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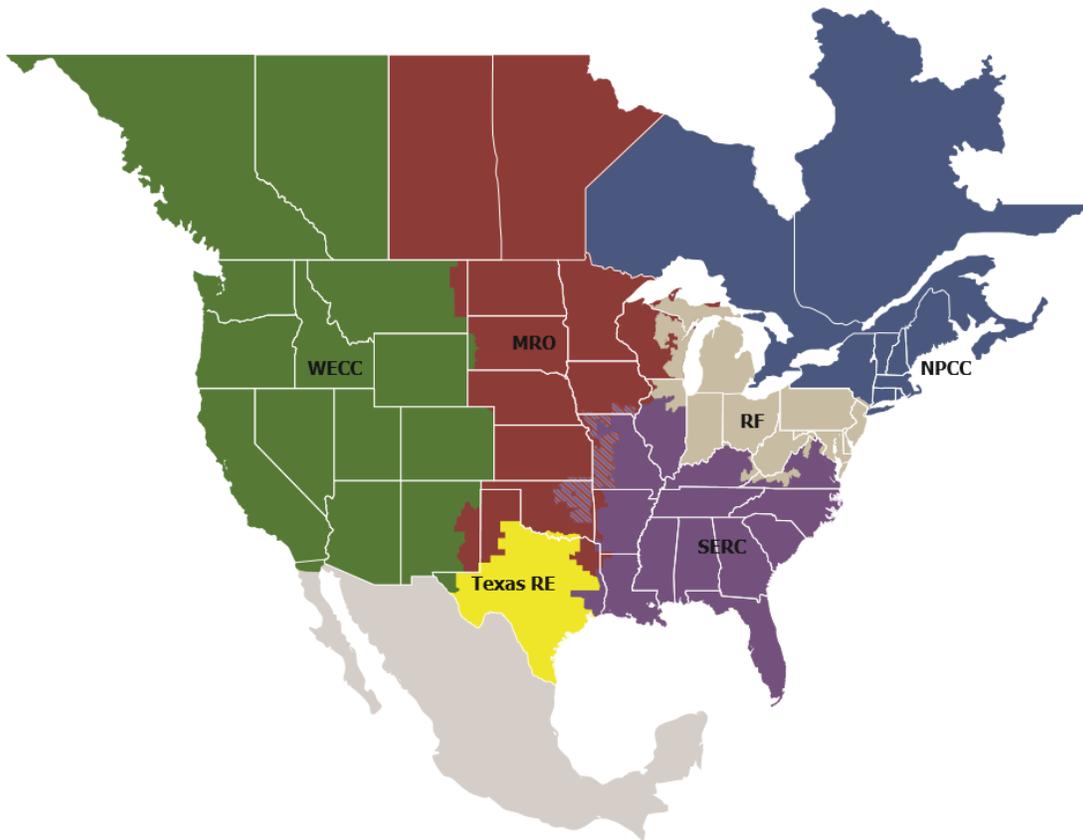
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Preface

Electricity is a key component of the fabric of modern society and the Electric Reliability Organization (ERO) Enterprise serves to strengthen that fabric. The vision for the ERO Enterprise, which is comprised of the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) and the six Regional Entities (REs), is a highly reliable and secure North American bulk power system (BPS). Our mission is to assure the effective and efficient reduction of risks to the reliability and security of the grid.

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The North American BPS is divided into six RE boundaries as shown in the map and corresponding table below. The multicolored area denotes overlap as some load-serving entities participate in one RE while associated Transmission Owners (TOs)/Operators (TOPs) participate in another.



MRO	Midwest Reliability Organization
NPCC	Northeast Power Coordinating Council
RF	ReliabilityFirst
SERC	SERC Reliability Corporation
Texas RE	Texas Reliability Entity
WECC	WECC

Introduction

This document explains the technical rationale and justification for the proposed Reliability Standard IRO-010-4. It provides stakeholders and the ERO Enterprise with an understanding of the Cold Weather requirements in the Reliability Standard. It also contains information on the intent of the Standard Drafting Team (SDT) in drafting the requirements. This Technical Rationale and Justification for IRO-010-4 is not a Reliability Standard, which is not mandatory and enforceable.

Requirement R1

Proposed Requirement R1, Part 1.3:

The Requirements contained in Requirement R1 Part 1.3 are in response to the recommendations contained in the *2019 FERC and NERC Staff Report on The South Central United States Cold Weather Bulk Electric System Event of January 17, 2018* (Report). The Report recommends reliability standards be implemented that require communication protocols for the Reliability Coordinator to receive generating unit ambient temperature design temperatures, capabilities, and limitations associated with cold weather conditions for use in operational analysis.

To implement the Report's recommendation, the SDT has included new data specifications for Reliability Coordinators in Requirements R1 Part 1.3. The data specifications are consistent with the data information the Generator Owner is required to collect regarding its generating unit(s) pursuant to EOP-011-2 Requirement R7. TOP-003-4 has corresponding changes.

Appendix 1: Technical Rational for Reliability Standard IRO-010-2

Guidelines and Technical Basis

Rationale:

During development of this standard, text boxes were embedded within the standard to explain the rationale for various parts of the standard. Upon BOT adoption, the text from the rationale text boxes have been moved to this section.

Rationale for Definitions:

Changes made to the proposed definitions were made in order to respond to issues raised in NOPR paragraphs 55, 73, and 74 dealing with analysis of SOLs in all time horizons, questions on Protection Systems and Special Protection Systems in NOPR paragraph 78, and recommendations on phase angles from the SW Outage Report (recommendation 27). The intent of such changes is to ensure that Real-time Assessments contain sufficient details to result in an appropriate level of situational awareness. Some examples include: 1) analyzing phase angles which may result in the implementation of an Operating Plan to adjust generation or curtail transactions so that a Transmission facility may be returned to service, or 2) evaluating the impact of a modified Contingency resulting from the status change of a Special Protection Scheme from enabled/in-service to disabled/out-of-service.

Rationale for Applicability Changes:

Changes were made to applicability based on IRO FYRT recommendation to address the need for UVLS and UFLS information in the data specification.

The Interchange Authority was removed because activities in the Coordinate Interchange standards are performed by software systems and not a responsible entity. The software, not a functional entity, performs the task of accepting and disseminating interchange data between entities. The Balancing Authority is the responsible functional entity for these tasks.

The Planning Coordinator and Transmission Planner were removed from Draft 2 as those entities would not be involved in a data specification concept as outlined in this standard.

Rationale:

Proposed Requirement R1, Part 1.1:

Is in response to issues raised in NOPR paragraph 67 on the need for obtaining non-BES and external network data necessary for the Reliability Coordinator to fulfill its responsibilities.

Proposed Requirement R1, Part 1.2:

Is in response to NOPR paragraph 78 on relay data.

Proposed Requirement R3, Part 3.3:

Is in response to NOPR paragraph 92 where concerns were raised about data exchange through secured networks. Corresponding changes have been made to proposed TOP-003-3.