

**Compliance Questionnaire and**

**Reliability Standard Audit Worksheet**

**IRO-016-1 — Coordination of Real-time Activities between Reliability Coordinators**

**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-016-1 — Coordination of Real-time Activities Between Reliability Coordinators**

**Purpose:**

To ensure that each Reliability Coordinator’s operations are coordinated such that they will not have an Adverse Reliability Impact on other Reliability Coordinator Areas and to preserve the reliability benefits of interconnected operations.

**Applicability:**

Reliability Coordinators

**NERC BOT Approval Date: 2/7/2006**

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

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

**Requirements**:

1. The Reliability Coordinator that identifies a potential, expected, or actual problem that requires the actions of one or more other Reliability Coordinators shall contact the other Reliability Coordinator(s) to confirm that there is a problem and then discuss options and decide upon a solution to prevent or resolve the identified problem.
   1. If the involved Reliability Coordinators agree on the problem and the actions to take to prevent or mitigate the system condition, each involved Reliability Coordinator shall implement the agreed-upon solution, and notify the involved Reliability Coordinators of the action(s) taken.
   2. If the involved Reliability Coordinators cannot agree on the problem(s) each Reliability Coordinator shall re-evaluate the causes of the disagreement (bad data, status, study results, tools, etc.).
      1. If time permits, this re-evaluation shall be done before taking corrective actions.
      2. If time does not permit, then each Reliability Coordinator shall operate as though the problem(s) exist(s) until the conflicting system status is resolved.
   3. If the involved Reliability Coordinators cannot agree on the solution, the more conservative solution shall be implemented.

**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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| *Audit Team: Additional Evidence Reviewed:* | |  |  | |
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***This section must be completed by the Compliance Enforcement Authority***

**Compliance Assessment Approach Specific to IRO-016-1 R1**

Verify the Reliability Coordinator contacted any other Reliability Coordinator(s) when a potential, expected, or actual problem existed, requiring action by one or more other Reliability Coordinators, in order to confirm the problem, discuss options and a solution(s)

If a problem existed and action was agreed upon:

\_\_\_ Verify the Reliability Coordinators implemented the agreed-upon solution and notified each

other of the action(s) taken

If the problem was not agreed upon:

\_\_\_Did the Reliability Coordinator re-evaluate the cause of the disagreement?

\_\_\_If time permitted; did this re-evaluation take place before taking corrective actions?

*OR*

\_\_\_ If time did not permit, did the Reliability Coordinator operate as though the problem(s) existed until the conflicting system status was resolved?

\_\_\_ If a solution was not agreed-upon was the more conservative solution implemented?

**Detailed Notes:**

1. The Reliability Coordinator shall document (via operator logs or other data sources) its actions taken for either the event or for the disagreement on the problem(s) or for both.

(Retirement approved by FERC effective January 21, 2014.)

# Supplemental Information

**Question:** Describe your methodology for determining if a potential, expected, or actual problem requires the action of one or more other Reliability Coordinators. Provide evidence of contact of other Reliability Coordinators for potential, expected, or actual problems that required the action of one or more Reliability Coordinators.

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

**Question:** Describe your methodology for addressing situations set forth in Requirement 1.2, Requirement 1.2.1, Requirement 1.2.2 and Requirement 1.3.

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

**Question:** Describe your methodology for documenting actions to mitigate system events with affected Reliability Coordinators. Include in your description occurrences where this was necessary and the outcome.

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

**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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| **Req.** | **NF** | **PV** | **OEA** | **NA** | **Statement** |
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| **2** | (Retirement approved by FERC effective January 21, 2014.) | | | | |

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

**Updated Through March 31, 2009**

**IRO-016-1**

Order 693

P888. 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.

P1001. IRO-016-1 establishes Requirements for coordinated real-time operations, including: (1) notification of problems to neighboring reliability coordinators and (2) discussions and decisions for agreed-upon solutions for implementation. It also requires a reliability coordinator to maintain records of its actions.”

P1004. For the reasons stated in the NOPR, the Commission approves IRO-016-1 as mandatory and enforceable.

P1005. We construe Level of Non-Compliance 2.1 as requiring evidence of coordination, but allowing flexibility on the type of evidence.

**Revision History**

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| **Version** | **Date** | **Reviewers** | **Revision Description** |
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| 1 | January 2011 | Craig Struck | Reviewed for format consistency and content. |
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