

Implementation Plan

PRC-025-1 – Generator Relay Loadability

Project 2010-13.2 Phase II Relay Loadability

Requested Approvals

- PRC-025-1 – Generator Relay Loadability

Requested Retirements

- None.

Prerequisite Approvals

- None.

Parallel Approvals

- PRC-023-3 – Transmission Relay Loadability*

*A supplemental SAR was approved by the Standards Committee at the January 16-17, 2013 meeting to authorize the drafting team to make corresponding changes to PRC-023-2 in order to establish a bright line between the applicability of load-responsive protective relays in the transmission and generator relay loadability standards.

Revisions to Defined Terms in the NERC Glossary

- None

Background

The Implementation Plan addresses concerns about the effort required to become compliant with the standard. The drafting team considered a number of issues that a Generator Owner might encounter in its efforts to ensure its load-responsive protective relay settings are applied in accordance with the PRC-025-1 standard. The period to become compliant is based on two time frames. One time frame is provided if the Generator Owner determines that its existing load-responsive protective relays are capable of achieving compliance with the standard while maintaining reliable fault protection. A second and extended time frame is provided if the Generator Owner determines that its existing load-responsive protective relays require replacement. The standard drafting team recognizes that it may be necessary to replace a legacy load-responsive protective relay with a modern advanced-technology relay that can be set using functions such as load encroachment.

General Considerations

The Implementation Plan period reflects consideration of the following:

1. It is not beneficial to reliability for a Generator Owner to remove a generation unit or plant from service solely to achieve compliance with this standard.
2. The Implementation Plan recognizes that the time between scheduled outages depends on the nature of the generation unit or plant and may be as long as 24 months between scheduled outages.
3. The Implementation Plan assumes that Generator Owners will stagger outages between generation units or plants based upon fleet size, operating history, and forecasted outages.
4. The Generator Owner will need to: evaluate load-responsive protective relays applied on its Facilities; perform the applicable calculations required by the standard; and determine whether existing relays are capable of meeting the performance of standard while achieving reliable fault protection.
5. It is necessary for the generation unit or plant to be off-line in order to make adjustments.
6. The outage duration in order to replace any necessary components, to apply settings, and perform necessary testing may be significant.
7. For those load-responsive protective relays that do not require replacement, the Generator Owner will need time to complete the evaluation in #4 above required by the standard and schedule the work while the generation unit or plant is off-line.
8. For those load-responsive protective relays that require replacement, the Generator Owner will need time to complete the evaluation in #4 above required by the standard, as well as, time to coordinate protection system changes with other entities, procure materials, and schedule the work while the generation unit or plant is off-line.

Applicable Entities*

- Generator Owner

*See the proposed standard for detailed applicability for functional entities and Facilities.

Effective Date

New Standard

PRC-025-1	First day of the first calendar quarter beyond the date that this standard is approved by applicable regulatory authorities, or in those jurisdictions where regulatory approval is not required, the standard becomes effective on the first day of the first calendar quarter beyond the date this standard is approved by the NERC Board of Trustees, or as otherwise made effective pursuant to the laws applicable to such ERO governmental authorities.
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Standards for Retirement

- None.

Implementation Plan for Definitions

- No definitions are proposed as a part of this standard.

Implementation Plan for PRC-025-1, Requirement R1

Load-responsive protective relays subject to the standard

Each Generator Owner that owns load-responsive protective relays applicable to this standard shall be 100% compliant on the following dates:

Requirement	Applicability	Implementation Date	
		Jurisdictions where Regulatory Approval is Required	Jurisdictions where No Regulatory Approval is Required
R1	Each Generator Owner shall apply settings that are in accordance with PRC-025-1 – Attachment 1: Relay Settings, on each load-responsive protective relay while maintaining reliable fault protection.	Where determined by the Generator Owner that replacement or removal is not necessary, the first day 48 months after applicable regulatory approvals	Where determined by the Generator Owner that replacement or removal is not necessary, the first day 48 months after Board of Trustees adoption, or as otherwise made effective pursuant to the laws applicable to such ERO governmental authorities
		Where determined by the Generator Owner that replacement or removal is necessary, the first day 72 months after applicable regulatory approvals	Where determined by the Generator Owner that replacement or removal is necessary, the first day 72 months after Board of Trustees adoption, or as otherwise made effective pursuant to the laws applicable to such ERO governmental authorities

Load-responsive protective relays which become applicable to the standard

Each Generator Owner that owns load-responsive protective relays that become applicable to this standard, not because of the actions of the Generator Owner including, but not limited to changes in NERC Registration Criteria, Bulk Electric System (BES) definition, or any other non-Generator Owner action, shall be 100% compliant on the following dates:

Requirement	Applicability	Implementation Date	
		Jurisdictions where Regulatory Approval is Required	Jurisdictions where No Regulatory Approval is Required
R1	Each Generator Owner shall apply settings that are in accordance with PRC-025-1 – Attachment 1: Relay Settings, on each load-responsive protective relay while maintaining reliable fault protection.	Where determined by the Generator Owner that replacement or removal is not necessary, the first day 48 months beyond the date the load-responsive protective relays become applicable to the standard	Where determined by the Generator Owner that replacement or removal is not necessary, the first day 48 months beyond the date the load-responsive protective relays become applicable to the standard
		Where determined by the Generator Owner that replacement or removal is necessary, the first day 72 months beyond the date the load-responsive protective relays become applicable to the standard	Where determined by the Generator Owner that replacement or removal is necessary, the first day 72 months beyond the date the load-responsive protective relays become applicable to the standard

Transition to Using Capability Reported to the Transmission Planner

Reliability Standard PRC-025-1 requires the Generator Owner to use “Real Power output – 100% of the gross MW capability reported to the Transmission Planner or other entities as specified by the Regional Reliability Organization.” PRC-025-1 includes the “Transmission Planner” to comport with the functional entity that receives the report of the Generator Owner’s gross Real Power capability pursuant to Reliability Standard MOD-025-2, which combines Reliability Standards MOD-024-1 and MOD-025-1.

Because Reliability Standards MOD-024-1 and MOD-025-1 require the Generator Owner to follow its Regional Reliability Organization’s procedures for reporting its gross Real and Reactive Power capability, respectively, Reliability Standard PRC-025-1 also includes the phrase “other entities as specified by the Regional Reliability Organization” so that the Generator Owner can remain compliant with PRC-025-1 and both MOD-024-1 and MOD-025-1 during the implementation period for MOD-025-2. This construction avoids a reliability gap and

ambiguity within the PRC-025-1 standard regarding the value (gross Real Power capability) that is reported during the extended implementation plan for MOD-025-2.

Upon retirement of MOD-024-1 and MOD-025-1 and full compliance with MOD-025-2, entities will be reporting solely to the Transmission Planner. At that time, the reference to “other entities as specified by the Regional Reliability Organization” will be removed from PRC-025-1 since it will no longer be necessary or utilized by any functional entities following full implementation of MOD-025-2.

Revisions or Retirements to Already Approved Standards

The following table identifies the sections of the approved standard that shall be added, retired, or revised when this standard is implemented. If the drafting team is recommending revisions, those changes are identified in bold blue with underlining for additions and for ~~deletions in bold red with a strikeout~~.

Already Approved Standard	Proposed Replacement Requirement(s)
<p>New Standard – Not Applicable</p>	<p>PRC-025-1</p> <p>R1. Each Generator Owner shall apply settings that are in accordance with PRC-025-1 – Attachment 1: Relay Settings, on each load-responsive protective relay while maintaining reliable fault protection. [Violation Risk Factor: High] [Time Horizon: Long-Term Planning]</p>
<p>Notes: This requirement meets the directive in FERC Order No. 733, paragraph 106 and supporting paragraphs 104, 105, and 108. A full discussion of how Requirement R1 is responsive to the FERC directives may be found in the Consideration of Issues and Directives document associated with Project 2012-13.2 – Phase II – Relay Loadability: Generator.</p>	