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MOD-001-1 – Available Transmission System Capability and MOD-029-1 – Rated System Path Methodology

Purpose:

Request for Interpretation.

Standard:

MOD-001-1 is meant to ensure that calculations are performed by Transmission Service Providers to maintain awareness of available transmission system capability and future flows on their own systems as well as those of their neighbors.

MOD-029-1 is designed to increase consistency and reliability in the development and documentation of transfer capability calculations for short-term use performed by entities using the Rated System Path Methodology to support analysis and system operations.

Request and Interpretation:

Question 1

Is the "advisory ATC" used under the NYISO tariff subject to the ATC calculation and recalculation requirements in MOD-001-1 Requirements R2 and R8? If not, is it necessary to document the frequency of "advisory" calculations in the responsible entity's Available Transfer Capability Implementation Document?

NERC Response

Requirements R2 and R8 of MOD-001-1 are both related to Requirement R1, which defines that ATC methodologies are to be applied to specific "ATC Paths." The NERC definition of ATC Path is "Any combination of Point of Receipt and Point of Delivery for which ATC is calculated; and any Posted Path." Based on a review of the language included in this request, the NYISO Open Access Transmission Tariff, and other information posted on the NYISO Web site, it appears that the NYISO does indeed have multiple ATC Paths, which are subject to the calculation and recalculation requirements in Requirements R2 and R8. It appears from reviewing this information that ATC is defined in the NYISO tariff in the same manner in which NERC defines it, making it difficult to conclude that NYISO's "advisory ATC" is not the same as ATC. In addition, it appears that pre-scheduling is permitted on certain external paths, making the calculation of ATC prior to day ahead necessary on those paths. The second part of NYISO's question is only applicable if the first part was answered in the negative and therefore will not be addressed.

Question 2

Could OSF in MOD-029-1 Requirement R5 and OSNF in MOD-029-1 Requirement R6 be calculated using Transmission Flow Utilization in the determination of ATC?



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NERC Response

This request for interpretation and the NYISO Open Access Transmission Tariff describe the NYISO's concept of "Transmission Flow Utilization;" however, it is unclear whether or not Native Load, Point-to-Point Transmission Service, Network Integration Transmission Service, or any of the other components explicitly defined in Requirements R5 and R6 are incorporated into "Transmission Flow Utilization." Provided that "Transmission Flow Utilization" does not include Native Load, Point-to-Point Transmission Service, Network Integration Transmission Service, or any of the other components explicitly defined in Requirements R5 and R6, it is appropriate to be included within the "Other Services" term. However, if "Transmission Flow Utilization" does incorporate those components, then simply including "Transmission Flow Utilization" in "Other Service" would be inappropriate.

Applicability:

Transmission Service Providers and Transmission Operators that use Rated System Path Methodology.

Current Status:

The interpretation is posted for pre-ballot review until May 25, 2009. This will be followed by a 10 day ballot period.

NERC Link:

[Request for Interpretation – Rated System Path](#)