



Market Rule Amendment Proposal

PART 1 – MARKET RULE INFORMATION

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Summary

This amendment proposes to obligate the IESO to identify, in consultation with market participants, each market participant's reliability standard's obligations or requirements. This identification will provide clarity and certainty to market participants as to which reliability standards' obligations or requirements apply to them.

This amendment also proposes to clarify reliability-related information reporting requirements and remove an inconsistency between the current market rules and certain reliability standards with respect to the reporting of that information.

Thirdly, this amendment proposes to explicitly identify that the IESO's determination of the applicability of reliability standards' obligations or requirements is subject to the dispute resolution process. This would provide clear recourse for market participants and the IESO to address disagreements.

Lastly, it is also proposed to amend the market rule definition of "NERC". Effective January 1, 2007, the North American Electric Reliability Council and the North American Electric Reliability Corporation merged, with North American Electric Reliability Corporation being the surviving entity.

Background

With the advent of electricity industry restructuring, many vertically integrated utilities were separated into multiple entities performing various reliability functions. Therefore, the responsibility for some of the functions traditionally performed by control area operators was assigned to these other entities. Recognizing that there was no longer a common reliability organization structure, NERC and the industry developed a Reliability Functional Model ("NERC Functional Model")¹. This model provides the framework for assigning responsibilities associated with NERC reliability standards.

The NERC Functional Model defines "Responsible Entities" based on grouped activities or "Functions" that are required to reliably operate and plan the integrated power system. In turn, the new NERC reliability standards, which were developed from and replaced the NERC operating and planning policies, contain specific planning and operating requirements that are assigned to these Responsible Entities. An entity may have a single or multiple Responsible Entity designations

¹ Version 3 was approved by NERC's Board of Trustees on February 13, 2007 and can be viewed at ftp://www.nerc.com/pub/sys/all_updl/oc/fmrtg/Function_Model_Version3_Board_Approved_13Feb07.pdf.

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depending on their facilities and activities. The NERC Functional Model also defines the relationship between and among the Responsible Entities.

In order to carry out its responsibilities related to enforcement of reliability standards, NERC is developing a compliance registry² of each entity that NERC concludes can materially impact the reliability of the bulk power system. The NERC Functional Model provides the framework for identifying which owners, operators, and users of the bulk power must be included in the compliance registry. Organizations listed in the compliance registry are responsible, and will be monitored, for compliance with applicable reliability standards.

In Ontario, compliance with the reliability standards is monitored through the IESO Reliability Compliance Program (IRCP) that was established prior to market opening. Through this program, the IESO:

- Selects a subset of NERC, NPCC and IESO standards for monitoring in the compliance program each year;
- Informs market participants of their obligations and timelines to report reliability-related information, and
- Consolidates this information for provision to other standards authorities, on behalf of market participants.

Market participants in Ontario that can materially impact the reliability of the bulk power system are not required to register with NERC's compliance registry because the IESO is the sole entity in Ontario accountable to NERC for compliance with all NERC reliability standards. Ontario market participants will continue to be accountable to the IESO for complying with all applicable reliability standards and criteria.

Market participants have indicated that the current market rules are not clear about which reliability standards' obligations and requirements apply to which market participants. Greater clarity regarding the applicability of the more than one hundred reliability standards and multiple obligations or requirements within each standard is needed so that market participants can focus their efforts on complying with the appropriate standards obligations.

Discussion

The proposed amendments would obligate the IESO to consult with each market participant and advise the market participant of the reliability standards' obligations or requirements that the IESO determines apply to that market participant. (Refer to proposed new section 3.2.5 of Chapter 5.)

In addition, the proposal indicates that the IESO's determination is time specific, i.e. as of the date of the assessment, because reliability standards are constantly evolving and/or a market participant could change its business unbeknownst to the IESO which would mean the assessment is out of date.

² NERC's Statement of Compliance Registry (Revision 3) is available on the NERC web site at: ftp://www.nerc.com/pub/sys/all_updl/ero/Statement_of_Compliance_Registry_Criteria_Rev3.pdf

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When a reliability standard is amended or a new reliability standard comes into effect, the IESO will consult with each market participant and determine which amended or new reliability standards' obligations or requirements apply to that market participant. This provision recognizes that the set of reliability standards is constantly evolving and that the IESO will need to consult with market participants as the set of reliability standards changes. (Refer to proposed new section 3.2.6 of Chapter 5.)

A market participant may request a review of the applicability of reliability standards' obligations or requirements. This proposal would facilitate discussions between the IESO and market participants to help resolve potential issues regarding the applicability of reliability standards' obligations and requirements. (Refer to proposed new section 3.2.7 of Chapter 5.)

PART 4 – PROPOSED AMENDMENT**3.2 Obligations of the IESO**

- 3.2.1 The *IESO* shall direct the operations of the *IESO-controlled grid* pursuant to the provisions of all applicable *operating agreements* and shall maintain the *reliability* of the *IESO-controlled grid*. The *IESO's* responsibilities in this regard shall include, but are not limited to, the monitoring of, and the issuing of orders, directions or instructions to *dispatch generation, dispatchable loads, distribution facilities* and *transmission facilities* on the *IESO-controlled grid*.
- 3.2.2 The *IESO* shall carry out its obligations in accordance with all applicable *reliability standards*.
- 3.2.3 In order to meet its obligations under this Chapter and under other provisions of the *market rules*, the *IESO* shall maintain written operating procedures and instructions and shall make same available for inspection at all times by *market participants*. The Board of Directors of the *IESO* may *amend* the *market rules* to include any such operating procedures and instructions within the *market rules*.
- 3.2.4 The *IESO* shall *publish* on a calendar month time-frame, six months from the end of each subject month, the monthly average *maximum continuous rating* of each generating station based on information provided to it by *market participants*. The *maximum continuous ratings* for generating stations with ratings less than 20 MVA can be aggregated by area.

Identification of Reliability Standards

- 3.2.5 The *IESO* shall, in consultation with each *market participant*, advise the *market participant* of the *reliability standards' obligations or requirements* that the *IESO*

determines apply to that *market participant* as of the date of the assessment. The *IESO* may revise its determination under this section at any time on notice to the *market participant*.

3.2.6 When a *reliability standard* is amended or a new *reliability standard* comes into effect, the *IESO* shall, in consultation with each *market participant*, advise the *market participant* of the new or amended *reliability standards'* obligations or requirements that the *IESO* determines apply to that *market participant* as of the date of the assessment. The *IESO* may revise its determination under this section at any time on notice to the *market participant*.

3.2.7 A *market participant* may request the *IESO* review a determination under section 3.2.5 or 3.2.6 with respect to that *market participant*. The *IESO* shall, following consideration of any representations made by the *market participant*, determine whether the *reliability standards'* obligations or requirements apply to that *market participant*.

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Summary

This amendment proposes to clarify reliability-related information reporting requirements and remove an inconsistency between the current market rules and certain reliability standards with respect to the reporting of that information.

Background

Ontario's existing reliability and compliance framework for the electricity sector has been clarified with the signing of two joint memorandums of understanding (MOU) that set forth the mutual understandings of each of the signatories in relation to NERC's status as the Electricity Reliability Organization (ERO) in Ontario³. One of those MOUs is between the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) and NERC; the other is between IESO, NERC, Northeast Power Coordinating Council Cross-Border Regional Entity, Inc.(NPCC CBRE) and Northeast Power Coordinating Council, Inc. (NPCC Inc.).

Both of the MOUs state that the IESO is:

- the sole entity in Ontario accountable to NERC for compliance with all NERC reliability standards applicable to Ontario, and
- responsible for providing to NERC, NPCC CBRE, and NPCC Inc. all information respecting reporting requirements contained in NERC reliability standards and NPCC Inc. regional reliability criteria.

The MOU between IESO, NERC, NPCC CBRE, and NPCC Inc. also states that:

- NPCC Inc. regional reliability criteria have effect in Ontario under the authority of the market rules, subject to the provisions of the market rules and applicable legislation, and
- if NERC, NPCC CBRE, or NPCC Inc. wishes to directly obtain information from an Ontario entity other than the IESO, they will notify and discuss their request with the IESO.

The current market rules obligate market participants to provide information to the IESO for reliability

³ The MOUs can be viewed at <http://www.ieso.ca/imoweb/ircp/ero.asp>. NERC Corporation was certified as the “electric reliability organization” by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission on July 20, 2006. Effective January 1, 2007, the North American Electric Reliability Council and the North American Electric Reliability Corporation merged, with North American Electric Reliability Corporation being the surviving entity.

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purposes (Ch 5, section 14.1.2). The market rules also require transmitters, wholesale customers, generators, distributors, and restoration participants to carry out their obligations in Chapter 5 in accordance with all applicable reliability standards - refer to Chapter 5, sections 3.4.2, 3.5.3, 3.6.2, 3.7.2, 11.3.6.3, respectively.

Since certain NERC Reliability standards require the responsible entity to submit information directly to NERC or a regional reliability organization (such as NPCC Inc.), this implies that market participants must also directly submit reliability-related information to NERC, NPCC CBRE, and NPCC Inc. in order to be compliant with the market rules. Therefore, there is an inconsistency between the current market rules and the MOU which states that the IESO has sole responsibility for providing reliability-related information to NERC, NPCC CBRE, and NPCC Inc.

Discussion

In order to clarify the reliability-related information reporting requirements, is proposed to amend Chapter 5, section 14.1.2 as follows:

- Specify that by submitting reliability-related information to the IESO, a market participant is considered to have fulfilled any requirement under a reliability standard to report such information to standards authorities, and
- Obligate the IESO to provide such reliability-related information to other standards authorities.

This amendment would not prohibit a market participant from providing information directly to a standards authority other than the IESO.

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14. Information and Reporting Requirements

14.1.1 The *reliable* operation of the *IESO-controlled grid* requires the rapid and continuous flow of accurate information among the *IESO*, *market participants* and *interconnected systems*, with due regard for maintaining the confidentiality of information where appropriate. To that end, the *IESO* shall establish and periodically up-date and inform all *market participants* with respect to the specific information it requires from *market participants* for *reliability* purposes.

14.1.2 Each *market participant* shall provide the information referred to in section 14.1.1 to the *IESO* in the manner and within the time prescribed by the *IESO*. By submitting such information to the *IESO*, a market participant is considered to have fulfilled any requirement under a reliability standard to report such information to one or more standards authorities. The *IESO* shall provide such information to other standards authorities, as required.

- 14.1.3 The *IESO* shall establish a catalogue of reporting requirements listing the *reliability*-related information to be exchanged between the *IESO* and *market participants*. Such reporting requirements shall include, but not be limited to, the following:
- 14.1.3.1 each *market participant* shall report to the *IESO* the planned implementation of a change to a setting on a fixed-tap transformer. This information shall be reported to the *IESO* in writing one week prior to the date scheduled for implementation of such change, provided that where such change is effected on an unplanned, emergency basis, the information shall be reported to the *IESO* within one *business day* of implementation of the change;
 - 14.1.3.2 each *market participant* shall report to the *IESO* any change in equipment and *facilities* to that which has been provided pursuant to Chapter 4;
 - 14.1.3.3 each *market participant* shall report to the *IESO* a list of all of its equipment for which periodic maintenance has been performed on *special protection systems* in the previous 12 months, as required by relevant *standards authorities*. This information shall be reported no later than the first day of December in each year;
 - 14.1.3.4 each *market participant* shall provide to the *IESO* a report describing any modification proposed to be made to protection on a primary relay. The report shall be delivered to the *IESO* within one week of the date on which the *IESO* approves such modification pursuant to section 6 of Chapter 4, or, where the modification is effected on an unplanned, emergency basis, within one week of the date of modification;
 - 14.1.3.5 each *market participant* shall annually provide to the *IESO* a written summary of actions taken to control *demand* in the previous 12 months;
 - 14.1.3.6 each *market participant* shall annually provide to the *IESO* a written summary of automatic under-frequency load shedding activities taken in the previous 12 months; and
 - 14.1.3.7 each *market participant* shall annually provide to the *IESO* a report of *reliability*-related performance measures for transmission *facilities* and *connections* to the *IESO-controlled grid* in accordance with all applicable *reliability standards*.
- 14.1.4 Each *market participant* shall provide to the *IESO* such data as may be required by the *IESO* to enable it to satisfy a request by a *standards authority*.

- 14.1.5 The *IESO* shall file such reports including, but not limited to, disturbance reports, and participate in such discussions as may be required by relevant *standards authorities*. Each *market participant* shall provide to the *IESO* such information and reports as may be required by the *IESO* to facilitate preparation by the *IESO* of such disturbance reports.

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Summary

Refer to MR-00330-R01

Background

Refer to MR-00330-R01

Discussion

The current market rules require transmitters, wholesale customers, generators, distributors, and restoration participants to carry out their obligations in Chapter 5 in accordance with all applicable reliability standards.

In order to clarify market participant obligations with respect to the reporting of information associated with those reliability standards, it is proposed to amend each of those obligations such that they are subject to the information reporting requirements specified in section 14.1.2 of Chapter 5 (refer to R01).

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3.4 Obligations of Transmitters

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3.4.2 Each *transmitter* shall carry out its obligations under this Chapter in accordance with all applicable *reliability standards*, [subject to the information reporting requirements specified in section 14.1.2](#).

3.5 Obligations of Wholesale Customers

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3.5.3 Each *wholesale customer* shall carry out its obligations under this Chapter in accordance with all applicable *reliability standards*, [subject to the information reporting requirements specified in section 14.1.2](#).

3.6 Obligations of Generators (Embedded and Non-embedded)

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3.6.2 Each *generator* shall carry out its obligations under this Chapter in accordance with all applicable *reliability standards*, [subject to the information reporting requirements specified in section 14.1.2.](#)

3.7 Obligations of Distributors

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3.7.2 Each *distributor* shall carry out its obligations under this Chapter in accordance with all applicable *reliability standards*, [subject to the information reporting requirements specified in section 14.1.2.](#)

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11.3 Ontario Power System Restoration Plan and Restoration Participant Attachments

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11.3.6 Each *restoration participant* shall ensure that its *restoration participant attachment*:

- 11.3.6.1 includes the elements described in section 11.3.7;
- 11.3.6.2 complies with such restoration planning criteria as may be designated by the *IESO*; and
- 11.3.6.3 complies with all relevant *reliability standards*, [subject to the information reporting requirements specified in section 14.1.2.](#)

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Summary

The amendment provides that the dispute resolution process would apply to any determinations made by the IESO regarding the applicability of reliability standards' obligations or requirements to a market participant.

Background

Refer to MR-00330-R00

Discussion

The current market rules state that the dispute resolution process does not apply to “disputes between the IESO and a market participant relating to the standards, criteria or requirements established by a standards authority to the extent that an agreement with the relevant standards authority provides for an alternative dispute resolution mechanism.” (Chapter 3, section 2.2.3.7)

It's appropriate that the dispute resolution provision would apply to the IESO's determination of the applicability of reliability standards because there is no alternative dispute resolution mechanism for such determinations. The dispute resolution process is, with some exceptions, intended to apply to any dispute between the IESO and any market participant that may arise under the market rules. The dispute resolution already exists and it is judged to be more efficient to use an existing process rather than create a new one.

Although dispute resolution would be available to market participants as a last recourse, it's expected that the dispute resolution process would not be required in most, if not all cases. Rather, disagreements regarding the applicability of reliability standards are likely to be resolved during the IESO's initial consultations with participants or during the review of the IESO's determination if such a review is requested by a market participant.

PART 4 – PROPOSED AMENDMENT**2.2 Application**

- 2.2.1 Subject to sections 2.2.3 and 3.8 and to section 8.8.1 of Chapter 2, the dispute resolution regime provided for in this section 2 shall apply to:

- 2.2.1.1 any dispute between the *IESO* and any *market participant* which arises under the *market rules*, including with respect to any alleged violation or breach thereof, whether or not specifically identified in the *market rules* as a dispute to which this section 2 applies;
- 2.2.1.2 any denial by the *IESO* of authorization to any person to participate in the *IESO-administered markets* or to cause or permit electricity to be conveyed into, out of or through the *IESO-controlled grid*, as to the denial of such authorization;
- 2.2.1.3 an application by a *generator* for compensation pursuant to section 6.7.5 of Chapter 5 in respect of an *outage* rejected by the *IESO*;
- 2.2.1.4 a *reviewable decision*;
- 2.2.1.5 a request by a *market participant* for a *settlement statement re-calculation* pursuant to section 6.8.2A or section 6.8.9 of Chapter 9;
- 2.2.1.6 a dispute referred to in section 6.8.2B or section 6.8.9 of Chapter 9 with respect to which a *settlement statement re-calculation* is not requested;
- 2.2.1.7 any dispute between the *IESO*, on the one hand, and any *market participant, commissioning participant, connection applicant* or *metering service provider*, on the other hand, pursuant to the terms of any agreement or contract referred to in these *market rules* or in any policy, guideline or other document referred to in section 7.7 of Chapter 1 or any *market manual*, unless in respect of a given dispute the agreement or contract or the *licence* of a party to the dispute either provides for an alternative dispute resolution mechanism or provides that the dispute resolution regime provided in this section 2 shall not be applicable; [and](#)
- 2.2.1.8 a dispute between *market participants* referred to in section 2.1A.6A of Chapter 9 in respect of the apportionment of *energy* associated with *connection station service* and with site specific losses; [and](#)
- [2.2.1.9 the IESO's determination under sections 3.2.5, 3.2.6, and 3.2.7 of Chapter 5 regarding the applicability of reliability standards.](#)

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Background

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Discussion

Currently, the market rules define “NERC” as the North American Reliability Council. In order to align the market rule definition with the name of NERC’s successor company (i.e. the North American Electric Reliability Corporation), it is proposed to change the word “Council” to “Corporation”.

It is also proposed to amend the market rule definition of “standards authority” which includes a reference to NERC.

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NERC means the North American Electric Reliability ~~Council~~Corporation;

standards authority means the North American Electric Reliability ~~Council~~Corporation, any successor thereof, or any other agency or body that recommends standards or criteria relating to the *reliability of transmission systems*;

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