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TOP-002-2a – Normal Operations Planning

Purpose:

Florida Municipal Power Pool request for interpretation.

Standard:

TOP-002-2a was FERC approved December 2, 2009.

Request:

The request for interpretation deals specifically with TOP-002-2a, R.2, R.8 and R.19.

Question 1

For R2: What does “ensure” mean in this requirement for the Balancing Authority’s operating personnel – does this mean that the Balancing Authority’s operating personnel must be made available to the entity that performs the system planning and design studies for participation in those system planning and design study?

Question 2

For R8:

- 1) Does “deliverability/capability” mean to the generator terminals?
- 2) Does “voltage and/or reactive limits” mean to the generator terminals?

Question 3

For R19: Does Requirement R19 mean that the Balancing Authority needs to maintain accurate computer models to analyze and plan to maintain a load-interchange-generation balance?

NERC Interpretation:

Response 1

The drafting team cannot locate a measure for Requirement R2, so it cannot answer this question.

Response 2

In the context of this requirement, the drafting team interprets the answer to both questions to be “no.” Furthermore, the drafting team believes that deliverability/capability is the responsibility of the Transmission Operator.

Response 3

In the context of the current requirement, the drafting team interprets the answer to be “yes.”

Applicability:

Transmission Operators, Balancing Authorities, Generator Operators, Load Serving Entity, Transmission Service Provider

Current Status:

The interpretation is posted for pre-ballot review until April 5.

NERC Link:

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