The authority citation for part 310 remains as follows:


§310.4 [Amended]

a. Amend the last sentence of paragraph (a)(7) by removing “(a)(6)(i)” and adding in its place “(a)(7)(i)”.

b. Amend paragraph (a)(7)(ii)(B) by removing “(a)(6)(i)(A)” and adding in its place “(a)(7)(i)(A)”.

c. Amend the introductory text of paragraph (a)(7)(ii) by removing “(a)(6)(i)” and adding in its place “(a)(7)(i)”.

d. Amend paragraph (a)(7)(ii)(B) by removing “(a)(6)(i)(A)” and adding in its place “(a)(7)(i)(A)”.

By direction of the Commission.

Donald S. Clark,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

18 CFR Part 40
[Docket No. RM10–6–000; Order No. 754]

Interpretation of Transmission Planning Reliability Standard


ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: On November 17, 2009, the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) submitted a petition requesting approval of NERC’s interpretation of Requirement R1.3.10 of Commission-approved transmission planning Reliability Standard TPL–002–0 (System Performance Following Loss of a Single Bulk Electric System Element). In a March 2010 Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NOPR), the Commission proposed to reject NERC’s proposed interpretation, and instead proposed an alternative interpretation of Requirement R1.3.10 of Reliability Standard TPL–002–0. As a result of the comments received in response to the proposal, the Commission declines to adopt the NOPR proposal and approves NERC’s proposed interpretation of Requirement R1.3.10 of Reliability Standard TPL–002–0. In addition, as proposed by several commenters, the Commission direct NERC and Commission staff to initiate a process to identify any reliability issues, as discussed below.

I. Background

2. Section 215 of the Federal Power Act (FPA) requires a Commission-certified Electric Reliability Organization (ERO) to develop mandatory and enforceable Reliability Standards, which are subject to Commission review and approval. Specifically, the Commission may approve, by rule or order, a proposed Reliability Standard or modification to a Reliability Standard if it determines that the Standard is just, reasonable, not unduly discriminatory or preferential, and in the public interest. Once approved, the Reliability Standards may be enforced by the ERO, subject to Commission oversight, or by the Commission independently.

1 Interpretation of Transmission Planning Reliability Standards, 75 FR 14386 (March 25, 2010), FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 32,655 (2010).
3 Id. § 824a(d)(2).
4 Id. § 824a(e)(2).