

Note: an Interpretation cannot be used to change a standard.

Request for an Interpretation of a Reliability Standard

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Identify the standard that needs clarification:

Standard Number (include version number): TOP-002-2a

Standard Title: Normal Operations Planning

Identify specifically what requirement needs clarification:

Requirement Number and Text of Requirement:

R10. Each Balancing Authority and Transmission Operator shall plan to meet all System Operating Limits (SOLs) and Interconnection Reliability Operating Limits (IROLs).

Clarification needed:

Requirement 10 is proposed to be eliminated in Project 2007-03 because it is redundant with TOP-004-0 R1, which only applies to TOP not to BA. However, that will not be effective for more than two years. In the meantime, in Requirement 10 is the requirement of the BA to plan to maintain load-interchange-generation balance under the direction of the TOPs meeting all SOLs and IROLs?

Identify the material impact associated with this interpretation:

Identify the material impact to your organization or others caused by the lack of clarity or an incorrect interpretation of this standard.

Not having the correct interpretation of this requirement could cause a BA only (BA that is not a TOP) to be found non-compliant.