

FE West Local Planning Assumptions For 2012



FE – PJM Partnership

- FE performs separate analysis from PJM on it's zonal areas
- PJM and FE perform analysis consistent with NERC and RFC planning requirements
- PJM focus is to apply PJM criteria (Manual 14B: Attachment D)
- FE focus is to apply:
 - FE Facility Connection Requirements
 - FE Transmission Planning Criteria
- Net result is the validation of each other's assessments to assure planning criteria violations are real and the proposed upgrades are the correct solution prior to bringing before stakeholders

FE Facility Connection Requirements

- Detailed connection requirements established for connection of any generation or load to the FE transmission system
- Required to ensure no degradation to the reliable operation and to facilitate maintenance of the transmission system
- Ideally, the outage of any major piece of substation equipment can be scheduled for maintenance without disrupting the transmission system.
- <http://www.firstenergycorp.com/content/dam/feconnect/files/Requirements-for-Transmission-Connected-Facilities.pdf>

FE Transmission Planning Criteria

- Intended to meet or exceed all applicable minimum requirements of the North American Electric Reliability Council (NERC), ReliabilityFirst Corp (RFC) and PJM
- Applicable to FirstEnergy owned Bulk Transmission and Transmission (non Bulk) facilities
- Addresses loadability criteria, voltage level criteria, voltage and transient stability requirements, load curtailment criteria, voltage regulation requirements, reactive power requirements and short circuit requirements.
- Bulk Transmission level voltages are 115kV and above.
- Transmission (non Bulk) level voltages for networked systems are at or above 69kV but less than 115kV
- <http://www.pjm.com/planning/planning-criteria.aspx>

FE “Maintenance Condition” Contingency Analysis

- At Spring/Fall forecasted peak.
- Analysis of N-1 contingencies with any one transmission element (line section or transformer) out of service due to maintenance.
- To ensure the ability to take equipment out for maintenance for an extended period of time.

Setting Loads in System Models

- The loads in the system models are established using three sources:
 - FE Operating company distribution substations, and retail transmission connected customer substations, use FE Internal Load Forecast Data Management System (LFDMS)
 - Wholesale customer substations (eg Rural Electric Cooperatives and municipals) are also forecasted in LFDMS, utilizing forecasted information provided by the customers
 - Overall system forecasted loads are provided by the FE Retail Tariff Analysis & Forecasting group

Building the Model

- The base FE models are updated annually and use a 50/50 load forecast
- The updated FE system model is inserted into the latest available model from NERC/RFC MMWG
- A 90/10 load forecast sensitivity case as well as other sensitivity cases (eg base generating unit outages) are used to assess constraints and robustness of solutions
- FE will provide the base model used in developing it's local plans to PJM consistent with any applicable confidentiality restrictions, PJM's CEI process and copyright limitations.

Proposed Transmission Projects

- Projects based on
 - FE Facility Connection Requirements
 - FE Transmission Planning Criteria
 - Regulatory Requirements
- Violations and proposed upgrades will be presented at the TEAC and/or Subregional RTEP Committee meetings once they have been validated.
- FE will consider stakeholder feedback/suggestions received at these meetings prior to finalizing it's local plans.