

**Compliance Questionnaire and**

**Reliability Standard Audit Worksheet**

**IRO-003-2 — Reliability Coordination — Wide-Area View**

**Registered Entity:** *(Must be completed by the Compliance Enforcement Authority)*

**NCR Number:** *(Must be completed by the Compliance Enforcement Authority)*

**Applicable Function(s): RC**

**Auditors:**

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# Subject Matter Experts

Identify your company’s subject matter expert(s) responsible for this Reliability Standard. Include the person's title, organization and the requirement(s) for which they are responsible. Insert additional lines if necessary.

**Response: *(Registered Entity Response Required)***

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Reliability Standard Language

**IRO-003-2 — Reliability Coordination — Wide-Area View**

**Purpose:**

The Reliability Coordinator must have a wide-area view of its own Reliability Coordinator Area and that of neighboring Reliability Coordinators.

**Applicability:**

Reliability Coordinators

**NERC BOT Approval Date: 11/1/2006**

**FERC Approval Date: 3/16/2007**

**Reliability Standard Enforcement Date in the United States: 6/18/2007**

**Requirements**:

1. Each Reliability Coordinator shall monitor all Bulk Electric System facilities, which may include sub-transmission information, within its Reliability Coordinator Area and adjacent Reliability Coordinator Areas, as necessary to ensure that, at any time, regardless of prior planned or unplanned events, the Reliability Coordinator is able to determine any potential System Operating Limit and Interconnection Reliability Operating Limit violations within its Reliability Coordinator Area.

**Describe, in narrative form, how you meet compliance with this requirement: *(Registered Entity Response Required)***

# R1 Supporting Evidence and Documentation

**Response: *(Registered Entity Response Required)***

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**Compliance Assessment Approach Specific to IRO-003-2 R1.**

\_\_\_ Determine if the Reliability Coordinator monitored all Bulk Electric System facilities including the sub-transmission information, within its Reliability Coordinator Area and adjacent Reliability Coordinator Areas, so that it can determine any potential System Operating Limit and Interconnection Reliability Operating Limit violation within its Reliability Coordinator Area.

**Note to Auditor:**

Where a NERC Software Tool is not available and a NERC Reliability Standard Requirement:

A. does not require the use of a NERC Software Tool by naming a NERC Software Tool, however

B. a registered entity relies upon a NERC Software Tool, although there are other tools available

A CEA is to verify that a registered entity used an alternate method or back-up tool and met the requirement of the standard. CEAs are to look for alternate methods that may include basic processes such as email notifications or phone records that indicate the entity called the applicable party with the required information.

**Detailed notes:**

1. Each Reliability Coordinator shall know the current status of all critical facilities whose failure, degradation or disconnection could result in an SOL or IROL violation. Reliability Coordinators shall also know the status of any facilities that may be required to assist area restoration objectives.

**Describe, in narrative form, how you meet compliance with this requirement: *(Registered Entity Response Required)***

# R2 Supporting Evidence and Documentation

**Response: *(Registered Entity Response Required)***

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**Compliance Assessment Approach Specific to IRO-003-2 R2.**

\_\_\_ Determine if the Reliability Coordinator knows the current status of all critical facilities

whose failure, degradation or disconnection could result in an SOL or IROL violation.

\_\_\_ Determine if the Reliability Coordinator knows the status of any facilities that may be

required to assist area restoration objectives.

**Note to Auditor:**

If entity relies on a NERC software tool that is unavailable, a CEA is to verify that a registered entity used an alternate method or back-up tool and met the requirement of the standard. CEAs are to look for alternate methods that may include basic processes such as email notifications or phone records that indicate the entity called the applicable party with the required information.

**Detailed notes:**

# Supplemental Information

**Other ‑** The list of questions above is not all inclusive of evidence required to show compliance with the Reliability Standard. Provide additional information here**, as necessary that** demonstrates compliance with this Reliability Standard.

**Entity** **Response: *(Registered Entity Response)***

# Compliance Findings Summary (to be filled out by auditor)

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**Excerpts from FERC Orders -- For Reference Purposes Only**

**Updated Through March 31, 2009**

**IRO-003-2**

**Order 693**

P 888. The Interconnection Reliability Operations and Coordination (IRO) group of Reliability Standards detail the responsibilities and authorities of a reliability coordinator. The IRO Reliability Standards establish requirements for data, tools and wide-area view, all of which are intended to facilitate a reliability coordinator’s ability to perform its responsibilities and ensure the reliable operation of the interconnected grid.

P 909. The purpose of IRO-003-2 is for a reliability coordinator to have a wide-area view of its own and adjacent areas to maintain situational awareness. Wide-area view also facilitates a reliability coordinator’s ability to calculate SOL and IROL as well as determine potential violations in its own area.

913. For the reasons stated in the NOPR,the Commission approves proposed Reliability Standard IRO-003-2 as mandatory and enforceable. NERC’s November 2006 revision to the Reliability Standard satisfies the proposal to include Measures and Levels of Non-Compliance.

**Revision History**

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| **Version** | **Date** | **Reviewers** | **Revision Description** |
| 1 | December 2010 | QRSAW WG | Revised Findings Table, modified Supporting Evidence tables and Added Revision History |
| 1 | January 2011 | Craig Struck | Reviewed for format consistency and content. |
| 1.1 | March 2014 | RSAW Task Force | Compliance guidance from CAN-0015 added to RSAW. |
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