

Grid Reliability Standards Not Static: US Power Industry

Emphasising that power grid reliability standards are not static once they are approved by the US Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the agency has modified five reliability standards following recommendations and comments from the industry. The modifications deal with scheduling and coordination of power flows, and they approve interpretations by the North American Electric Reliability Corp of standards approved in 2007 when FERC gave the approval to an initial set of 83 reliability standards. FERC says it is also seeking an explanation on a sixth modified standard related to transmission loading relief, directing NERC to provide explanations of how the use of TLR, which relieves grid congestion, should be used in conjunction with other measures. “Under the approach we adopted in 2007, we can expect to see steady improvement in reliability standards over time. That should provide greater levels of system reliability as we strengthen approved standards and clarify the scope of approved standards,” says FERC chairman Joseph Kelliher.

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