



Reliability Standards and Compliance Subcommittee FERC Update

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FERC Order Approved Deferred Implementation of PRC-005-3, PRC-005-3(i), and PRC-005-4

- On December 4, 2015, FERC issued an order granting NERC's motion to Defer Implementation and Request for Shortened Response Period and Expedited Action in Docket Nos. RM14-8-000, RD15-3-000, and RM15-9-000. This motion requested that FERC **defer implementation** of approved Standards PRC-005-3, PRC-005-3(i), and PRC-005-4 **until after FERC issues a final order regarding proposed Standard PRC-005-6.**
- As a result of this order, currently effective Standard PRC-005-2(i) will remain in effect until further action by FERC regarding proposed Standard PRC-005-6

FERC Order No. 817 Approved TOP & IRO Standards

- On November 19, 2015, the FERC approved revisions to the TOP & IRO Standards.
 - Three revised TOP Standards would replace the eight currently-effective TOP standards and will apply to the TOPs.
 - Four revised IRO Standards would replace six currently-effective IRO Standards and will apply
- The Commission *approved the definitions for operational planning analysis and real-time assessment, the implementation plans and the violation severity level and violation risk factor assignments.*
- *The Commission directed NERC to make three modifications to the standards within 18 months of the effective date of this Final Rule.*



FERC Directives:

1. Revise TOP-001- 3, R.10 to require real-time monitoring of non-BES facilities.
2. Modify TOP-001- 3, R.19 & R.20 to include the requirement that the data exchange capabilities of the TOPs and BAs require redundancy and diverse routing. In addition, we direct NERC to clarify that “redundant infrastructure” for system monitoring in IRO-002-4, R.4 is equivalent to redundant and diversely routed data exchange capabilities.
3. Develop a modification to the TOP and IRO standards that addresses a data exchange capability testing framework for the data exchange capabilities used in the primary control centers to test the alternate or less frequently used data exchange capabilities of the reliability coordinator, transmission operator and balancing authority.