

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
BEFORE THE
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION**

North American Electric Reliability Corporation) Docket No. _____

**PETITION OF THE NORTH AMERICAN ELECTRIC RELIABILITY CORPORATION
FOR APPROVAL OF ERRATA TO RELIABILITY STANDARD FAC-001-3**

Pursuant to Section 215(d)(1) of the Federal Power Act (“FPA”)¹ and Section 39.5² of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission’s (“FERC” or “Commission”) regulations, the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (“NERC”)³ hereby submits for Commission approval errata to Reliability Standard FAC-001-3 (Facility Interconnection Requirements).

Exhibit A consists of a clean version of the proposed Reliability Standard and **Exhibit B** shows the proposed redlined changes. NERC requests that the Commission approve these errata changes as just, reasonable, not unduly discriminatory, and in the public interest.

I. Background

On April 20, 2016, NERC filed a petition seeking approval of Reliability Standards BAL-005-1 (Balancing Authority Control) and FAC-001-3 (Facility Interconnection Requirements), included as Exhibits A and B to the petition, respectively.⁴ NERC also sought approval of certain revised definitions of terms used in the NERC *Glossary of Terms used in Reliability Standards*, the associated implementation plans, violation risk factors and violation severity levels, and the retirement of certain Reliability Standards. On September 20, 2017, the Commission issued

16 U.S.C. § 824o.

² 18 C.F.R. § 39.5 (2020).

³ The Commission certified NERC as the electric reliability organization (“ERO”) in accordance with Section 215 of the FPA on July 20, 2006. *N. Am. Elec. Reliability Corp.*, 116 FERC ¶ 61,062 (2006).

⁴ Petition of NERC for Approval of Proposed Reliability Standards BAL-005-1 and FAC-001-3, Docket No. RM16-13-000 (Apr. 20, 2016).

Order No. 836, in which it approved the Reliability Standards, definitions, and associated elements.⁵ Reliability Standard FAC-001-3 became effective in the United States on January 1, 2019.

It has come to NERC's attention that NERC inadvertently filed a draft version of the FAC-001-3 Reliability Standard as Exhibit B to its April 20, 2016 petition, instead of the final version that was approved by the NERC ballot body and adopted by the NERC Board of Trustees in February 2016.⁶ The version filed as Exhibit B to NERC's April 20, 2016 petition did not reflect certain non-substantive revisions in Requirement R3 Part 3.3 and Requirement R4 Part 4.3 that were made prior to the final ballot for the standard. The final language for these Requirement Parts was accurately reflected in the retirement-by-retirement justification for the standard contained in the main body of NERC's petition.⁷

To promote consistency and clarity as to the mandatory and effective language, NERC respectfully requests that the Commission approve the NERC Board-adopted version of the FAC-001-3 Reliability Standard attached as **Exhibit A** to this filing. The differences between the two versions of the standard are noted in the following section.

II. Errata

Prior to the final ballot for Reliability Standard FAC-001-3, the standard drafting team made certain clarifying revisions in Requirement R3 Part 3.3 and Requirement R4 Part 4.3,

⁵ *Balancing Authority Control, Inadvertent Interchange, and Facility Interconnection Reliability Standards*, 160 FERC ¶ 61,070 (2017).

⁶ See NERC Board of Trustees, February 11, 2016 Agenda Package, item 4a, available at [https://www.nerc.com/gov/bot/Agenda%20highlights%20and%20Mintues%202013/BOT%20-%20February%2011%202016%20Minutes.pdf](https://www.nerc.com/gov/bot/Agenda%20highlights%20and%20Mintues%202013/BOT%20-%20February%2011%202016%20Agenda%20Package.pdf). See also Minutes of the NERC Board of Trustees February 11, 2016 Meeting, available at <https://www.nerc.com/gov/bot/Agenda%20highlights%20and%20Mintues%202013/BOT%20-%20February%2011%202016%20Minutes.pdf>.

⁷ See April 20, 2016 Petition at 22-23. The final version was also included in Exhibit N, Summary of Development History and Complete Record of Development (item 74).

which were new subparts in Reliability Standard FAC-001-3. This language was part of the version that was ultimately approved by the ballot pool and adopted by the NERC Board of Trustees, and which is attached as **Exhibit A** to this petition.

As noted above, the language of the final version was accurately reflected in the main body of NERC's April 20, 2016 petition. The differences between the draft version attached as Exhibit B to NERC's April 20, 2016 petition and the final version attached to this petition are shown below:

- R3.** Each Transmission Owner shall address the following items in its Facility interconnection requirements: *[Violation Risk Factor: Lower]* *[Time Horizon: Long-Term Planning]*

- 3.3.** Procedures for confirming with those responsible for the reliability of affected systems ~~of that~~ new or materially modified ~~transmission~~ Facilities are within a Balancing Authority Area's metered boundaries.

- R4.** Each applicable Generator Owner shall address the following items in its Facility interconnection requirements: *[Violation Risk Factor: Lower]* *[Time Horizon: Long-Term Planning]*

- 4.3.** Procedures for confirming with those responsible for the reliability of affected systems ~~of that~~ new or materially modified ~~generation~~ Facilities are within a Balancing Authority Area's metered boundaries.

As explained in the record of development filed with NERC's April 20, 2016 petition, the standard drafting team determined to remove before the final ballot the word "transmission" from draft Requirement R3.3, and the word "generation" from draft Requirement R4.4, to more clearly reflect the intent of the drafting team that a Transmission Owner or Generator Owner

properly address procedures for confirming that those responsible for reliability of the applicable affected systems are within a Balancing Authority Area's metered boundaries.⁸

Approval of the attached version of the FAC-008-3 standard will promote consistency and clarity as to the mandatory and effective language, and is just, reasonable, not unduly discriminatory, and in the public interest.

III. Notices and Communications

Notices and communications with respect to this filing may be addressed to the following:

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⁸ April 20, 2016 Petition, Exhibit N at item 24 (pdf at 1342) (January 28, 2016 Consideration of Comments at 65).

IV. Conclusion

For the reasons set forth above, NERC respectfully requests that the Commission approve the proposed errata to Reliability Standard FAC-001-3, included in **Exhibit A**.

Respectfully submitted,

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EXHIBITS

Exhibit A Proposed Reliability Standard FAC-001-3 - clean

As adopted by the NERC Board of Trustees

Exhibit B Proposed Reliability Standard FAC-001-3 – redline

showing changes to the version filed with the April 20, 2016 Petition

Exhibit A

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 - 4.1.2** Applicable Generator Owner
 - 4.1.2.1** Generator Owner with a fully executed Agreement to conduct a study on the reliability impact of interconnecting a third party Facility to the Generator Owner's existing Facility that is used to interconnect to the Transmission system.
- 5. Effective Date:** See Implementation Plan for FAC-001-3.

B. Requirements and Measures

- R1.** Each Transmission Owner shall document Facility interconnection requirements, update them as needed, and make them available upon request. Each Transmission Owner's Facility interconnection requirements shall address interconnection requirements for: *[Violation Risk Factor: Lower] [Time Horizon: Long-term Planning]*
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 - 1.2.** transmission Facilities; and
 - 1.3.** end-user Facilities.
- M1.** Each Transmission Owner shall have evidence (such as dated, documented Facility interconnection requirements) that it met all requirements in Requirement R1.
- R2.** Each applicable Generator Owner shall document Facility interconnection requirements and make them available upon request within 45 calendar days of full execution of an Agreement to conduct a study on the reliability impact of interconnecting a third party Facility to the Generator Owner's existing Facility that is used to interconnect to the Transmission system. *[Violation Risk Factor: Lower] [Time Horizon: Long-term Planning]*
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 - 3.3.** Procedures for confirming with those responsible for the reliability of affected systems that new or materially modified Facilities are within a Balancing Authority Area's metered boundaries.
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- 4.1.** Procedures for coordinated studies of new interconnections and their impacts on affected system(s).
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- M4.** Each applicable Generator Owner shall have evidence (such as dated, documented Facility interconnection requirements addressing the procedures) that it met all requirements in Requirement R4.

C. Compliance

1. Compliance Monitoring Process

1.1. Compliance Enforcement Authority

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The applicable Functional Entity shall keep data or evidence to show compliance as identified below unless directed by its CEA to retain specific evidence for a longer period of time as part of an investigation:

The responsible entities shall retain documentation as evidence for three years.

If a responsible entity is found non-compliant, it shall keep information related to the non-compliance until mitigation is complete and approved or for the time specified above, whichever is longer.

The CEA shall keep the last audit records and all requested and submitted subsequent audit records.

1.3. Compliance Monitoring and Assessment Processes:

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1.4. Additional Compliance Information

None

Table of Compliance Elements

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				failed to address interconnection requirements for one of the Facilities as specified in R1, Parts 1.1, 1.2, or 1.3.		
R2	Long-term Planning	Lower	The applicable Generator Owner failed to document Facility interconnection requirements and make them available upon request until more than 45 calendar days but less than or equal to 60 calendar days after full execution of an Agreement to conduct a study on the reliability impact of interconnecting a third party Facility to the Generator Owner's existing Facility that is used to interconnect to the Transmission system.	The applicable Generator Owner failed to document Facility interconnection requirements and make them available upon request until more than 60 calendar days but less than or equal to 70 calendar days after full execution of an Agreement to conduct a study on the reliability impact of interconnecting a third party Facility to the Generator Owner's existing Facility that is used to interconnect to the Transmission system.	The applicable Generator Owner failed to document Facility interconnection requirements and make them available upon request until more than 70 calendar days but less than or equal to 80 calendar days after full execution of an Agreement to conduct a study on the reliability impact of interconnecting a third party Facility to the Generator Owner's existing Facility that is used to interconnect to the Transmission system.	The applicable Generator Owner failed to document Facility interconnection requirements and make them available upon request until more than 80 calendar days after full execution of an Agreement to conduct a study on the reliability impact of interconnecting a third party Facility to the Generator Owner's existing Facility that is used to interconnect to the Transmission system.

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R4	Long-term Planning	Lower	N/A	The Generator Owner failed to address one part of Requirement R4 Part 4.1 through Part 4.3.	The Generator Owner failed to address two parts of Requirement R4 Part 4.1 through Part 4.3.	The Generator Owner failed to address Requirement R4 Part 4.1 through Part 4.3.

D. Regional Variances

None.

E. Interpretations

None.

F. Associated Documents

None.

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Guidelines and Technical Basis

Entities should have documentation to support the technical rationale for determining whether an existing interconnection was “materially modified.” Recognizing that what constitutes a “material modification” will vary from entity to entity, the intent is for this determination to be based on engineering judgment.

Requirement R3:

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Supplemental Material

Rationale

During development of this standard, text boxes were embedded within the standard to explain the rationale for various parts of the standard. Upon Board approval, the text from the rationale boxes will be moved to this section.

Rationale for Requirement R3.3: Consistent with the Functional Model, there cannot be an assumption that the entity owning the transmission will be the same entity providing the BA function. It is the responsibility of the party interconnecting to make appropriate arrangements with a Balancing Authority to ensure its Facilities are within the BA's metered boundaries, which also serves to facilitate the process of the coordination between the two entities that will be required under numerous other standards upon the start of operation. Under 3.3, the Transmission Owner is responsible for confirming that the party interconnecting has made appropriate provisions with a Balancing Authority to operate within its metered boundaries.

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