



AESO Reliability Standards Monthly Report

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EOP-001 to 009 (except EOP-007) - Violation Severity Level Revisions

Purpose:

Revised VSLs, Draft 2 posted for comment.

Current Standards:

The current EOP standards do not have VSLs that meet FERC requirements.

Proposed Standards:

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) in its Order on Compliance Filing dated June 7, 2007, directed NERC to replace the "Levels of Non-compliance" with "Violation Severity Levels" (VSLs) in the 83 previously approved reliability standards by March 1, 2008. Project 2007-23 Violation Severity Levels was initiated to respond to FERC's directive.

VSLs define the degree to which compliance with a requirement or sub-requirement was not achieved. As set forth in the NERC Sanction Guidelines, VSLs are considered in conjunction with Violation Risk Factors to determine the base penalty range for a violation of a reliability standard requirement or sub-requirement. Revising the VSLs for the 8 EOP standards in question will enable the ERO's Sanctions Guidelines to be used as designed for these standards.

Applicability:

Balancing Authorities, Transmission Operators, Reliability Coordinators, Load-Serving Entities, Generator Operators, Generator Owners, Regional Reliability Organizations

Current Status:

The proposed VSLs are posted for ballot until May 8, 2009. The AESO generally does not comment on NERC VSL postings. Alberta legislative authorities will develop VSLs for the Alberta Reliability Standards.

NERC Link:

[EOP VSLs](#)