form

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Purpose/Industry Need (Provide one or two sentences)

To establish a standard for assessing and planning the transmission systems in North America.

The transmission system must be assessed and planned to ensure that it performs its intended functions in providing reliable delivery of power for the future needs of customers.

Brief Description (A few sentences or a paragraph)

Requirements shall be established for assessing transmission system performance under a variety of system conditions including system normal conditions, abnormal conditions, and extreme system conditions. Requirements shall be established for a plan, including a definition of the planning horizon, to address these conditions to ensure that the interconnected transmission systems perform their intended functions and to prevent severe adverse effects such as uncontrolled or cascading interruption of network operation. The plan may utilize operating, construction, market solutions or other components to address these conditions.

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Reliability Functions

The Standard will Apply to the Following Functions (Put an 'X' in front of each one that applies)		
X	Reliability Authority	Ensures the reliability of the bulk transmission system within its Security Authority Area. This is the highest reliability authority.
	Balancing Authority	Integrates resource plans ahead of time, and maintains load-interchange-resource balance within its metered boundary and supports system frequency in real time
	Interchange Authority	Authorizes valid and balanced Interchange Schedules
X	Planning Authority	Plans the bulk electric system
	Transmission Service Provider	Provides transmission services to qualified market participants under applicable transmission service agreements
X	Transmission Owner	Owns transmission facilities
	Transmission Operator	Operates and maintains the transmission facilities, and executes switching orders
	Distribution Provider	Provides and operates the "wires" between the transmission system and the customer
	Generator	Owns and operates generation unit(s) or runs a market for generation products that performs the functions of supplying energy and Interconnected Operations Services
	Purchasing-Selling Entity	The function of purchasing or selling energy, capacity and all necessary Interconnected Operations Services as required.
	Load-Serving Entity	Secures energy and transmission (and related generation services) to serve the end user

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Reliability and Market Interface Principles

Applicable Reliability Principles (Put an 'x' in front of all that apply)	
X	1. Interconnected bulk electric systems shall be planned and operated in a coordinated manner to perform reliably under normal and abnormal conditions.
	2. The frequency of interconnected bulk electric systems shall be controlled within defined limits through the balancing of electric supply and demand
X	3. Information necessary for planning and operation of interconnected bulk electric systems shall be made available to those entities responsible for planning and operating the systems reliably
	4. Plans for emergency operation and system restoration of interconnected bulk electric systems shall be developed, coordinated, maintained and implemented
	5. Facilities for communication, monitoring and control shall be provided, used and maintained for the reliability of interconnected bulk electric systems
X	6. Personnel responsible for planning and operating interconnected bulk electric systems shall be trained, qualified and have the responsibility and authority to implement actions
X	7. The security of the interconnected bulk electric systems shall be assessed, monitored and maintained on a wide area basis
<p>Does the proposed Standard comply with all of the following Market Interface Principles?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">YES</p> <p><i>(Enter 'yes' or 'no')</i></p>	
	1. Interconnected The planning and operation of bulk electric systems shall recognize that reliability is an essential requirement of a robust North American economy
	2. An Organization Standard shall not give any market participant an unfair competitive advantage
	3. An Organization Standard shall neither mandate nor prohibit any specific market structure
	4. An Organization Standard shall not preclude market solutions to achieving compliance with that Standard
	5. An Organization 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