



AESO Reliability Standards Monthly Report

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TOP-002-2a - Normal Operations Planning

Purpose:

Florida Municipal Power Pool request for interpretation.

Standard:

The standard was approved by the NERC Board of Trustees on November 1, 2006.

Request:

Is the responsibility of a BA under Requirement 6 to plan to meet CPS and DCS under unscheduled changes in the system configuration and generation dispatch?

NERC Interpretation:

As stated in the NERC Glossary of Terms used in Reliability Standards, the Balancing Authority “integrates resource plans ahead of time, maintains load-interchange-generation balance within a Balancing Authority Area, and supports Interconnection frequency in real time.” To this end and in accordance with NERC Reliability Standards BAL-001-0.1a and BAL-002-0, Balancing Authorities are required to meet all control performance and disturbance recovery criteria for any system condition. Balancing Authorities are not responsible for the operation of the transmission system. The Transmission Operator is responsible for the real-time operating reliability of the transmission assets under its purview, and as such has the authority to issue reliability-related directives to entities within its Transmission Operator Area. Balancing Authorities are required to implement directives received from the Transmission Operator or the Reliability Coordinator regarding load, generation, and interchange for transmission concerns both predicted (e.g. through unit commitment) and actual (e.g. through re-dispatch, interchange modifications, or load shedding). If the actions of Balancing Authorities do not resolve the transmission issues, it is the responsibility of the Transmission Operators or Reliability Coordinators to direct alternative actions.

Applicability:

Balancing Authority, Transmission Service Provider, Transmission Operator, Generator Operator, Load Serving Entity

Current Status:

The interpretation was posted for ballot review until February 22, 2010. The AESO voted in favour of the interpretation. The ballot body voted in favour of the interpretation, but there were negative ballots with comments which results in a recirculation ballot.

NERC Link:

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