

A. Introduction

1. **Title:** **Vegetation Management Program.**
2. **Number:** FAC-003-0
3. **Purpose:** To ensure that Transmission Owners have a vegetation management program to prevent transmission line contact with vegetation, and to ensure that certain vegetation-related outages are reported to the appropriate Regional Reliability Organization.
4. **Applicability:**
 - 4.1. Transmission Owner
5. **Effective Date:** April 1, 2005

B. Requirements

- R1. Each Transmission Owner shall have a vegetation management program to prevent transmission line contact with vegetation. The vegetation management program shall include the following three elements:
 - R1.1. Inspection requirements.
 - R1.2. Trimming clearances.
 - R1.3. Annual work plan.
- R2. Each Transmission Owner shall report to its Regional Reliability Organization all vegetation-related outages on transmission circuits 200 kV and higher and any other lower voltage lines designated by the Regional Reliability Organization to be critical to the reliability of the electric system.

C. Measures

- M1. The Transmission Owner's vegetation management program documentation contains the following elements:
 - M1.1 Inspection requirements.
 - M1.2 Trimming clearances.
 - M1.3 Annual work plan.
- M2. The Transmission Owner shall have evidence it performs vegetation program maintenance in the annual work plan according to the requirements and procedures contained in the program.
- M3. The Transmission Owner shall have evidence it reported all vegetation-related transmission line trips on lines of 200kV or higher and any other lower voltage lines designated by the Regional Reliability Organization to be critical to the reliability of the electric system.

D. Compliance

1. **Compliance Monitoring Process**
 - 1.1. **Compliance Monitoring Responsibility**

Compliance monitor: Regional Reliability Organization. Each Regional Reliability Organization shall report compliance and violations to NERC via the NERC compliance reporting process.

1.2. Compliance Monitoring Period and Reset Timeframe

One calendar quarter.

1.3. Data Retention

None specified.

1.4. Additional Compliance Information

1.4.1. The Transmission Owner is non-compliant if:

1.4.1.1 Vegetation-related outages occurred and were not reported during a one-month period.

1.4.1.2 The vegetation management plan is incomplete.

1.4.1.3 The Transmission Owner did not perform necessary maintenance described in the annual work plan as reported via self-certification.

2. Levels of Non-Compliance

2.1. Full Compliance:

2.1.1 Three-year Audit:

2.1.1.1 The vegetation management program is fully documented and contains all three elements listed in Reliability Standard FAC-003-0_R1.

2.1.2 Self-Certification

2.1.2.1 The Transmission Owner performed all maintenance as described in the annual work plan.

2.1.3 Periodic Reporting

2.1.3.1 All vegetation-related transmission line outages of 200kV or higher and any other lower voltage lines designated by the Regional Reliability Organization to be critical to the reliability of the electric system are reported during a calendar quarter.

2.1.3.2 All outages shall be reported where the cause of the outage is the line faulting due to contact with vegetation, except:

2.1.3.2.1 Multiple outages on an individual line, if caused by the same vegetation, shall be reported as one outage regardless of the actual number of outages within a 24-hour period.

2.1.3.2.2 A single trip followed by a successful automatic reclosure within a 24-hour period shall not be a reportable outage.

2.2. Level 1: None specified.

2.3. Level 2: None specified.

2.4. Level 3: None specified.

2.5. Level 4: None specified.

E. Regional Differences

1. None.

Version History

| Version | Date | Action | Change Tracking |
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