

Implementation Plan

Project 2007-02 - Operating Personnel Communications Protocols

Implementation Plan for COM-003-1 – Operating Personnel Communications Protocols

Approvals Required

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Prerequisite Approvals

None.

Revisions to Glossary

The following term is proposed for addition to the NERC Glossary of Terms:

Operating Communication — Communication of instruction to change or maintain the state, status, output, or input of an Element or Facility of the Bulk Electric System.

Applicable Entities

Balancing Authority
Distribution Provider
Generator Operator
Reliability Coordinator
Transmission Operator

Revisions or Retirements to Approved Standards

Approved Requirement to be Retired	Proposed Replacement Requirement(s)
<p>COM-001-1.1 Requirement R4</p> <p>R4. Unless agreed to otherwise, each Reliability Coordinator, Transmission Operator, and Balancing Authority shall use English as the language for all communications between and among operating personnel responsible for the real-time generation control and operation of the interconnected Bulk Electric System. Transmission Operators and Balancing Authorities may use an alternate language for internal operations.</p>	<p>COM-003-1 Requirement R1 Part 1.1.1</p> <p>R1. Each Reliability Coordinator, Transmission Operator, Balancing Authority, Generator Operator and Distribution Provider shall use the following communications protocols:</p> <p>1.1. When participating in oral or written Operating Communications:</p> <p>1.1.1. Use the English language when communicating between functional entities, unless</p>

	another language is mandated by law or regulation.
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Conforming Changes to Other Standards

Revisions to COM-001-1.1- are under development in two projects. Project 2006-06 includes revisions to Requirements R1-R3 and R5-R6 and Project 2007-02 includes revisions to R4.

Effective Dates

COM-003-1 shall become effective the first day of the first calendar quarter, six calendar months following applicable regulatory approval; or, in those jurisdictions where no regulatory approval is required, the first day of the first calendar quarter a year from the date of Board of Trustee adoption.

- If the version of COM-001-2 revised under Project 2006-06 is approved before COM-003-1 is approved, then the remaining requirement (R4) from COM-001-1.1 shall expire midnight of the day immediately prior to the Effective Date of COM-003-1 in the particular jurisdiction in which COM-003-1 is becoming effective.
- If the version of COM-001-2 revised under Project 2006-06 is not approved before COM-003-1 is approved, then COM-001-1.1 shall expire midnight of the day immediately the version of COM-001-2 developed under Project 2007-02 shall become effective on the first day of the first calendar quarter, six calendar months following applicable regulatory approval; or, in those jurisdictions where no regulatory approval is required, the first day of the first calendar quarter a year from the date of Board of Trustee adoption.