

Implementation Plan for FAC-003-2

Prerequisite Approvals

There are no other Reliability Standards or Standard Authorization Requests (SARs), in progress or approved, that must be implemented before this standard can be implemented.

FAC-003-2 — Vegetation Management

Revision to Approved Standards and Definitions

There are no proposed revisions to requirements in other already approved standards associated with the approval of FAC-003-2.

The drafting team is proposing the following changes to definitions:

- **Retire the existing approved definition for “Vegetation Inspection:”**
The systematic examination of a transmission corridor to document vegetation conditions.
- **Implement a new definition for “Vegetation Inspection:”**
The systematic examination of vegetation conditions on an Active Transmission Line Right of Way. This inspection may be combined with a general line inspection. The inspection includes the documentation of any vegetation that may pose a threat to reliability prior to the next planned inspection or maintenance work, considering the current location of the conductor and other possible locations of the conductor due to sag and sway for rated conditions.
- **Implement a new definition for “Active Transmission Line Right of Way:”**
A strip of land that is occupied by active transmission facilities. This corridor does not include the inactive or unused part of the Right of Way intended for other facilities.

FAC-003-1 and the existing definition of “Vegetation Inspection” will be retired and the new definitions for “Vegetation Inspection” and “Active Transmission Line Right of Way” will become effective at the same time that FAC-003-2 becomes effective.

Compliance with Standard

The standard applies to Transmission Owners and Planning Coordinators.

Effective Date

The effective date is the date entities are expected to meet the performance identified in this standard. The effective date (for all requirements), for jurisdictions where regulatory approval is required, is the first calendar day of the first calendar quarter one year after applicable regulatory authority. The effective date (for all requirements), for jurisdictions where no regulatory approval is required, is the first calendar day of the first calendar quarter one year following Board of Trustees adoption. The effective date allows the Planning Coordinator time to conduct the analyses needed to identify sub-200kV transmission lines that should be subject to this standard.