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Standards Announcement

Project 2010-07 Generator Requirements at the Transmission Interface Formal Comment Period Open June 17 – July 17, 2011

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The Generator Requirements at the Transmission Interface standard drafting team has posted proposed modifications to FAC-001 and FAC-003, along with a background resource document, for a formal comment period. For FAC-003, the team has posted proposed changes to two versions of the standard: FAC-003-1, the current FERC-approved version of the standard, has been modified as FAC-003-X, and FAC-003-2, the version currently under development by the Project 2007-07 —Vegetation Management drafting team has been modified as FAC-003-3. The 30-day formal comment period will end at **8 p.m. Eastern on Sunday, July 17, 2011.**

Instructions for Commenting

Please use this [electronic form](#) to submit comments. If you experience any difficulties in using the electronic form, please contact Monica Benson at monica.benson@nerc.net. An off-line, unofficial copy of the comment form is posted on the project page:

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Next Steps

The drafting team will consider all comments submitted and make revisions to the draft standards to address issues identified by commenters. The team will submit its work for quality review, and following the quality review, the team's consideration of comments will be posted, along with the revised standards, associated implementation plans, and supporting documents. The standards will then be posted for a 45-day formal comment period with an initial ballot conducted during the last 10 days of the comment period.

Background

This is the first 30-day formal comment period for the standards included in Project 2010-07. A 30-day informal comment period took place earlier this year, from March 4 to April 4, 2011. The team thanks all those who provided feedback during that comment period. The team has reviewed and considered all comments submitted, and has incorporated many of them into its latest proposed standards, as explained in the [Summary Response to Informal Comment](#) posted at the Project 2010-07 project page.

The purpose of Project 2010-07 is to ensure that all generator-owned Facilities are appropriately covered under NERC's Reliability Standards. While many Generator Owners and Generator Operators operate Elements and Facilities that are considered by some entities to be Transmission, these are most often radial Facilities that are not part of the integrated grid, and as such should not be subject to the same standards applicable to Transmission Owners and Transmission Operators who own and operate Transmission Elements and Facilities that are part of the integrated grid.

As part of the BES, generators affect the overall reliability of the BES. However, registering a Generator

Owner or Generator Operator as a Transmission Owner or Transmission Operator, as has been the solution in some cases in the past, may decrease reliability by diverting the Generator Owner's or Generator Operator's resources from the operation of the equipment that actually produces electricity – the generation equipment itself.

The drafting team's goal is to ensure that an adequate level of reliability is maintained in the BES by clearly describing which standards need to be applied to generator interconnection Facilities that are not already applicable to Generator Owners or Generator Operators. This can be accomplished by properly applying FAC-001 and FAC-003 to Generator Owners as proposed in the redline standards posted for comment.

Before reviewing the standards, the drafting team encourages all stakeholders to read the [background resource document](#) it has provided to describe its rationale and its work thus far.

Additional information is available on the project page at http://www.nerc.com/filez/standards/Project2010-07_GOTO_Project.html

Standards Process

The [Standard Processes Manual](#) contains all the procedures governing the standards development process. The success of the NERC standards development process depends on stakeholder participation. We extend our thanks to all those who participate.

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