

**Documents relatif au processus de développement de  
la norme PRC-006-3**



# Étapes du développement de la norme PRC-006-3

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August 26, 2015

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and

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Re: SAR for PRC-006-3 Automatic Underfrequency Load Shedding - Variance for the Quebec  
Interconnection to Review PRC-006-2 Automatic Underfrequency Load Shedding Regional  
Variance for the Quebec Interconnection for Revision

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Regional Standards Committee (RSC), a committee reporting to the NPCC Board, has initiated a NERC Standard Authorization Request (SAR) for Standard PRC-006-3 Automatic Underfrequency Load Shedding. The SAR serves as a project scope to review the existing PRC-006-2 Regional Variance for the Quebec Interconnection for revision because of the generation characteristics in Quebec. Meeting the PRC-006-2 59.3 Hz requirement for scenarios where Quebec has a small generation deficiency would require modifications to the current settings of the UFLS program which would cause unacceptable and frequent load shedding without any improvement to System reliability. A more accurate generation deficiency scenario applicable to the Quebec Interconnection is to be defined. NERC has approved the use of NPCC's Standard Development Process Steps from the NPCC Regional Standard Processes Manual (RSPM) to address the SAR for the PRC-006-3 Regional Variance.

As per the RSPM, notification has been posted on the NPCC website of the intent to revise the Regional Variance to the continent-wide standard. As per the RSPM and NERC's Regional Standards Review Process, NERC has been notified of the project in accordance with its process, as applicable. The SAR Requester has been notified of the acceptance of the SAR by the RSC. The SAR is attached and also may be found on the NPCC website at:

[Standard Authorization Request for PRC-006-3](#)

The SAR and regional standards process is outlined in our filed and approved RSPM which may be found at:

[NPCC's FERC Approved Standard Processes Manual](#)

In accordance with the RSPM, the RSC requests that the RCC, within sixty (60) calendar days (October 25, 2015), assign the Task Force on System Studies (TFSS) the project scope outlined in the subject SAR, and to populate the Drafting Team. I am then to be notified within ten (10) calendar days of the decision. NPCC staff will assist with the project. As outlined in the RSPM, all meetings where the actual review and drafting are conducted must have their dates publicly posted, notifications made to adjoining Regions, NERC and the industry. These meetings must be open to observers.

Upon RCC approval of the recommendation to assign the SAR and review to TFSS, I as the NPCC Manager of Reliability Standards will reaffirm members for the Standard Drafting Team (SDT) and solicit for any additional interested members from stakeholders. The final SDT roster will be presented to the RSC for approval. Guy Zito, Gerry Dunbar, RuiDa Shu and I will be working closely with the TFSS during the review of the standard with respect to the subject SAR and its potential revision to ensure that the Standard Development Process is followed, and focus the effort to make it as efficient, effective, and expedited as possible. Revision of the Standard may commence anytime and on a schedule yet to be determined that will be influenced by NERC, and NPCC's members and stakeholders' available resources.

Very truly yours,  
Lee Pedowicz  
Manager of Reliability Standards  
NPCC

cc: RSC, Regional Standards Committee  
Attachment: SAR PRC-006-3 Automatic Underfrequency Load Shedding

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# Standards Authorization Request Form

When completed, please email this form to:  
sarcomm@nerc.com

NERC welcomes suggestions to improve the reliability of the bulk power system through improved Reliability Standards. Please use this form to submit your request to propose a new or a revision to a NERC Reliability Standard.

## Request to propose a new or a revision to a Reliability Standard

Title of Proposed Standard:	PRC-006-3--Automatic Underfrequency Load Shedding – Variance for the Quebec Interconnection
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Date Submitted:	May 6, 2015
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### SAR Requester Information

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### SAR Type (Check as many as applicable)

<input type="checkbox"/> New Standard	<input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawal of Existing Standard
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Revision to Existing Standard	<input type="checkbox"/> Urgent Action

### SAR Information

#### Industry Need (What is the industry problem this request is trying to solve?):

The industry need for this SAR is to address two specific problems regarding UFLS requirements for the Quebec Interconnection :

1 - To meet the PRC-006-2 59.3 Hz requirement for scenarios where Quebec has a small generation

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deficiency (between 4 and 6 percent) those scenarios would require modifications to the current settings of the UFLS program to the threshold of 59.3 Hz which would cause unacceptable and frequent load shedding without any improvement to System reliability.

2 – Because the Quebec Interconnection itself is an island with unique generation characteristics and SPS applications, Section D.A.3 in PRC-006-2 needs to be revised to define a more accurate generation deficiency scenario applicable to the Quebec Interconnection.

Purpose or Goal (How does this request propose to address the problem described above?):

The purpose of this SAR is to address the two problems mentioned above by modifying only those sections that are specific to the Quebec Interconnection (PRC-006-2 Section D. Regional Variances, Part D.A. Regional Variance for the Quebec Interconnection, and Attachment 1A (Quebec)). Revisions to the standard will ensure the continuity of System reliability in the Quebec Interconnection.

Identify the Objectives of the proposed standard's requirements (What specific reliability deliverables are required to achieve the goal?):

The modifications proposed in this SAR will not change the original goals and objectives of PRC-006-2 and will only affect the Quebec Interconnection.

Brief Description (Provide a paragraph that describes the scope of this standard action.)

A description of the two specific problems is as follows:

1 - The Quebec Interconnection has a low inertia compared to other Interconnections. This makes it subject to large frequency deviations during normal operation. Small generation deficiencies (4 to 6 percent) can lead to acceptable frequency deviations without triggering any UFLS thresholds, but still stabilize under a PRC-006-2 Attachment 1A performance curve. The scope of this SAR is to modify the performance curve in Attachment 1A to better reflect the design, performance, and modeling of the Quebec Interconnection and avoid unnecessary load shedding.

2 - The Quebec Interconnection is an island by itself and is the only island considered when performing the Quebec UFLS program assessment. No under-generated island can be created within the Quebec Interconnection. Under current planning and operational criteria, the largest generation deficiency scenarios are limited to the loss of the largest power plant not covered by a SPS. Using the peak case scenario, these generation deficiencies are far from the required 25%. Section D.A.3 should be revised to account for the characteristics of the Quebec Interconnection.



### SAR Information

Detailed Description (Provide a description of the proposed project with sufficient details for the standard drafting team to execute the SAR. Also provide a justification for the development or revision of the standard, including an assessment of the reliability and market interface impacts of implementing or not implementing the standard action.)

1 - Because of the characteristics of the Quebec Interconnection, 0.5-1.5 Hz frequency deviations resulting from small losses of generation occur frequently. The System is designed and operated such that these small generation losses are acceptable, do not pose any threat to System reliability, and do not lead to unnecessary automatic load shedding. The adjustment of the UFLS anti-stall threshold to meet the PRC-006-2 performance curve would cause frequent and unacceptable load shedding operations without any improvement to System reliability. This is clearly shown by recent UFLS program assessment studies, planning and operational studies, and the analysis of generation loss scenarios in the Quebec Interconnection.

During the 2014 assessment of the NPCC Underfrequency Load Shedding Program, studies showed that for small generation deficiencies (between 4 and 6 percent) in the Quebec Interconnection using the minimum spinning reserve requirement, the simulated frequency deviation does not meet the PRC-006-2 requirement of 59.3 Hz from Attachment 1A. However, further investigation determined that such scenarios result in acceptable frequency deviations without crossing any UFLS thresholds while stabilizing between the PRC-006-2 curve (59.3 Hz in Attachment 1A) and the upper UFLS (anti-stall) threshold (59.0 Hz) that is defined in PRC-006-NPCC-1 UFLS Table 4 - Quebec Interconnection. Meeting the PRC-006-2 59.3 Hz requirement for those scenarios would require modifications to the current settings of the UFLS program. The subsequent adjustment of the UFLS anti-stall threshold to 59.3 Hz would cause unacceptable and frequent load shedding without any gain to System reliability.

2 - The Quebec Interconnection is an island by itself and it is the only island considered when performing the Quebec UFLS program assessment. Due to the nature of the Quebec System's design (main generation centers located in the north, remote from the main load centers in the south), no other viable island with generating deficiencies can be created within the Quebec Interconnection. Under current planning and operational criteria, the largest generation deficiency scenarios are limited to the loss of the largest power plant not covered by a SPS. Assuming the Hydro-Quebec peak case scenarios, none of them would result in a 25% generation deficiency. To reach the 25 % criteria using a design (normal or extreme) contingency and viable island, a light load scenario was used while studying the loss of the largest power plant. This methodology is currently used in Hydro-Quebec and has been

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used since the JWG-2 Phase II (NPCC Joint Working Group for the review of adequacy of procedures for protection against off-nominal frequency operation) Report was published in 1993. However, further studies and investigations have shown that using the peak case scenario, the integrity of the Quebec Interconnection could not be preserved using a UFLS program for a 25% generation deficiency. Since there is no design contingency that can produce a generation deficiency of 25%, multiple extreme contingencies, such as the loss of more than one substation, need to be applied simultaneously on the peak case scenario in order to reach that level of generation deficiency. Using the peak load case scenario, these generation deficiencies do not meet the required 25%. Section D.A.3 should be revised to reflect the characteristics of the Quebec Interconnection.

## Reliability Functions

The Standard will Apply to the Following Functions (Check each one that applies.)

<input type="checkbox"/> Reliability Coordinator	Responsible for the real-time operating reliability of its Reliability Coordinator Area in coordination with its neighboring Reliability Coordinator's wide area view.
<input type="checkbox"/> Balancing Authority	Integrates resource plans ahead of time, and maintains load-interchange-resource balance within a Balancing Authority Area and supports Interconnection frequency in real time.
<input type="checkbox"/> Interchange Authority	Ensures communication of interchange transactions for reliability evaluation purposes and coordinates implementation of valid and balanced interchange schedules between Balancing Authority Areas.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Planning Coordinator	Assesses the longer-term reliability of its Planning Coordinator Area.
<input type="checkbox"/> Resource Planner	Develops a one year plan for the resource adequacy of its specific loads within a Planning Coordinator area.
<input type="checkbox"/> Transmission Planner	Develops a one year plan for the reliability of the interconnected Bulk Electric System within its portion of the Planning Coordinator area.
<input type="checkbox"/> Transmission Service Provider	Administers the transmission tariff and provides transmission services under applicable transmission service agreements (e.g., the pro forma tariff).

Reliability Functions	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Transmission Owner Owns and maintains transmission facilities.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Transmission Operator Ensures the real-time operating reliability of the transmission assets within a Transmission Operator Area.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Distribution Provider Delivers electrical energy to the end-use customer.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Generator Owner Owns and maintains generation facilities.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Generator Operator Operates generation unit(s) to provide real and reactive power.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Purchasing-Selling Entity Purchases or sells energy, capacity, and necessary reliability-related services as required.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Market Operator Interface point for reliability functions with commercial functions.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Load-Serving Entity Secures energy and transmission service (and reliability-related services) to serve the end-use customer.

Reliability and Market Interface Principles	
Applicable Reliability Principles (Check all that apply).	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1. Interconnected bulk power systems shall be planned and operated in a coordinated manner to perform reliably under normal and abnormal conditions as defined in the NERC Standards.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2. The frequency and voltage of interconnected bulk power systems shall be controlled within defined limits through the balancing of real and reactive power supply and demand.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3. Information necessary for the planning and operation of interconnected bulk power systems shall be made available to those entities responsible for planning and operating the systems reliably.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4. Plans for emergency operation and system restoration of interconnected bulk power systems shall be developed, coordinated, maintained and implemented.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	5. Facilities for communication, monitoring and control shall be provided, used and maintained for the reliability of interconnected bulk power systems.
<input type="checkbox"/>	6. Personnel responsible for planning and operating interconnected bulk power systems shall be trained, qualified, and have the responsibility and authority to implement actions.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	7. The security of the interconnected bulk power systems shall be assessed, monitored and maintained on a wide area basis.
<input type="checkbox"/>	8. Bulk power systems shall be protected from malicious physical or cyber attacks.

Reliability and Market Interface Principles	
Does the proposed Standard comply with all of the following Market Interface Principles?	Enter (yes/no)
1. A reliability standard shall not give any market participant an unfair competitive advantage.	Yes
2. A reliability standard shall neither mandate nor prohibit any specific market structure.	Yes
3. A reliability standard shall not preclude market solutions to achieving compliance with that standard.	Yes
4. A reliability standard shall not require the public disclosure of commercially sensitive information. All market participants shall have equal opportunity to access commercially non-sensitive information that is required for compliance with reliability standards.	Yes

Related Standards	
Standard No.	Explanation

Related SARs	
SAR ID	Explanation

Related SARs	

Regional Variances	
Region	Explanation
ERCOT	None
FRCC	None
MRO	None
NPCC	Quebec
RFC	None
SERC	None
SPP	None
WECC	WECC



## Information in a Regional Standard Authorization Request (RSAR)

The tables below identify information to be submitted in a Regional Standard Authorization Request to the NPCC Regional Standards Process Manager, [NPCCstandard@npcc.org](mailto:NPCCstandard@npcc.org). The NPCC Regional Standards Process Manager shall be responsible for implementing and maintaining this form as needed to support the information requirements of the standards process.

### Regional Standard Authorization Request Form

Title of Proposed Standard: PRC-006-3--Automatic Underfrequency Load Shedding – Variance for the Quebec Interconnection	
Request Date:	June 2, 2015

### RSAR Requester Information

<i>Name:</i> Patrick Doyle Lee Pedowicz	<b>RSAR Type (Check box for one of these selections.)</b>	
<i>Company:</i> Hydro-Québec TransÉnergie Northeast Power Coordinating Council, Inc. (NPCC)	<input type="checkbox"/>	New Standard
<i>Telephone:</i> 1-514-879-4100 ext 5429 1-212-840-1070	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Revision to Existing Standard
<i>Fax:</i> 1-212-302-2782	<input type="checkbox"/>	Withdrawal of Existing Standard
<i>Email:</i> <a href="mailto:doyle.patrick@hydro.qc.ca">doyle.patrick@hydro.qc.ca</a> <a href="mailto:lpedowicz@npcc.org">lpedowicz@npcc.org</a>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Urgent Action

**Purpose** (Describe the purpose of the proposed standard – what the standard will achieve in support of reliability.)

The purpose of this RSAR is to address the two problems mentioned below by modifying only those sections that are specific to the Quebec Interconnection (PRC-006-2 Section D. Regional Variances, Part D.A. Regional Variance for the Quebec Interconnection, and Attachment 1A (Quebec)). Revisions to the standard will ensure the continuity of System reliability in the Quebec Interconnection.

**Industry Need (Provide a detailed statement justifying the need for the proposed standard, along with any supporting documentation.)**

The industry need for this RSAR is to address two specific problems regarding UFLS requirements for the Quebec Interconnection :

1 - To meet the PRC-006-2 59.3 Hz requirement for scenarios where Quebec has a small generation deficiency (between 4 and 6 percent) those scenarios would require modifications to the current settings of the UFLS program to the threshold of 59.3 Hz which would cause unacceptable and frequent load shedding without any improvement to System reliability.

2 – Because the Quebec Interconnection itself is an island with unique generation characteristics and SPS applications, Section D.A.3 in PRC-006-2 needs to be revised to define a more accurate generation deficiency scenario applicable to the Quebec Interconnection.

**Brief Description** (Describe the proposed standard in sufficient detail to clearly define the scope in a manner that can be easily understood by others.)

A description of the two specific problems is as follows:

1 - The Quebec Interconnection has a low inertia compared to other Interconnections. This makes it subject to large frequency deviations during normal operation. Small generation deficiencies (4 to 6 percent) can lead to acceptable frequency deviations without triggering any UFLS thresholds, but still stabilize under a PRC-006-2 Attachment 1A performance curve. The scope of this SAR is to modify the performance curve in Attachment 1A to better reflect the design, performance, and modeling of the Quebec Interconnection and avoid unnecessary load shedding.

2 - The Quebec Interconnection is an island by itself and is the only island considered when performing the Quebec UFLS program assessment. No under-generated island can be created within the Quebec Interconnection. Under current planning and operational criteria, the largest generation deficiency scenarios are limited to the loss of the largest power plant not covered by a SPS. Using the peak case scenario, these generation deficiencies are far from the required 25%. Section D.A.3 should be revised to account for the characteristics of the Quebec Interconnection.



## Reliability Functions

The Standard will Apply to the Following Functions (Check all applicable boxes.)		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Reliability Coordinator	The entity that is the highest level of authority who is responsible for the reliable operation of the Bulk Electric System, has the Wide Area view of the Bulk Electric System, and has the operating tools, processes and procedures, including the authority to prevent or mitigate emergency operating situations in both next-day analysis and real-time operations. The Reliability Coordinator has the purview that is broad enough to enable the calculation of Interconnection Reliability Operating Limits, which may be based on the operating parameters of transmission systems beyond any Transmission Operator's vision.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Balancing Authority	The responsible entity that integrates resource plans ahead of time, maintains load-interchange-generation balance within a Balancing Authority Area, and supports Interconnection frequency in real time.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Interchange Authority	Authorizes valid and balanced Interchange Schedules.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Planning Coordinator	The responsible entity that assesses the longer-term reliability of its Planning Coordinator Area.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Transmission Service Provider	The entity that administers the transmission tariff and provides Transmission Service to Transmission Customers under applicable transmission service agreements.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Transmission Owner	The entity that owns and maintains transmission facilities.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Transmission Operator	The entity responsible for the reliability of its "local" transmission system, and that operates or directs the operations of the transmission facilities.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Transmission Planner	The entity that develops a long-term (generally one year and beyond) plan for the reliability (adequacy) of the interconnected bulk electric transmission systems within its portion of the Planning Authority Area.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Resource Planner	The entity that develops a long-term (generally one year and beyond) plan for the resource adequacy of specific loads (customer demand and energy requirements) within a Planning Authority Area.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Generator Operator	The entity that operates generating unit(s) and performs the functions of supplying energy and Interconnected Operations Services.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Generator Owner	Entity that owns and maintains generating units.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Purchasing-Selling Entity	The entity that purchases or sells, and takes title to, energy, capacity, and Interconnected Operations Services. Purchasing-Selling Entities may be affiliated or unaffiliated merchants and may or may not own generating facilities.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Distribution Provider	Provides and operates the “wires” between the transmission system and the customer.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Load-Serving Entity	Secures energy and transmission service (and related Interconnected Operations Services) to serve the electrical demand and energy requirements of its end-use customers.

**Reliability and Market Interface Principles**

<b>Applicable Reliability Principles</b> <i>(Check all boxes that apply.)</i>	
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	7. The security of the interconnected bulk power systems shall be assessed, monitored, and maintained on a wide-area basis.
<b>Does the proposed Standard comply with all of the following Market Interface Principles?</b> <i>(Select ‘yes’ or ‘no’ from the drop-down box.)</i>	
Recognizing that reliability is a Common Attribute of a robust North American economy:	
1.	A reliability standard shall not give any market participant an unfair competitive advantage. Yes
2.	A reliability standard shall neither mandate nor prohibit any specific market structure. Yes
3.	A reliability standard shall not preclude market solutions to achieving compliance with that standard. Yes
4.	A reliability standard shall not require the public disclosure of commercially sensitive information. All market participants shall have equal opportunity to access commercially non-sensitive information that is required for compliance with reliability standards. Yes

**Detailed Description (Provide enough detail so that an independent entity familiar with the industry could draft a standard based on this description.)**

1 - Because of the characteristics of the Quebec Interconnection, 0.5-1.5 Hz frequency deviations resulting from small losses of generation occur frequently. The System is designed and operated such that these small generation losses are acceptable, do not pose any threat to System reliability, and do not lead to unnecessary automatic load shedding. The adjustment of the UFLS anti-stall threshold to meet the PRC-006-2 performance curve would cause frequent and unacceptable load shedding operations without any improvement to System reliability. This is clearly shown by recent UFLS program assessment studies, planning and operational studies, and the analysis of generation loss scenarios in the Quebec Interconnection.

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2 - The Quebec Interconnection is an island by itself and it is the only island considered when performing the Quebec UFLS program assessment. Due to the nature of the Quebec System's design (main generation centers located in the north, remote from the main load centers in the south), no other viable island with generating deficiencies can be created within the Quebec Interconnection. Under current planning and operational criteria, the largest generation deficiency scenarios are limited to the loss of the largest power plant not covered by a SPS. Assuming the Hydro-Quebec peak case scenarios, none of them would result in a 25% generation deficiency. To reach the 25 % criteria using a design (normal or extreme) contingency and viable island, a light load scenario was used while studying the loss of the largest power plant. This methodology is currently used in Hydro-Quebec and has been used since the JWG-2 Phase II (NPCC Joint Working Group for the review of adequacy of procedures for protection against off-nominal frequency operation) Report was published in 1993. However, further studies and investigations have shown that using the peak case scenario, the integrity of the Quebec Interconnection could not be preserved using a UFLS program for a 25% generation deficiency. Since there is no design contingency that can produce a generation deficiency of 25%, multiple extreme contingencies, such as the loss of more than one substation, need to be applied simultaneously on the peak case scenario in order to reach that level of generation deficiency. Using the peak load case scenario, these generation deficiencies do not meet the required 25%. Section D.A.3 should be revised to reflect the characteristics of

the Quebec Interconnection.

***Related Standards***

Standard No.	Explanation

***Related SARs or RSARs***

SAR ID	Explanation



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## Nomination Form for PRC-006-3 Automatic Underfrequency Load Shedding - Variance for the Quebec Interconnection Drafting Team

Please return this form as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please contact the NPCC Standards Staff at [npcstandard@npcc.org](mailto:npcstandard@npcc.org).

By submitting the following information you are indicating your willingness and agreement to actively participate in the drafting team meetings if appointed to the drafting team by the NPCC Regional Standards Committee (RSC). This means that if you are appointed to the DT you are expected to attend all (or at least the vast majority) of the face-to-face DT meetings as well as participate in all the DT meetings held via conference calls. Failure to do so shall result in your removal from the DT.

Name:	
Organization:	
Address:	
Telephone:	
E-mail:	
<b>Please briefly describe your experience and qualifications to serve on the requested drafting team.</b>	
<p><b>If you are currently a member of any NERC or Regional drafting teams, please list each team here.</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Not currently on any active SAR or standard drafting team.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Currently a member of the following SAR or standard drafting team(s):</p>	
<p><b>If you previously worked on any drafting team please identify the team(s).</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No prior NERC or Regional SAR or standard drafting team experience.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Prior experience on the following team(s):</p>	

Select each NERC Region that you represent:		Select each Industry Segment that you represent:	
<input type="checkbox"/> ERCOT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 — Transmission Owners	
<input type="checkbox"/> FRCC	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 — RTOs, ISOs	
<input type="checkbox"/> MRO	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> 3 — Load-serving Entities	
<input type="checkbox"/> NPCC	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> 4 — Transmission-dependent Utilities	
<input type="checkbox"/> RFC	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> 5 — Electric Generators	
<input type="checkbox"/> SERC	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> 6 — Electricity Brokers, Aggregators, and Marketers	
<input type="checkbox"/> SPP	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> 7 — Large Electricity End Users	
<input type="checkbox"/> WECC	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> 8 — Small Electricity End Users	
<input type="checkbox"/> NA – Not Applicable	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> 9 — Federal, State, and Provincial Regulatory or other Government Entities	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> 10 — Regional Reliability Organizations and Regional Entities	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> NA – Not Applicable	
Select each Function <sup>1</sup> in which you have current or prior expertise:			
<input type="checkbox"/> Balancing Authority	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Transmission Operator	
<input type="checkbox"/> Compliance Enforcement Authority	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Transmission Owner	
<input type="checkbox"/> Distribution Provider	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Transmission Planner	
<input type="checkbox"/> Generator Operator	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Transmission Service Provider	
<input type="checkbox"/> Generator Owner	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Purchasing-selling Entity	
<input type="checkbox"/> Interchange Authority	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Reliability Coordinator	
<input type="checkbox"/> Load-serving Entity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Reliability Assurer	
<input type="checkbox"/> Market Operator	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Resource Planner	
<input type="checkbox"/> Planning Coordinator	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Provide the names and contact information for two references who could attest to your technical qualifications and your ability to work well in a group.			
Name:		Telephone:	
Organization:		E-mail:	
Name:		Telephone:	
Organization:		E-mail:	

<sup>1</sup> These functions are defined in the NERC [Functional Model](#), which is downloadable from the NERC website.

**PRC-006-3 Automatic Underfrequency Load Shedding Quebec Variance DT Roster**

<b><u>Self-Nominations</u></b>			
	<b>Name:</b>	<b>Company:</b>	<b>Qualifications:</b>
1	Vincent Morissette	Hydro Quebec	I am an engineer in short term planning department for Hydro-Québec TransÉnergie since 2010. I have been involved in many dynamic studies, including frequency stability and UFLS settings, and RSAW completion for compliance with NERC standards, including PRC-006-1. As the Hydro-Québec TransÉnergie representative on the NPCC SS-38 Working Group on Inter-Area Dynamic Analysis, I was involved in the 2014 Assessment of NPCC Underfrequency Load Shedding Program for year 2018. I am also SME (Subject Matter Expert) for the Planning Coordinator for the two standards related to UFLS (PRC-006-1 and PRC-006-NPCC-1).
2	Jeannette Gauthier	Hydro Quebec	I am an electrical engineer with almost 20 years' experience in planning and operations in transmission, generation and distribution at Hydro-Quebec. (As a transmission planner I even conducted simulations of under-frequency load-shedding.) I also have 5 years' experience outside Hydro-Quebec in a regulatory environment. I have testified before various forums (including the Régie de l'énergie) as an expert witness and drafted many technical and legal documents albeit in French. For the past year I have worked for the Quebec RC as a compliance officer. My experience regarding reliability standards includes event analysis, participation in mock audits and preparation for NPCC audit, submitting and providing follow-up on self-reports and mitigation plans, development and implementation of the internal compliance program, NPCC and NERC workshops and webinars, actively commenting standards and RSAWs under development and supporting implementation plans for new and revised standards. More specifically in relation to the PRC-006-3 Drafting team, I have counseled the SMEs (PC and TO) with regard to compliance and implementation of PRC-006 and PRC-006-NPCC. Aside from submitting my nomination to revise the Quebec Variance of PRC-006, I request NPCC's authorization to act as an observer on PRC-006-NPCC-2 Drafting Team.
3	Philippe Cadieux	Hydro Quebec	Philippe is an engineer in operation planning department for Hydro Quebec since 2013, and have worked for the long term transmission planning group at Hydro Quebec from 2007 to 2013. He has been involved in many dynamic and stability studies, including voltage and frequency stability.
4	Dean Latulipe	National Grid	21 years in Transmission Planning at National Grid. Chairman SS-38 working group. Conducted UFLS study for New England in 2014.
5	Daniel Kidney	NPCC Compliance	NPCC Compliance Staff. Daniel has been a member of the Compliance Enforcement staff at NPCC since 2014. Prior to joining

		Staff	NPCC, he was employed as a Transmission Planner at Central Maine Power.
6	Ruida Shu	NPCC Standards Staff	NPCC Standards Staff. Ruida Shu has 8+ years of experience in Distribution, Transmission, SCADA, Construction, Daily Electric Operations, Facility Maintenance, Security, DOE/FEMA/APPA Grant Projects, Safety, Compliance and Reliability Standards.





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July 7, 2016

**Subject: Posting for Open Process Review of PRC-006-03 Automatic Underfrequency Load Shedding Regional Quebec Variance.**

NPCC Full and General Members;

Please find attached clean and redlined versions of the draft NERC continent-wide PRC-006-3 Automatic Underfrequency Load Shedding standard. The revision reflects a proposed revision to the existing PRC-006-2 NPCC Regional Quebec Variance which has been posted on the NPCC Website for a 45-day comment period through August 22, 2016.

This proposed revision to the NPCC Regional Variance specifically applies to the Quebec Region only. Due to the unique nature of the Quebec province being its own interconnection, the variance is being developed using the NPCC Regional Standard Processes Manual. This is the first posting which contains revisions agreed upon by the Regional Standard Drafting Team (RSDT) and as endorsed by the NPCC Regional Standards Committee.

Specifically, the “Section D. Regional Variance” and “Attachment 1A” have been revised.

Also, attached are the *PRC-006-3 Automatic UFLS Regional Quebec Variance Implementation Plan* and a comment form. Comments on the posted materials may be submitted through the NPCC Open Process Review, which may be accessed through:

[PRC-006-3 Automatic Underfrequency Load Shedding Regional Quebec Variance](#)

Depending on comments submitted, the standard is scheduled to be posted for ballot in the third quarter of 2016 for approval.

Please contact me with any questions regarding this Standard.

Thank you.

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October 31, 2016

**Subject: Second Posting for Open Process Review of *PRC-006-03 Automatic Underfrequency Load Shedding Regional Quebec Variance*.**

NPCC Full and General Members;

Please find attached clean and redlined versions of the draft NERC continent-wide PRC-006-3 Automatic Underfrequency Load Shedding standard which has been posted for a 45-day comment period through December 15, 2016.

The proposed changes reflect a revision to the existing PRC-006-2 Quebec Regional Variance.

Specifically, the “Section D. Regional Variance” and “Attachment 1A” which apply only to Quebec have been revised to reflect the unique nature of the Quebec interconnection.

Additionally, the revisions were developed in accordance with the NPCC Regional Standards Process Manual and have been endorsed by the NPCC Regional Standards Committee (RSC).

Also, attached are the *PRC-006-3 Automatic UFLS Regional Quebec Variance Implementation Plan*, *HQT Letter to Waive CEAP* and a comment form. Comments on the posted materials may be submitted through the NPCC Open Process Review, which may be accessed through:

[PRC-006-3 Automatic Underfrequency Load Shedding Regional Quebec Variance](#)

Pending reconciliation of comments, the standard is scheduled to be posted for a 30-day pre-ballot review period with a subsequent ballot during the first quarter of 2017.

Please contact me with any questions regarding the Standard or this comment period.

Thank you.

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January 19, 2017

**Subject: Posting for a 30-day Pre-Ballot Review and a subsequent 10-day Ballot Period of PRC-006-03 Automatic Underfrequency Load Shedding Regional Quebec Variance.**

NPCC Full and General Members;

Please find attached clean and redlined versions of the draft NERC continent-wide PRC-006-3 Automatic Underfrequency Load Shedding Standard which has been posted for a 30-day pre-ballot review and a subsequent 10-day ballot period through March 1, 2017.

The proposed changes reflect a revision to the existing PRC-006-2 Quebec Regional Variance.

Specifically, the “Section D. Regional Variance” and “Attachment 1A” which apply only to Quebec have been revised to reflect the unique nature of the Quebec interconnection.

Additionally, the revisions were developed in accordance with the NPCC Regional Standards Process Manual and have been endorsed by the NPCC Regional Standards Committee (RSC).

Also, attached are the *PRC-006-3 Automatic UFLS Regional Quebec Variance Implementation Plan and HQT Letter to Waive CEAP*. Ballot positions may be submitted through the NPCC website, which may be accessed through:

[PRC-006-3 Automatic Underfrequency Load Shedding Regional Quebec Variance](#)

Please contact me with any questions regarding the Standard or this ballot period.

Thank you.

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## A. Introduction

1. **Title:** Automatic Underfrequency Load Shedding
2. **Number:** PRC-006-~~2~~3
3. **Purpose:** To establish design and documentation requirements for automatic underfrequency load shedding (UFLS) programs to arrest declining frequency, assist recovery of frequency following underfrequency events and provide last resort system preservation measures.
4. **Applicability:**
  - 4.1. Planning Coordinators
  - 4.2. UFLS entities shall mean all entities that are responsible for the ownership, operation, or control of UFLS equipment as required by the UFLS program established by the Planning Coordinators. Such entities may include one or more of the following:
    - 4.2.1 Transmission Owners
    - 4.2.2 Distribution Providers
  - 4.3. Transmission Owners that own Elements identified in the UFLS program established by the Planning Coordinators.
5. **Effective Date:**

This standard is effective on the first day of the first calendar quarter six months after the date that the standard is approved by an applicable governmental authority or as otherwise provided for in a jurisdiction where approval by an applicable governmental authority is required for a standard to go into effect. Where approval by an applicable governmental authority is not required, the standard shall become effective on the first day of the first calendar quarter after the date the standard is adopted by the NERC Board of Trustees or as otherwise provided for in that jurisdiction.
6. **Background:**

PRC-006-2 was developed under Project 2008-02: Underfrequency Load Shedding (UFLS). The drafting team revised PRC-006-1 for the purpose of addressing the directive issued in FERC Order No. 763. *Automatic Underfrequency Load Shedding and Load Shedding Plans Reliability Standards*, 139 FERC ¶ 61,098 (2012).

## B. Requirements and Measures

- R1.** Each Planning Coordinator shall develop and document criteria, including consideration of historical events and system studies, to select portions of the Bulk Electric System (BES), including interconnected portions of the BES in adjacent Planning Coordinator areas and Regional Entity areas that may form islands. *[VRF: Medium][Time Horizon: Long-term Planning]*
- M1.** Each Planning Coordinator shall have evidence such as reports, or other documentation of its criteria to select portions of the Bulk Electric System that may form islands including how system studies and historical events were considered to develop the criteria per Requirement R1.
- R2.** Each Planning Coordinator shall identify one or more islands to serve as a basis for designing its UFLS program including: *[VRF: Medium][Time Horizon: Long-term Planning]*
- 2.1.** Those islands selected by applying the criteria in Requirement R1, and
- 2.2.** Any portions of the BES designed to detach from the Interconnection (planned islands) as a result of the operation of a relay scheme or Special Protection System, and
- 2.3.** A single island that includes all portions of the BES in either the Regional Entity area or the Interconnection in which the Planning Coordinator's area resides. If a Planning Coordinator's area resides in multiple Regional Entity areas, each of those Regional Entity areas shall be identified as an island. Planning Coordinators may adjust island boundaries to differ from Regional Entity area boundaries by mutual consent where necessary for the sole purpose of producing contiguous regional islands more suitable for simulation.
- M2.** Each Planning Coordinator shall have evidence such as reports, memorandums, e-mails, or other documentation supporting its identification of an island(s) as a basis for designing a UFLS program that meet the criteria in Requirement R2, Parts 2.1 through 2.3.
- R3.** Each Planning Coordinator shall develop a UFLS program, including notification of and a schedule for implementation by UFLS entities within its area, that meets the following performance characteristics in simulations of underfrequency conditions resulting from an imbalance scenario, where an imbalance =  $[(\text{load} - \text{actual generation output}) / (\text{load})]$ , of up to 25 percent within the identified island(s). *[VRF: High][Time Horizon: Long-term Planning]*
- 3.1.** Frequency shall remain above the Underfrequency Performance Characteristic curve in PRC-006-~~32~~ - Attachment 1, either for 60 seconds or until a steady-state condition between 59.3 Hz and 60.7 Hz is reached, and
- 3.2.** Frequency shall remain below the Overfrequency Performance Characteristic curve in PRC-006-~~32~~ - Attachment 1, either for 60 seconds or until a steady-state condition between 59.3 Hz and 60.7 Hz is reached, and

- 3.3.** Volts per Hz (V/Hz) shall not exceed 1.18 per unit for longer than two seconds cumulatively per simulated event, and shall not exceed 1.10 per unit for longer than 45 seconds cumulatively per simulated event at each generator bus and generator step-up transformer high-side bus associated with each of the following:
- Individual generating units greater than 20 MVA (gross nameplate rating) directly connected to the BES
  - Generating plants/facilities greater than 75 MVA (gross aggregate nameplate rating) directly connected to the BES
  - Facilities consisting of one or more units connected to the BES at a common bus with total generation above 75 MVA gross nameplate rating.
- M3.** Each Planning Coordinator shall have evidence such as reports, memorandums, e-mails, program plans, or other documentation of its UFLS program, including the notification of the UFLS entities of implementation schedule, that meet the criteria in Requirement R3, Parts 3.1 through 3.3.
- R4.** Each Planning Coordinator shall conduct and document a UFLS design assessment at least once every five years that determines through dynamic simulation whether the UFLS program design meets the performance characteristics in Requirement R3 for each island identified in Requirement R2. The simulation shall model each of the following: *[VRF: High][Time Horizon: Long-term Planning]*
- 4.1.** Underfrequency trip settings of individual generating units greater than 20 MVA (gross nameplate rating) directly connected to the BES that trip above the Generator Underfrequency Trip Modeling curve in PRC-006-~~32~~ - Attachment 1.
  - 4.2.** Underfrequency trip settings of generating plants/facilities greater than 75 MVA (gross aggregate nameplate rating) directly connected to the BES that trip above the Generator Underfrequency Trip Modeling curve in PRC-006-~~32~~ - Attachment 1.
  - 4.3.** Underfrequency trip settings of any facility consisting of one or more units connected to the BES at a common bus with total generation above 75 MVA (gross nameplate rating) that trip above the Generator Underfrequency Trip Modeling curve in PRC-006-~~32~~ - Attachment 1.
  - 4.4.** Overfrequency trip settings of individual generating units greater than 20 MVA (gross nameplate rating) directly connected to the BES that trip below the Generator Overfrequency Trip Modeling curve in PRC-006-~~32~~ — Attachment 1.
  - 4.5.** Overfrequency trip settings of generating plants/facilities greater than 75 MVA (gross aggregate nameplate rating) directly connected to the BES that trip below the Generator Overfrequency Trip Modeling curve in PRC-006-~~32~~ — Attachment 1.



- 4.6. Overfrequency trip settings of any facility consisting of one or more units connected to the BES at a common bus with total generation above 75 MVA (gross nameplate rating) that trip below the Generator Overfrequency Trip Modeling curve in PRC-006-~~32~~ — Attachment 1.
- 4.7. Any automatic Load restoration that impacts frequency stabilization and operates within the duration of the simulations run for the assessment.
- M4.** Each Planning Coordinator shall have dated evidence such as reports, dynamic simulation models and results, or other dated documentation of its UFLS design assessment that demonstrates it meets Requirement R4, Parts 4.1 through 4.7.
- R5.** Each Planning Coordinator, whose area or portions of whose area is part of an island identified by it or another Planning Coordinator which includes multiple Planning Coordinator areas or portions of those areas, shall coordinate its UFLS program design with all other Planning Coordinators whose areas or portions of whose areas are also part of the same identified island through one of the following: *[VRF: High][Time Horizon: Long-term Planning]*
- Develop a common UFLS program design and schedule for implementation per Requirement R3 among the Planning Coordinators whose areas or portions of whose areas are part of the same identified island, or
  - Conduct a joint UFLS design assessment per Requirement R4 among the Planning Coordinators whose areas or portions of whose areas are part of the same identified island, or
  - Conduct an independent UFLS design assessment per Requirement R4 for the identified island, and in the event the UFLS design assessment fails to meet Requirement R3, identify modifications to the UFLS program(s) to meet Requirement R3 and report these modifications as recommendations to the other Planning Coordinators whose areas or portions of whose areas are also part of the same identified island and the ERO.
- M5.** Each Planning Coordinator, whose area or portions of whose area is part of an island identified by it or another Planning Coordinator which includes multiple Planning Coordinator areas or portions of those areas, shall have dated evidence such as joint UFLS program design documents, reports describing a joint UFLS design assessment, letters that include recommendations, or other dated documentation demonstrating that it coordinated its UFLS program design with all other Planning Coordinators whose areas or portions of whose areas are also part of the same identified island per Requirement R5.
- R6.** Each Planning Coordinator shall maintain a UFLS database containing data necessary to model its UFLS program for use in event analyses and assessments of the UFLS program at least once each calendar year, with no more than 15 months between maintenance activities. *[VRF: Lower][Time Horizon: Long-term Planning]*

- M6.** Each Planning Coordinator shall have dated evidence such as a UFLS database, data requests, data input forms, or other dated documentation to show that it maintained a UFLS database for use in event analyses and assessments of the UFLS program per Requirement R6 at least once each calendar year, with no more than 15 months between maintenance activities.
- R7.** Each Planning Coordinator shall provide its UFLS database containing data necessary to model its UFLS program to other Planning Coordinators within its Interconnection within 30 calendar days of a request. *[VRF: Lower][Time Horizon: Long-term Planning]*
- M7.** Each Planning Coordinator shall have dated evidence such as letters, memorandums, e-mails or other dated documentation that it provided their UFLS database to other Planning Coordinators within their Interconnection within 30 calendar days of a request per Requirement R7.
- R8.** Each UFLS entity shall provide data to its Planning Coordinator(s) according to the format and schedule specified by the Planning Coordinator(s) to support maintenance of each Planning Coordinator's UFLS database. *[VRF: Lower][Time Horizon: Long-term Planning]*
- M8.** Each UFLS Entity shall have dated evidence such as responses to data requests, spreadsheets, letters or other dated documentation that it provided data to its Planning Coordinator according to the format and schedule specified by the Planning Coordinator to support maintenance of the UFLS database per Requirement R8.
- R9.** Each UFLS entity shall provide automatic tripping of Load in accordance with the UFLS program design and schedule for implementation, including any Corrective Action Plan, as determined by its Planning Coordinator(s) in each Planning Coordinator area in which it owns assets. *[VRF: High][Time Horizon: Long-term Planning]*
- M9.** Each UFLS Entity shall have dated evidence such as spreadsheets summarizing feeder load armed with UFLS relays, spreadsheets with UFLS relay settings, or other dated documentation that it provided automatic tripping of load in accordance with the UFLS program design and schedule for implementation, including any Corrective Action Plan, per Requirement R9.
- R10.** Each Transmission Owner shall provide automatic switching of its existing capacitor banks, Transmission Lines, and reactors to control over-voltage as a result of underfrequency load shedding if required by the UFLS program and schedule for implementation, including any Corrective Action Plan, as determined by the Planning Coordinator(s) in each Planning Coordinator area in which the Transmission Owner owns transmission. *[VRF: High][Time Horizon: Long-term Planning]*
- M10.** Each Transmission Owner shall have dated evidence such as relay settings, tripping logic or other dated documentation that it provided automatic switching of its existing capacitor banks, Transmission Lines, and reactors in order to control over-voltage as a result of underfrequency load shedding if required by the UFLS program and schedule for implementation, including any Corrective Action Plan, per Requirement R10.

- R11.** Each Planning Coordinator, in whose area a BES islanding event results in system frequency excursions below the initializing set points of the UFLS program, shall conduct and document an assessment of the event within one year of event actuation to evaluate: *[VRF: Medium][Time Horizon: Operations Assessment]*
- 11.1.** The performance of the UFLS equipment,
  - 11.2.** The effectiveness of the UFLS program.
- M11.** Each Planning Coordinator shall have dated evidence such as reports, data gathered from an historical event, or other dated documentation to show that it conducted an event assessment of the performance of the UFLS equipment and the effectiveness of the UFLS program per Requirement R11.
- R12.** Each Planning Coordinator, in whose islanding event assessment (per R11) UFLS program deficiencies are identified, shall conduct and document a UFLS design assessment to consider the identified deficiencies within two years of event actuation. *[VRF: Medium][Time Horizon: Operations Assessment]*
- M12.** Each Planning Coordinator shall have dated evidence such as reports, data gathered from an historical event, or other dated documentation to show that it conducted a UFLS design assessment per Requirements R12 and R4 if UFLS program deficiencies are identified in R11.
- R13.** Each Planning Coordinator, in whose area a BES islanding event occurred that also included the area(s) or portions of area(s) of other Planning Coordinator(s) in the same islanding event and that resulted in system frequency excursions below the initializing set points of the UFLS program, shall coordinate its event assessment (in accordance with Requirement R11) with all other Planning Coordinators whose areas or portions of whose areas were also included in the same islanding event through one of the following: *[VRF: Medium][Time Horizon: Operations Assessment]*
- Conduct a joint event assessment per Requirement R11 among the Planning Coordinators whose areas or portions of whose areas were included in the same islanding event, or
  - Conduct an independent event assessment per Requirement R11 that reaches conclusions and recommendations consistent with those of the event assessments of the other Planning Coordinators whose areas or portions of whose areas were included in the same islanding event, or
  - Conduct an independent event assessment per Requirement R11 and where the assessment fails to reach conclusions and recommendations consistent with those of the event assessments of the other Planning Coordinators whose areas or portions of whose areas were included in the same islanding event, identify differences in the assessments that likely resulted in the differences in the conclusions and recommendations and report these differences to the other Planning Coordinators whose areas or portions of whose areas were included in the same islanding event and the ERO.

- M13.** Each Planning Coordinator, in whose area a BES islanding event occurred that also included the area(s) or portions of area(s) of other Planning Coordinator(s) in the same islanding event and that resulted in system frequency excursions below the initializing set points of the UFLS program, shall have dated evidence such as a joint assessment report, independent assessment reports and letters describing likely reasons for differences in conclusions and recommendations, or other dated documentation demonstrating it coordinated its event assessment (per Requirement R11) with all other Planning Coordinator(s) whose areas or portions of whose areas were also included in the same islanding event per Requirement R13.
- R14.** Each Planning Coordinator shall respond to written comments submitted by UFLS entities and Transmission Owners within its Planning Coordinator area following -a comment period and before finalizing its UFLS program, indicating in the written response to comments whether changes will be made or reasons why changes will not be made to the following *[VRF: Lower][Time Horizon: Long-term Planning]*:
- 14.1.** UFLS program, including a schedule for implementation
  - 14.2.** UFLS design assessment
  - 14.3.** Format and schedule of UFLS data submittal
- M14.** Each Planning Coordinator shall have dated evidence of responses, such as e-mails and letters, to written comments submitted by UFLS entities and Transmission Owners within its Planning Coordinator area following a comment period and before finalizing its UFLS program per Requirement R14.
- R15.** Each Planning Coordinator that conducts a UFLS design assessment under Requirement R4, R5, or R12 and determines that the UFLS program does not meet the performance characteristics in Requirement R3, shall develop a Corrective Action Plan and a schedule for implementation by the UFLS entities within its area. *[VRF: High][Time Horizon: Long-term Planning]*
- 15.1.** For UFLS design assessments performed under Requirement R4 or R5, the Corrective Action Plan shall be developed within the five-year time frame identified in Requirement R4.
  - 15.2.** For UFLS design assessments performed under Requirement R12, the Corrective Action Plan shall be developed within the two-year time frame identified in Requirement R12.
- M15.** Each Planning Coordinator that conducts a UFLS design assessment under Requirement R4, R5, or R12 and determines that the UFLS program does not meet the performance characteristics in Requirement R3, shall have a dated Corrective Action Plan and a schedule for implementation by the UFLS entities within its area, that was developed within the time frame identified in Part 15.1 or 15.2.

## C. Compliance

### 1. Compliance Monitoring Process

#### 1.1. Compliance Enforcement Authority

As defined in the NERC Rules of Procedure, "Compliance Enforcement Authority" (CEA) means NERC or the Regional Entity in their respective roles of monitoring and enforcing compliance with the NERC Reliability Standards.

#### 1.2. Evidence Retention

Each Planning Coordinator and UFLS entity shall keep data or evidence to show compliance as identified below unless directed by its Compliance Enforcement Authority to retain specific evidence for a longer period of time as part of an investigation:

- Each Planning Coordinator shall retain the current evidence of Requirements R1, R2, R3, R4, R5, R12, R14, and R15, Measures M1, M2, M3, M4, M5, M12, M14, and M15 as well as any evidence necessary to show compliance since the last compliance audit.
- Each Planning Coordinator shall retain the current evidence of UFLS database update in accordance with Requirement R6, Measure M6, and evidence of the prior year's UFLS database update.
- Each Planning Coordinator shall retain evidence of any UFLS database transmittal to another Planning Coordinator since the last compliance audit in accordance with Requirement R7, Measure M7.
- Each UFLS entity shall retain evidence of UFLS data transmittal to the Planning Coordinator(s) since the last compliance audit in accordance with Requirement R8, Measure M8.
- Each UFLS entity shall retain the current evidence of adherence with the UFLS program in accordance with Requirement R9, Measure M9, and evidence of adherence since the last compliance audit.
- Transmission Owner shall retain the current evidence of adherence with the UFLS program in accordance with Requirement R10, Measure M10, and evidence of adherence since the last compliance audit.
- Each Planning Coordinator shall retain evidence of Requirements R11, and R13, and Measures M11, and M13 for 6 calendar years.

If a Planning Coordinator or UFLS entity is found non-compliant, it shall keep information related to the non-compliance until found compliant or for the retention period specified above, whichever is longer.

The Compliance Enforcement Authority shall keep the last audit records and all requested and submitted subsequent audit records.

**1.3. Compliance Monitoring and Assessment Processes:**

Compliance Audit  
Self-Certification  
Spot Checking  
Compliance Violation Investigation  
Self-Reporting  
Complaints

**1.4. Additional Compliance Information**

None

**2. Violation Severity Levels**

R #	Lower VSL	Moderate VSL	High VSL	Severe VSL
<b>R1</b>	N/A	<p>The Planning Coordinator developed and documented criteria but failed to include the consideration of historical events, to select portions of the BES, including interconnected portions of the BES in adjacent Planning Coordinator areas and Regional Entity areas that may form islands.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>The Planning Coordinator developed and documented criteria but failed to include the consideration of system studies, to select portions of the BES, including interconnected portions of the BES in adjacent Planning Coordinator areas and Regional Entity areas, that may form islands.</p>	<p>The Planning Coordinator developed and documented criteria but failed to include the consideration of historical events and system studies, to select portions of the BES, including interconnected portions of the BES in adjacent Planning Coordinator areas and Regional Entity areas, that may form islands.</p>	<p>The Planning Coordinator failed to develop and document criteria to select portions of the BES, including interconnected portions of the BES in adjacent Planning Coordinator areas and Regional Entity areas, that may form islands.</p>
<b>R2</b>	N/A	<p>The Planning Coordinator identified an island(s) to</p>	<p>The Planning Coordinator identified an island(s) to serve</p>	<p>The Planning Coordinator identified an island(s) to serve</p>

R #	Lower VSL	Moderate VSL	High VSL	Severe VSL
		<p>serve as a basis for designing its UFLS program but failed to include one (1) of the Parts as specified in Requirement R2, Parts 2.1, 2.2, or 2.3.</p>	<p>as a basis for designing its UFLS program but failed to include two (2) of the Parts as specified in Requirement R2, Parts 2.1, 2.2, or 2.3.</p>	<p>as a basis for designing its UFLS program but failed to include all of the Parts as specified in Requirement R2, Parts 2.1, 2.2, or 2.3.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>The Planning Coordinator failed to identify any island(s) to serve as a basis for designing its UFLS program.</p>
<p><b>R3</b></p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>The Planning Coordinator developed a UFLS program, including notification of and a schedule for implementation by UFLS entities within its area where imbalance = <math>[(\text{load} - \text{actual generation output}) / (\text{load})]</math>, of up to 25 percent within the identified island(s), but failed to meet one (1) of the performance characteristic in Requirement R3, Parts 3.1, 3.2, or 3.3 in simulations of underfrequency conditions.</p>	<p>The Planning Coordinator developed a UFLS program including notification of and a schedule for implementation by UFLS entities within its area where imbalance = <math>[(\text{load} - \text{actual generation output}) / (\text{load})]</math>, of up to 25 percent within the identified island(s), but failed to meet two (2) of the performance characteristic in Requirement R3, Parts 3.1, 3.2, or 3.3 in simulations of underfrequency conditions.</p>	<p>The Planning Coordinator developed a UFLS program including notification of and a schedule for implementation by UFLS entities within its area where imbalance = <math>[(\text{load} - \text{actual generation output}) / (\text{load})]</math>, of up to 25 percent within the identified island(s), but failed to meet all the performance characteristic in Requirement R3, Parts 3.1, 3.2, and 3.3 in simulations of underfrequency conditions.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>The Planning Coordinator failed to develop a UFLS program</p>



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				including notification of and a schedule for implementation by UFLS entities within its area
<b>R4</b>	The Planning Coordinator conducted and documented a UFLS assessment at least once every five years that determined through dynamic simulation whether the UFLS program design met the performance characteristics in Requirement R3 for each island identified in Requirement R2 but the simulation failed to include one (1) of the items as specified in Requirement R4, Parts 4.1 through 4.7.	The Planning Coordinator conducted and documented a UFLS assessment at least once every five years that determined through dynamic simulation whether the UFLS program design met the performance characteristics in Requirement R3 for each island identified in Requirement R2 but the simulation failed to include two (2) of the items as specified in Requirement R4, Parts 4.1 through 4.7.	The Planning Coordinator conducted and documented a UFLS assessment at least once every five years that determined through dynamic simulation whether the UFLS program design met the performance characteristics in Requirement R3 for each island identified in Requirement R2 but the simulation failed to include three (3) of the items as specified in Requirement R4, Parts 4.1 through 4.7.	The Planning Coordinator conducted and documented a UFLS assessment at least once every five years that determined through dynamic simulation whether the UFLS program design met the performance characteristics in Requirement R3 but simulation failed to include four (4) or more of the items as specified in Requirement R4, Parts 4.1 through 4.7.  OR The Planning Coordinator failed to conduct and document a UFLS assessment at least once every five years that determines through dynamic simulation whether the UFLS program design meets the performance characteristics in Requirement R3 for each island identified in Requirement R2

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<b>R5</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	The Planning Coordinator, whose area or portions of whose area is part of an island identified by it or another Planning Coordinator which includes multiple Planning Coordinator areas or portions of those areas, failed to coordinate its UFLS program design through one of the manners described in Requirement R5.
<b>R6</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	The Planning Coordinator failed to maintain a UFLS database for use in event analyses and assessments of the UFLS program at least once each calendar year, with no more than 15 months between maintenance activities.
<b>R7</b>	The Planning Coordinator provided its UFLS database to other Planning Coordinators more than 30 calendar days and up to and including 40 calendar days following the request.	The Planning Coordinator provided its UFLS database to other Planning Coordinators more than 40 calendar days but less than and including 50 calendar days following the request.	The Planning Coordinator provided its UFLS database to other Planning Coordinators more than 50 calendar days but less than and including 60 calendar days following the request.	The Planning Coordinator provided its UFLS database to other Planning Coordinators more than 60 calendar days following the request.  OR  The Planning Coordinator failed to provide its UFLS database to

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				other Planning Coordinators.
<b>R8</b>	<p>The UFLS entity provided data to its Planning Coordinator(s) less than or equal to 10 calendar days following the schedule specified by the Planning Coordinator(s) to support maintenance of each Planning Coordinator’s UFLS database.</p>	<p>The UFLS entity provided data to its Planning Coordinator(s) more than 10 calendar days but less than or equal to 15 calendar days following the schedule specified by the Planning Coordinator(s) to support maintenance of each Planning Coordinator’s UFLS database.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>The UFLS entity provided data to its Planning Coordinator(s) but the data was not according to the format specified by the Planning Coordinator(s) to support maintenance of each Planning Coordinator’s UFLS database.</p>	<p>The UFLS entity provided data to its Planning Coordinator(s) more than 15 calendar days but less than or equal to 20 calendar days following the schedule specified by the Planning Coordinator(s) to support maintenance of each Planning Coordinator’s UFLS database.</p>	<p>The UFLS entity provided data to its Planning Coordinator(s) more than 20 calendar days following the schedule specified by the Planning Coordinator(s) to support maintenance of each Planning Coordinator’s UFLS database.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>The UFLS entity failed to provide data to its Planning Coordinator(s) to support maintenance of each Planning Coordinator’s UFLS database.</p>
<b>R9</b>	<p>The UFLS entity provided less than 100% but more than (and including) 95% of automatic tripping of Load in accordance with the UFLS program design and schedule for implementation, including</p>	<p>The UFLS entity provided less than 95% but more than (and including) 90% of automatic tripping of Load in accordance with the UFLS program design and schedule for implementation, including any</p>	<p>The UFLS entity provided less than 90% but more than (and including) 85% of automatic tripping of Load in accordance with the UFLS program design and schedule for implementation, including any</p>	<p>The UFLS entity provided less than 85% of automatic tripping of Load in accordance with the UFLS program design and schedule for implementation, including any Corrective Action Plan, as determined by the</p>

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	any Corrective Action Plan, as determined by the Planning Coordinator(s) area in which it owns assets.	Corrective Action Plan, as determined by the Planning Coordinator(s) area in which it owns assets.	Corrective Action Plan, as determined by the Planning Coordinator(s) area in which it owns assets.	Planning Coordinator(s) area in which it owns assets.
<b>R10</b>	The Transmission Owner provided less than 100% but more than (and including) 95% automatic switching of its existing capacitor banks, Transmission Lines, and reactors to control over-voltage if required by the UFLS program and schedule for implementation, including any Corrective Action Plan, as determined by the Planning Coordinator(s) in each Planning Coordinator area in which the Transmission Owner owns transmission.	The Transmission Owner provided less than 95% but more than (and including) 90% automatic switching of its existing capacitor banks, Transmission Lines, and reactors to control over-voltage if required by the UFLS program and schedule for implementation, including any Corrective Action Plan, as determined by the Planning Coordinator(s) in each Planning Coordinator area in which the Transmission Owner owns transmission.	The Transmission Owner provided less than 90% but more than (and including) 85% automatic switching of its existing capacitor banks, Transmission Lines, and reactors to control over-voltage if required by the UFLS program and schedule for implementation, including any Corrective Action Plan, as determined by the Planning Coordinator(s) in each Planning Coordinator area in which the Transmission Owner owns transmission.	The Transmission Owner provided less than 85% automatic switching of its existing capacitor banks, Transmission Lines, and reactors to control over-voltage if required by the UFLS program and schedule for implementation, including any Corrective Action Plan, as determined by the Planning Coordinator(s) in each Planning Coordinator area in which the Transmission Owner owns transmission.
<b>R11</b>	The Planning Coordinator, in whose area a BES islanding event resulting in system frequency excursions below the initializing set points of the UFLS program, conducted and documented an	The Planning Coordinator, in whose area a BES islanding event resulting in system frequency excursions below the initializing set points of the UFLS program, conducted and documented an	The Planning Coordinator, in whose area a BES islanding event resulting in system frequency excursions below the initializing set points of the UFLS program, conducted and documented an assessment of	The Planning Coordinator, in whose area a BES islanding event resulting in system frequency excursions below the initializing set points of the UFLS program, conducted and documented an assessment of the event and

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	<p>assessment of the event and evaluated the parts as specified in Requirement R11, Parts 11.1 and 11.2 within a time greater than one year but less than or equal to 13 months of actuation.</p>	<p>assessment of the event and evaluated the parts as specified in Requirement R11, Parts 11.1 and 11.2 within a time greater than 13 months but less than or equal to 14 months of actuation.</p>	<p>the event and evaluated the parts as specified in Requirement R11, Parts 11.1 and 11.2 within a time greater than 14 months but less than or equal to 15 months of actuation.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>The Planning Coordinator, in whose area an islanding event resulting in system frequency excursions below the initializing set points of the UFLS program, conducted and documented an assessment of the event within one year of event actuation but failed to evaluate one (1) of the Parts as specified in Requirement R11, Parts 11.1 or 11.2.</p>	<p>evaluated the parts as specified in Requirement R11, Parts 11.1 and 11.2 within a time greater than 15 months of actuation.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>The Planning Coordinator, in whose area an islanding event resulting in system frequency excursions below the initializing set points of the UFLS program, failed to conduct and document an assessment of the event and evaluate the Parts as specified in Requirement R11, Parts 11.1 and 11.2.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>The Planning Coordinator, in whose area an islanding event resulting in system frequency excursions below the initializing set points of the UFLS program, conducted and documented an assessment of the event within one year of event actuation but failed to evaluate all of the Parts as specified in Requirement R11, Parts 11.1 and 11.2.</p>

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<b>R12</b>	N/A	The Planning Coordinator, in which UFLS program deficiencies were identified per Requirement R11, conducted and documented a UFLS design assessment to consider the identified deficiencies greater than two years but less than or equal to 25 months of event actuation.	The Planning Coordinator, in which UFLS program deficiencies were identified per Requirement R11, conducted and documented a UFLS design assessment to consider the identified deficiencies greater than 25 months but less than or equal to 26 months of event actuation.	The Planning Coordinator, in which UFLS program deficiencies were identified per Requirement R11, conducted and documented a UFLS design assessment to consider the identified deficiencies greater than 26 months of event actuation.  OR The Planning Coordinator, in which UFLS program deficiencies were identified per Requirement R11, failed to conduct and document a UFLS design assessment to consider the identified deficiencies.
<b>R13</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	The Planning Coordinator, in whose area a BES islanding event occurred that also included the area(s) or portions of area(s) of other Planning Coordinator(s) in the same islanding event and that resulted in system frequency excursions below the initializing set points of the UFLS program, failed to coordinate its UFLS event assessment with all

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				<p>other Planning Coordinators whose areas or portions of whose areas were also included in the same islanding event in one of the manners described in Requirement R13</p>
<b>R14</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	<p>The Planning Coordinator failed to respond to written comments submitted by UFLS entities and Transmission Owners within its Planning Coordinator area following a comment period and before finalizing its UFLS program, indicating in the written response to comments whether changes were made or reasons why changes were not made to the items in Parts 14.1 through 14.3.</p>
<b>R15</b>	N/A	<p>The Planning Coordinator determined, through a UFLS design assessment performed under Requirement R4, R5, or R12, that the UFLS program did not meet the performance characteristics in Requirement R3, and developed a Corrective Action Plan and a</p>	<p>The Planning Coordinator determined, through a UFLS design assessment performed under Requirement R4, R5, or R12, that the UFLS program did not meet the performance characteristics in Requirement R3, and developed a Corrective Action Plan and a</p>	<p>The Planning Coordinator determined, through a UFLS design assessment performed under Requirement R4, R5, or R12, that the UFLS program did not meet the performance characteristics in Requirement R3, but failed to develop a Corrective Action Plan and a</p>

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		<p>schedule for implementation by the UFLS entities within its area, but exceeded the permissible time frame for development by a period of up to 1 month.</p>	<p>schedule for implementation by the UFLS entities within its area, but exceeded the permissible time frame for development by a period greater than 1 month but not more than 2 months.</p>	<p>schedule for implementation by the UFLS entities within its area.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>The Planning Coordinator determined, through a UFLS design assessment performed under Requirement R4, R5, or R12, that the UFLS program did not meet the performance characteristics in Requirement R3, and developed a Corrective Action Plan and a schedule for implementation by the UFLS entities within its area, but exceeded the permissible time frame for development by a period greater than 2 months.</p>



## D. Regional Variances

### D.A. Regional Variance for the Quebec Interconnection

The following Interconnection-wide variance shall be applicable in the Quebec Interconnection and replaces, in their entirety, Requirements R3 and R4 and the violation severity levels associated with Requirements R3 and R4.

#### Rationale for Requirement D.A.3:

There are two modifications for requirement D.A.3 :

1. 25% Generation Deficiency : Since the Quebec Interconnection has no potential viable BES Island in underfrequency conditions, the largest generation deficiency scenarios are limited to extreme contingencies not already covered by RAS.

Based on Hydro-Québec TransÉnergie Transmission Planning requirements, the stability of the network shall be maintained for extreme contingencies using a case representing internal transfers not expected to be exceeded 25% of the time.

The Hydro-Québec TransÉnergie defense plan to cover these extreme contingencies includes two RAS (RPTC- generation rejection and remote load shedding -and TDST - a centralized UVLS) and the UFLS.

2. Frequency performance curve (attachment 1A) : Specific cases where a small generation deficiency using a peak case scenario with the minimum requirement of spinning reserve can lead to an acceptable frequency deviation in the Quebec Interconnection while stabilizing between the PRC-006-2 requirement (59.3 Hz) and the UFLS anti-stall threshold (59.0 Hz).

An increase of the anti-stall threshold to 59.3 Hz would correct this situation but would cause frequent load shedding of customers without any gain of system reliability. Therefore, it is preferable to lower the steady state frequency minimum value to 59.0 Hz.

The delay in the performance characteristics curve is harmonized between D.A.3 and R.3 to 60 seconds.

#### Rationale for Requirements D.A.3.3. and D.A.4:

The Quebec Interconnection has its own definition of BES. In Quebec, the vast majority of BES generating plants/facilities are not directly connected to the BES. For simulations to take into account sufficient generating resources D.A.3.3 and D.A.4 need simply refer to BES generators, plants or facilities since these are listed in a Registry approved by Québec's Regulatory Body (Régie de l'Énergie).

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**D.A.3.** Each Planning Coordinator shall develop a UFLS program, including notification of and a schedule for implementation by UFLS entities within its area, that meets the following performance characteristics in simulations of

underfrequency conditions resulting from ~~an imbalance scenario, where an imbalance = ((load — actual generation output) / (load)), of up to 25 percent within the identified island(s) each of these extreme events:~~

- ~~Loss of the entire capability of a generating station.~~
- ~~Loss of all transmission circuits emanating from a generating station, switching station, substation or dc terminal.~~
- ~~Loss of all transmission circuits on a common right-of-way.~~
- ~~Three-phase fault with failure of a circuit breaker to operate and correct operation of a breaker failure protection system and its associated breakers.~~
- ~~Three-phase fault on a circuit breaker, with normal fault clearing.~~
- ~~The operation or partial operation of a RAS for an event or condition for which it was not intended to operate.~~

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~~**D.A.3.1.** Frequency shall remain above the Underfrequency Performance Characteristic curve in PRC-006-~~32~~ - Attachment 1A, either for ~~30-60~~ seconds or until a steady-state condition between 59.~~3-0~~ Hz and 60.7 Hz is reached, and~~

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~~**D.A.3.2.** Frequency shall remain below the Overfrequency Performance Characteristic curve in PRC-006-~~32~~ - Attachment 1A, either for ~~30-60~~ seconds or until a steady-state condition between 59.~~3-0~~ Hz and 60.7 Hz is reached, and~~

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~~**D.A.3.3.** Volts per Hz (V/Hz) shall not exceed 1.18 per unit for longer than two seconds cumulatively per simulated event, and shall not exceed 1.10 per unit for longer than 45 seconds cumulatively per simulated event at each Quebec BES generator bus and associated generator step-up transformer high-side bus ~~associated with each of the following:~~~~

~~**DA.3.3.1.** Individual generating unit greater than 50 MVA (gross nameplate rating) directly connected to the BES~~

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~~**DA.3.3.2.** Generating plants/facilities greater than 50 MVA (gross aggregate nameplate rating) directly connected to the BES~~

~~D.A.3.3.3. Facilities consisting of one or more units connected to the BES at a common bus with total generation above 50 MVA gross nameplate rating.~~

**M.D.A.3.** Each Planning Coordinator shall have evidence such as reports, memorandums, e-mails, program plans, or other documentation of its UFLS program, including the notification of the UFLS entities of implementation schedule, that meet the criteria in Requirement D.A.3 Parts D.A.3.1 through D.A.3.3.

**D.A.4.** Each Planning Coordinator shall conduct and document a UFLS design assessment at least once every five years that determines through dynamic simulation whether the UFLS program design meets the performance characteristics in Requirement D.A.3 for each island identified in Requirement R2. The simulation shall model each of the following; *[VRF: High][Time Horizon: Long-term Planning]*

**D.A.4.1** Underfrequency trip settings of individual generating units that are part of Quebec BES plants/facilities ~~with a capacity of 50 MVA or more individually or cumulatively (gross nameplate rating), directly connected to the BES~~ that trip above the Generator Underfrequency Trip Modeling curve in PRC-006-~~32~~ - Attachment 1A, and

**D.A.4.2** Overfrequency trip settings of individual generating units that are part of Quebec BES plants/facilities ~~with a capacity of 50 MVA or more individually or cumulatively (gross nameplate rating), directly connected to the BES~~ that trip below the Generator Overfrequency Trip Modeling curve in PRC-006-~~32~~ - Attachment 1A, and

**D.A.4.3** Any automatic Load restoration that impacts frequency stabilization and operates within the duration of the simulations run for the assessment.

**M.D.A.4.** Each Planning Coordinator shall have dated evidence such as reports, dynamic simulation models and results, or other dated documentation of its UFLS design assessment that demonstrates it meets Requirement D.A.4 Parts D.A.4.1 through D.A.4.3.

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DA3	N/A	<p>The Planning Coordinator developed a UFLS program, including <u>notification of and</u> a schedule for implementation by UFLS entities within its area, but failed to meet one (1) of the performance characteristic in Parts D.A.3.1, D.A.3.2, or D.A.3.3 in simulations of underfrequency conditions</p>	<p>The Planning Coordinator developed a UFLS program including <u>notification of and</u> a schedule for implementation by UFLS entities within its area, but failed to meet two (2) of the performance characteristic in Parts D.A.3.1, D.A.3.2, or D.A.3.3 in simulations of underfrequency conditions</p>	<p>The Planning Coordinator developed a UFLS program including <u>notification of and</u> a schedule for implementation by UFLS entities within its area, but failed to meet all the performance characteristic in Parts D.A.3.1, D.A.3.2, and D.A.3.3 in simulations of underfrequency conditions</p> <p>OR</p> <p>The Planning Coordinator failed to develop a UFLS program <u>including notification of and a schedule for implementation by UFLS entities within its area.</u></p>
DA4	N/A	<p>The Planning Coordinator conducted and documented a UFLS assessment at least once every five years that <u>determineds</u> through dynamic simulation whether the UFLS program design <u>meets-met</u> the performance characteristics in Requirement D.A.3 but <u>the</u> simulation failed to include one</p>	<p>The Planning Coordinator conducted and documented a UFLS assessment at least once every five years that <u>determineds</u> through dynamic simulation whether the UFLS program design <u>meets-met</u> the performance characteristics in Requirement D.A.3 but <u>the</u> simulation failed to include two</p>	<p>The Planning Coordinator conducted and documented a UFLS assessment at least once every five years that <u>determineds</u> through dynamic simulation whether the UFLS program design <u>meets-met</u> the performance characteristics in Requirement D.A.3 but <u>the</u> simulation failed to include all of</p>

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		(1) of the items as specified in Parts D.A.4.1, D.A.4.2 or D.A.4.3.	(2) of the items as specified in Parts D.A.4.1, D.A.4.2 or D.A.4.3.	the items as specified in Parts D.A.4.1, D.A.4.2 and D.A.4.3. OR The Planning Coordinator failed to conduct and document a UFLS assessment at least once every five years that determines through dynamic simulation whether the UFLS program design meets the performance characteristics in Requirement D.A.3

**D.B. Regional Variance for the Western Electricity Coordinating Council**

The following Interconnection-wide variance shall be applicable in the Western Electricity Coordinating Council (WECC) and replaces, in their entirety, Requirements R1, R2, R3, R4, R5, R11, R12, and R13.

- D.B.1.** Each Planning Coordinator shall participate in a joint regional review with the other Planning Coordinators in the WECC Regional Entity area that develops and documents criteria, including consideration of historical events and system studies, to select portions of the Bulk Electric System (BES) that may form islands. *[VRF: Medium][Time Horizon: Long-term Planning]*
- M.D.B.1.** Each Planning Coordinator shall have evidence such as reports, or other documentation of its criteria, developed as part of the joint regional review with other Planning Coordinators in the WECC Regional Entity area to select portions of the Bulk Electric System that may form islands including how system studies and historical events were considered to develop the criteria per Requirement D.B.1.
- D.B.2.** Each Planning Coordinator shall identify one or more islands from the regional review (per D.B.1) to serve as a basis for designing a region-wide coordinated UFLS program including: *[VRF: Medium][Time Horizon: Long-term Planning]*
  - D.B.2.1.** Those islands selected by applying the criteria in Requirement D.B.1, and
  - D.B.2.2.** Any portions of the BES designed to detach from the Interconnection (planned islands) as a result of the operation of a relay scheme or Special Protection System.
- M.D.B.2.** Each Planning Coordinator shall have evidence such as reports, memorandums, e-mails, or other documentation supporting its identification of an island(s), from the regional review (per D.B.1), as a basis for designing a region-wide coordinated UFLS program that meet the criteria in Requirement D.B.2 Parts D.B.2.1 and D.B.2.2.
- D.B.3.** Each Planning Coordinator shall adopt a UFLS program, coordinated across the WECC Regional Entity area, including notification of and a schedule for implementation by UFLS entities within its area, that meets the following performance characteristics in simulations of underfrequency conditions resulting from an imbalance scenario, where an imbalance =  $[(\text{load} - \text{actual generation output}) / (\text{load})]$ , of up to 25 percent within the identified island(s). *[VRF: High][Time Horizon: Long-term Planning]*
  - D.B.3.1.** Frequency shall remain above the Underfrequency Performance Characteristic curve in PRC-006-~~32~~ - Attachment 1, either for 60 seconds or until a steady-state condition between 59.3 Hz and 60.7 Hz is reached, and

- D.B.3.2.** Frequency shall remain below the Overfrequency Performance Characteristic curve in PRC-006-~~32~~ - Attachment 1, either for 60 seconds or until a steady-state condition between 59.3 Hz and 60.7 Hz is reached, and
- D.B.3.3.** Volts per Hz (V/Hz) shall not exceed 1.18 per unit for longer than two seconds cumulatively per simulated event, and shall not exceed 1.10 per unit for longer than 45 seconds cumulatively per simulated event at each generator bus and generator step-up transformer high-side bus associated with each of the following:
  - D.B.3.3.1.** Individual generating units greater than 20 MVA (gross nameplate rating) directly connected to the BES
  - D.B.3.3.2.** Generating plants/facilities greater than 75 MVA (gross aggregate nameplate rating) directly connected to the BES
  - D.B.3.3.3.** Facilities consisting of one or more units connected to the BES at a common bus with total generation above 75 MVA gross nameplate rating.
- M.D.B.3.** Each Planning Coordinator shall have evidence such as reports, memorandums, e-mails, program plans, or other documentation of its adoption of a UFLS program, coordinated across the WECC Regional Entity area, including the notification of the UFLS entities of implementation schedule, that meet the criteria in Requirement D.B.3 Parts D.B.3.1 through D.B.3.3.
- D.B.4.** Each Planning Coordinator shall participate in and document a coordinated UFLS design assessment with the other Planning Coordinators in the WECC Regional Entity area at least once every five years that determines through dynamic simulation whether the UFLS program design meets the performance characteristics in Requirement D.B.3 for each island identified in Requirement D.B.2. The simulation shall model each of the following: *[VRF: High][Time Horizon: Long-term Planning]*
  - D.B.4.1.** Underfrequency trip settings of individual generating units greater than 20 MVA (gross nameplate rating) directly connected to the BES that trip above the Generator Underfrequency Trip Modeling curve in PRC-006-~~32~~ - Attachment 1.
  - D.B.4.2.** Underfrequency trip settings of generating plants/facilities greater than 75 MVA (gross aggregate nameplate rating) directly connected to the BES that trip above the Generator Underfrequency Trip Modeling curve in PRC-006-~~32~~ - Attachment 1.
  - D.B.4.3.** Underfrequency trip settings of any facility consisting of one or more units connected to the BES at a common bus with total generation

above 75 MVA (gross nameplate rating) that trip above the Generator Underfrequency Trip Modeling curve in PRC-006-~~32~~ - Attachment 1.

- D.B.4.4.** Overfrequency trip settings of individual generating units greater than 20 MVA (gross nameplate rating) directly connected to the BES that trip below the Generator Overfrequency Trip Modeling curve in PRC-006-~~32~~ — Attachment 1.
  - D.B.4.5.** Overfrequency trip settings of generating plants/facilities greater than 75 MVA (gross aggregate nameplate rating) directly connected to the BES that trip below the Generator Overfrequency Trip Modeling curve in PRC-006-~~32~~ — Attachment 1.
  - D.B.4.6.** Overfrequency trip settings of any facility consisting of one or more units connected to the BES at a common bus with total generation above 75 MVA (gross nameplate rating) that trip below the Generator Overfrequency Trip Modeling curve in PRC-006-~~32~~ — Attachment 1.
  - D.B.4.7.** Any automatic Load restoration that impacts frequency stabilization and operates within the duration of the simulations run for the assessment.
- M.D.B.4.** Each Planning Coordinator shall have dated evidence such as reports, dynamic simulation models and results, or other dated documentation of its participation in a coordinated UFLS design assessment with the other Planning Coordinators in the WECC Regional Entity area that demonstrates it meets Requirement D.B.4 Parts D.B.4.1 through D.B.4.7.
- D.B.11.** Each Planning Coordinator, in whose area a BES islanding event results in system frequency excursions below the initializing set points of the UFLS program, shall participate in and document a coordinated event assessment with all affected Planning Coordinators to conduct and document an assessment of the event within one year of event actuation to evaluate: *[VRF: Medium][Time Horizon: Operations Assessment]*
- D.B.11.1.** The performance of the UFLS equipment,
  - D.B.11.2** The effectiveness of the UFLS program
- M.D.B.11.** Each Planning Coordinator shall have dated evidence such as reports, data gathered from an historical event, or other dated documentation to show that it participated in a coordinated event assessment of the performance of the UFLS equipment and the effectiveness of the UFLS program per Requirement D.B.11.



**D.B.12.** Each Planning Coordinator, in whose islanding event assessment (per D.B.11) UFLS program deficiencies are identified, shall participate in and document a coordinated UFLS design assessment of the UFLS program with the other Planning Coordinators in the WECC Regional Entity area to consider the identified deficiencies within two years of event actuation. *[VRF: Medium][Time Horizon: Operations Assessment]*

**M.D.B.12.** Each Planning Coordinator shall have dated evidence such as reports, data gathered from an historical event, or other dated documentation to show that it participated in a UFLS design assessment per Requirements D.B.12 and D.B.4 if UFLS program deficiencies are identified in D.B.11.

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<b>D.B.1</b>	N/A	<p>The Planning Coordinator participated in a joint regional review with the other Planning Coordinators in the WECC Regional Entity area that developed and documented criteria but failed to include the consideration of historical events, to select portions of the BES, including interconnected portions of the BES in adjacent Planning Coordinator areas, that may form islands</p> <p>OR</p> <p>The Planning Coordinator participated in a joint regional review with the other Planning Coordinators in the WECC Regional Entity area that developed and documented criteria but failed to include the consideration of system studies, to select portions of the BES, including interconnected portions of the BES in adjacent Planning Coordinator areas, that may form islands</p>	<p>The Planning Coordinator participated in a joint regional review with the other Planning Coordinators in the WECC Regional Entity area that developed and documented criteria but failed to include the consideration of historical events and system studies, to select portions of the BES, including interconnected portions of the BES in adjacent Planning Coordinator areas, that may form islands</p>	<p>The Planning Coordinator failed to participate in a joint regional review with the other Planning Coordinators in the WECC Regional Entity area that developed and documented criteria to select portions of the BES, including interconnected portions of the BES in adjacent Planning Coordinator areas that may form islands</p>

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<b>D.B.2</b>	N/A	N/A	<p>The Planning Coordinator identified an island(s) from the regional review to serve as a basis for designing its UFLS program but failed to include one (1) of the parts as specified in Requirement D.B.2, Parts D.B.2.1 or D.B.2.2</p>	<p>The Planning Coordinator identified an island(s) from the regional review to serve as a basis for designing its UFLS program but failed to include all of the parts as specified in Requirement D.B.2, Parts D.B.2.1 or D.B.2.2</p> <p>OR</p> <p>The Planning Coordinator failed to identify any island(s) from the regional review to serve as a basis for designing its UFLS program.</p>
<b>D.B.3</b>	N/A	<p>The Planning Coordinator adopted a UFLS program, coordinated across the WECC Regional Entity area that included notification of and a schedule for implementation by UFLS entities within its area, but failed to meet one (1) of the performance characteristic in Requirement D.B.3, Parts D.B.3.1, D.B.3.2, or D.B.3.3 in simulations of underfrequency</p>	<p>The Planning Coordinator adopted a UFLS program, coordinated across the WECC Regional Entity area that included notification of and a schedule for implementation by UFLS entities within its area, but failed to meet two (2) of the performance characteristic in Requirement D.B.3, Parts D.B.3.1, D.B.3.2, or D.B.3.3 in simulations of underfrequency conditions</p>	<p>The Planning Coordinator adopted a UFLS program, coordinated across the WECC Regional Entity area that included notification of and a schedule for implementation by UFLS entities within its area, but failed to meet all the performance characteristic in Requirement D.B.3, Parts D.B.3.1, D.B.3.2, and D.B.3.3 in simulations of underfrequency</p>

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		conditions		conditions OR The Planning Coordinator failed to adopt a UFLS program, coordinated across the WECC Regional Entity area, including notification of and a schedule for implementation by UFLS entities within its area.
<b>D.B.4</b>	The Planning Coordinator participated in and documented a coordinated UFLS assessment with the other Planning Coordinators in the WECC Regional Entity area at least once every five years that determines through dynamic simulation whether the UFLS program design meets the performance characteristics in Requirement D.B.3 for each island identified in Requirement D.B.2 but the simulation failed to include one (1) of the items as specified in Requirement D.B.4, Parts D.B.4.1 through	The Planning Coordinator participated in and documented a coordinated UFLS assessment with the other Planning Coordinators in the WECC Regional Entity area at least once every five years that determines through dynamic simulation whether the UFLS program design meets the performance characteristics in Requirement D.B.3 for each island identified in Requirement D.B.2 but the simulation failed to include two (2) of the items as specified in Requirement D.B.4, Parts D.B.4.1 through D.B.4.7.	The Planning Coordinator participated in and documented a coordinated UFLS assessment with the other Planning Coordinators in the WECC Regional Entity area at least once every five years that determines through dynamic simulation whether the UFLS program design meets the performance characteristics in Requirement D.B.3 for each island identified in Requirement D.B.2 but the simulation failed to include three (3) of the items as specified in Requirement D.B.4, Parts D.B.4.1 through D.B.4.7.	The Planning Coordinator participated in and documented a coordinated UFLS assessment with the other Planning Coordinators in the WECC Regional Entity area at least once every five years that determines through dynamic simulation whether the UFLS program design meets the performance characteristics in Requirement D.B.3 for each island identified in Requirement D.B.2 but the simulation failed to include four (4) or more of the items as specified in Requirement D.B.4, Parts D.B.4.1 through D.B.4.7.

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	D.B.4.7.			<p>OR</p> <p>The Planning Coordinator failed to participate in and document a coordinated UFLS assessment with the other Planning Coordinators in the WECC Regional Entity area at least once every five years that determines through dynamic simulation whether the UFLS program design meets the performance characteristics in Requirement D.B.3 for each island identified in Requirement D.B.2</p>
<b>D.B.11</b>	The Planning Coordinator, in whose area a BES islanding event resulting in system frequency excursions below the initializing set points of the UFLS program, participated in and documented a coordinated event assessment with all Planning Coordinators whose areas or portions of whose areas were also included in the same islanding event and evaluated the parts as specified	The Planning Coordinator, in whose area a BES islanding event resulting in system frequency excursions below the initializing set points of the UFLS program, participated in and documented a coordinated event assessment with all Planning Coordinators whose areas or portions of whose areas were also included in the same islanding event and evaluated the parts as specified in Requirement D.B.11, Parts	The Planning Coordinator, in whose area a BES islanding event resulting in system frequency excursions below the initializing set points of the UFLS program, participated in and documented a coordinated event assessment with all Planning Coordinators whose areas or portions of whose areas were also included in the same islanding event and evaluated the parts as specified in Requirement D.B.11, Parts	The Planning Coordinator, in whose area a BES islanding event resulting in system frequency excursions below the initializing set points of the UFLS program, participated in and documented a coordinated event assessment with all Planning Coordinators whose areas or portions of whose areas were also included in the same islanding event and evaluated the parts as specified in Requirement D.B.11, Parts

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	<p>in Requirement D.B.11, Parts D.B.11.1 and D.B.11.2 within a time greater than one year but less than or equal to 13 months of actuation.</p>	<p>D.B.11.1 and D.B.11.2 within a time greater than 13 months but less than or equal to 14 months of actuation.</p>	<p>D.B.11.1 and D.B.11.2 within a time greater than 14 months but less than or equal to 15 months of actuation.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>The Planning Coordinator, in whose area an islanding event resulting in system frequency excursions below the initializing set points of the UFLS program, participated in and documented a coordinated event assessment with all Planning Coordinators whose areas or portions of whose areas were also included in the same islanding event within one year of event actuation but failed to evaluate one (1) of the parts as specified in Requirement D.B.11, Parts D.B.11.1 or D.B.11.2.</p>	<p>D.B.11.1 and D.B.11.2 within a time greater than 15 months of actuation.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>The Planning Coordinator, in whose area an islanding event resulting in system frequency excursions below the initializing set points of the UFLS program, failed to participate in and document a coordinated event assessment with all Planning Coordinators whose areas or portion of whose areas were also included in the same island event and evaluate the parts as specified in Requirement D.B.11, Parts D.B.11.1 and D.B.11.2.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>The Planning Coordinator, in whose area an islanding event resulting in system frequency excursions below the initializing set points of the UFLS program, participated in and documented a coordinated event assessment with all Planning Coordinators</p>

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				<p>whose areas or portions of whose areas were also included in the same islanding event within one year of event actuation but failed to evaluate all of the parts as specified in Requirement D.B.11, Parts D.B.11.1 and D.B.11.2.</p>
<b>D.B.12</b>	N/A	<p>The Planning Coordinator, in which UFLS program deficiencies were identified per Requirement D.B.11, participated in and documented a coordinated UFLS design assessment of the coordinated UFLS program with the other Planning Coordinators in the WECC Regional Entity area to consider the identified deficiencies in greater than two years but less than or equal to 25 months of event actuation.</p>	<p>The Planning Coordinator, in which UFLS program deficiencies were identified per Requirement D.B.11, participated in and documented a coordinated UFLS design assessment of the coordinated UFLS program with the other Planning Coordinators in the WECC Regional Entity area to consider the identified deficiencies in greater than 25 months but less than or equal to 26 months of event actuation.</p>	<p>The Planning Coordinator, in which UFLS program deficiencies were identified per Requirement D.B.11, participated in and documented a coordinated UFLS design assessment of the coordinated UFLS program with the other Planning Coordinators in the WECC Regional Entity area to consider the identified deficiencies in greater than 26 months of event actuation.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>The Planning Coordinator, in which UFLS program deficiencies were identified per Requirement D.B.11, failed to participate in and document a coordinated UFLS design assessment of the</p>

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				coordinated UFLS program with the other Planning Coordinators in the WECC Regional Entity area to consider the identified deficiencies

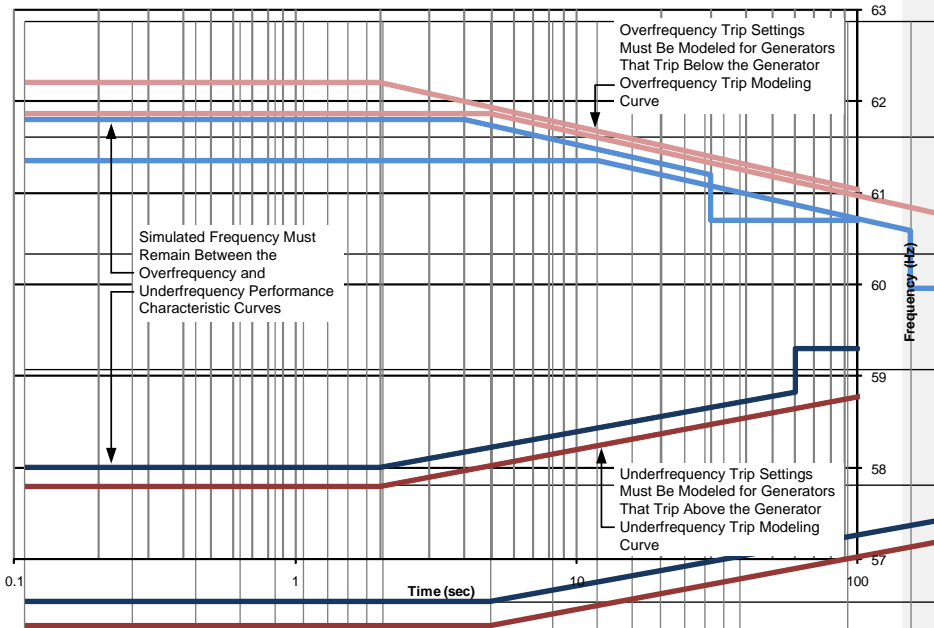


## E. Associated Documents

### Version History

Version	Date	Action	Change Tracking
0	April 1, 2005	Effective Date	New
1	May 25, 2010	Completed revision, merging and updating PRC-006-0, PRC-007-0 and PRC-009-0.	
1	November 4, 2010	Adopted by the Board of Trustees	
1	May 7, 2012	FERC Order issued approving PRC-006-1 (approval becomes effective July 10, 2012)	
1	November 9, 2012	FERC Letter Order issued accepting the modification of the VRF in R5 from (Medium to High) and the modification of the VSL language in R8.	
2	November 13, 2014	Adopted by the Board of Trustees	<p>Revisions made under Project 2008-02: Undervoltage Load Shedding (UVLS) &amp; Underfrequency Load Shedding (UFLS) to address directive issued in FERC Order No. 763.</p> <p>Revisions to existing Requirement R9 and R10 and addition of new Requirement R15.</p>

**PRC-006-2.3 – Attachment 1**  
**Underfrequency Load Shedding Program**  
**Design Performance and Modeling Curves for**  
**Requirements R3 Parts 3.1-3.2 and R4 Parts 4.1-4.6**



- ~~~~~ Generator Overfrequency Trip Modeling (Requirement R4 Parts 4.4-4.6)
- ~~~~~ Overfrequency Performance Characteristic (Requirement R3 Part 3.2)
- ~~~~~ Underfrequency Performance Characteristic (Requirement R3 Part 3.1)
- ~~~~~ Generator Underfrequency Trip Modeling (Requirement R4 Parts 4.1-4.3)

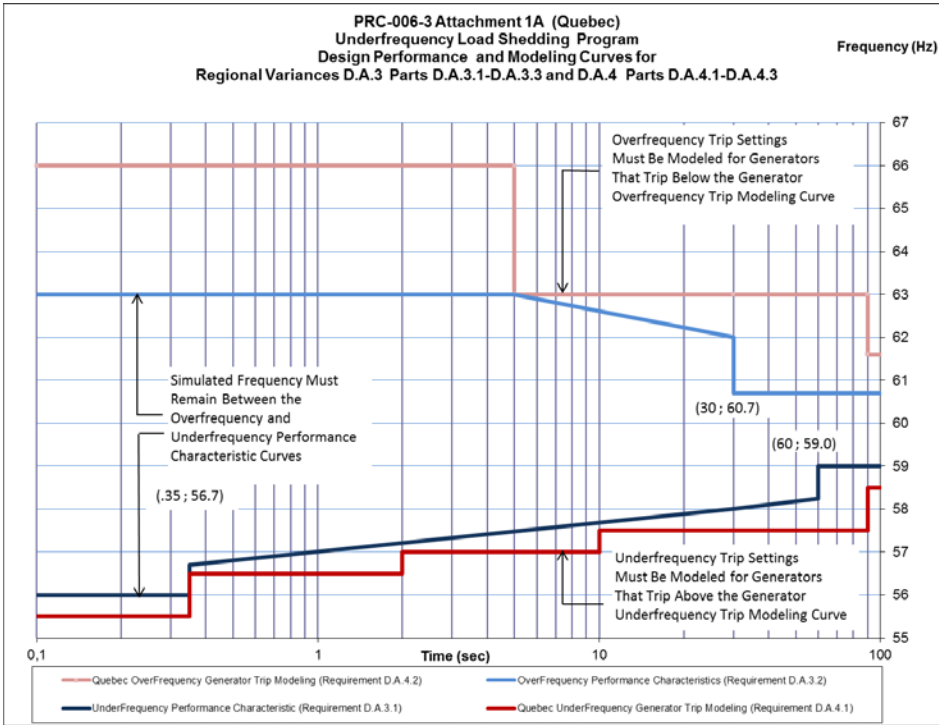
**Curve Definitions**

Generator Overfrequency Trip Modeling		Overfrequency Performance Characteristic		
t ≤ 2 s	t > 2 s	t ≤ 4 s	4 s < t ≤ 30 s	t > 30 s
f = 62.2 Hz	f = -0.686log(t) + 62.41 Hz	f = 61.8 Hz	f = -0.686log(t) + 62.21 Hz	f = 60.7 Hz

Generator Underfrequency Trip Modeling	Underfrequency Performance Characteristic
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$t \leq 2 \text{ s}$	$t > 2 \text{ s}$	$t \leq 2 \text{ s}$	$2 \text{ s} < t \leq 60 \text{ s}$	$t > 60 \text{ s}$
$f = 57.8$ Hz	$f = 0.575 \log(t) + 57.63$ Hz	$f = 58.0$ Hz	$f = 0.575 \log(t) + 57.83$ Hz	$f = 59.3$ Hz

PRC-006-3 Attachment 1A (Quebec)  
 Underfrequency Load Shedding Program  
 Design Performance and Modeling Curves for  
 Regional Variances D.A.3 Parts D.A.3.1-D.A.3.3 and D.A.4 Parts D.A.4.1-D.A.4.3



**Rationale:**

During development of this standard, text boxes were embedded within the standard to explain the rationale for various parts of the standard. Upon BOT approval, the text from the rationale text boxes was moved to this section.

**Rationale for R9:**

The “Corrective Action Plan” language was added in response to the FERC directive from Order No. 763, which raised concern that the standard failed to specify how soon an entity would need to implement corrections after a deficiency is identified by a Planning Coordinator (PC) assessment. The revised language adds clarity by requiring that each UFLS entity follow the UFLS program, including any Corrective Action Plan, developed by the PC.

Also, to achieve consistency of terminology throughout this standard, the word “application” was replaced with “implementation.” (See Requirements R3, R14 and R15)

**Rationale for R10:**

The “Corrective Action Plan” language was added in response to the FERC directive from Order No. 763, which raised concern that the standard failed to specify how soon an entity would need to implement corrections after a deficiency is identified by a PC assessment. The revised language adds clarity by requiring that each UFLS entity follow the UFLS program, including any Corrective Action Plan, developed by the PC.

Also, to achieve consistency of terminology throughout this standard, the word “application” was replaced with “implementation.” (See Requirements R3, R14 and R15)

**Rationale for R15:**

Requirement R15 was added in response to the directive from FERC Order No. 763, which raised concern that the standard failed to specify how soon an entity would need to implement corrections after a deficiency is identified by a PC assessment. Requirement R15 addresses the FERC directive by making explicit that if deficiencies are identified as a result of an assessment, the PC shall develop a Corrective Action Plan and schedule for implementation by the UFLS entities.

A “Corrective Action Plan” is defined in the NERC Glossary of Terms as, “a list of actions and an associated timetable for implementation to remedy a specific problem.” Thus, the Corrective Action Plan developed by the PC will identify the specific timeframe for an entity to implement corrections to remedy any deficiencies identified by the PC as a result of an assessment.

## A. Introduction

1. **Title:** **Automatic Underfrequency Load Shedding**
2. **Number:** PRC-006-3
3. **Purpose:** To establish design and documentation requirements for automatic underfrequency load shedding (UFLS) programs to arrest declining frequency, assist recovery of frequency following underfrequency events and provide last resort system preservation measures.

4. **Applicability:**

- 4.1. Planning Coordinators

- 4.2. UFLS entities shall mean all entities that are responsible for the ownership, operation, or control of UFLS equipment as required by the UFLS program established by the Planning Coordinators. Such entities may include one or more of the following:

- 4.2.1 Transmission Owners

- 4.2.2 Distribution Providers

- 4.3. Transmission Owners that own Elements identified in the UFLS program established by the Planning Coordinators.

5. **Effective Date:**

This standard is effective on the first day of the first calendar quarter six months after the date that the standard is approved by an applicable governmental authority or as otherwise provided for in a jurisdiction where approval by an applicable governmental authority is required for a standard to go into effect. Where approval by an applicable governmental authority is not required, the standard shall become effective on the first day of the first calendar quarter after the date the standard is adopted by the NERC Board of Trustees or as otherwise provided for in that jurisdiction.

6. **Background:**

PRC-006-2 was developed under Project 2008-02: Underfrequency Load Shedding (UFLS). The drafting team revised PRC-006-1 for the purpose of addressing the directive issued in FERC Order No. 763. *Automatic Underfrequency Load Shedding and Load Shedding Plans Reliability Standards*, 139 FERC ¶ 61,098 (2012).

## B. Requirements and Measures

- R1.** Each Planning Coordinator shall develop and document criteria, including consideration of historical events and system studies, to select portions of the Bulk Electric System (BES), including interconnected portions of the BES in adjacent Planning Coordinator areas and Regional Entity areas that may form islands. *[VRF: Medium][Time Horizon: Long-term Planning]*
- M1.** Each Planning Coordinator shall have evidence such as reports, or other documentation of its criteria to select portions of the Bulk Electric System that may form islands including how system studies and historical events were considered to develop the criteria per Requirement R1.
- R2.** Each Planning Coordinator shall identify one or more islands to serve as a basis for designing its UFLS program including: *[VRF: Medium][Time Horizon: Long-term Planning]*
- 2.1.** Those islands selected by applying the criteria in Requirement R1, and
  - 2.2.** Any portions of the BES designed to detach from the Interconnection (planned islands) as a result of the operation of a relay scheme or Special Protection System, and
  - 2.3.** A single island that includes all portions of the BES in either the Regional Entity area or the Interconnection in which the Planning Coordinator's area resides. If a Planning Coordinator's area resides in multiple Regional Entity areas, each of those Regional Entity areas shall be identified as an island. Planning Coordinators may adjust island boundaries to differ from Regional Entity area boundaries by mutual consent where necessary for the sole purpose of producing contiguous regional islands more suitable for simulation.
- M2.** Each Planning Coordinator shall have evidence such as reports, memorandums, e-mails, or other documentation supporting its identification of an island(s) as a basis for designing a UFLS program that meet the criteria in Requirement R2, Parts 2.1 through 2.3.
- R3.** Each Planning Coordinator shall develop a UFLS program, including notification of and a schedule for implementation by UFLS entities within its area, that meets the following performance characteristics in simulations of underfrequency conditions resulting from an imbalance scenario, where an imbalance =  $[(\text{load} - \text{actual generation output}) / (\text{load})]$ , of up to 25 percent within the identified island(s). *[VRF: High][Time Horizon: Long-term Planning]*
- 3.1.** Frequency shall remain above the Underfrequency Performance Characteristic curve in PRC-006-3 - Attachment 1, either for 60 seconds or until a steady-state condition between 59.3 Hz and 60.7 Hz is reached, and
  - 3.2.** Frequency shall remain below the Overfrequency Performance Characteristic curve in PRC-006-3 - Attachment 1, either for 60 seconds or until a steady-state condition between 59.3 Hz and 60.7 Hz is reached, and

- 3.3.** Volts per Hz (V/Hz) shall not exceed 1.18 per unit for longer than two seconds cumulatively per simulated event, and shall not exceed 1.10 per unit for longer than 45 seconds cumulatively per simulated event at each generator bus and generator step-up transformer high-side bus associated with each of the following:
- Individual generating units greater than 20 MVA (gross nameplate rating) directly connected to the BES
  - Generating plants/facilities greater than 75 MVA (gross aggregate nameplate rating) directly connected to the BES
  - Facilities consisting of one or more units connected to the BES at a common bus with total generation above 75 MVA gross nameplate rating.
- M3.** Each Planning Coordinator shall have evidence such as reports, memorandums, e-mails, program plans, or other documentation of its UFLS program, including the notification of the UFLS entities of implementation schedule, that meet the criteria in Requirement R3, Parts 3.1 through 3.3.
- R4.** Each Planning Coordinator shall conduct and document a UFLS design assessment at least once every five years that determines through dynamic simulation whether the UFLS program design meets the performance characteristics in Requirement R3 for each island identified in Requirement R2. The simulation shall model each of the following: *[VRF: High][Time Horizon: Long-term Planning]*
- 4.1.** Underfrequency trip settings of individual generating units greater than 20 MVA (gross nameplate rating) directly connected to the BES that trip above the Generator Underfrequency Trip Modeling curve in PRC-006-3 - Attachment 1.
  - 4.2.** Underfrequency trip settings of generating plants/facilities greater than 75 MVA (gross aggregate nameplate rating) directly connected to the BES that trip above the Generator Underfrequency Trip Modeling curve in PRC-006-3 - Attachment 1.
  - 4.3.** Underfrequency trip settings of any facility consisting of one or more units connected to the BES at a common bus with total generation above 75 MVA (gross nameplate rating) that trip above the Generator Underfrequency Trip Modeling curve in PRC-006-3 - Attachment 1.
  - 4.4.** Overfrequency trip settings of individual generating units greater than 20 MVA (gross nameplate rating) directly connected to the BES that trip below the Generator Overfrequency Trip Modeling curve in PRC-006-3 — Attachment 1.
  - 4.5.** Overfrequency trip settings of generating plants/facilities greater than 75 MVA (gross aggregate nameplate rating) directly connected to the BES that trip below the Generator Overfrequency Trip Modeling curve in PRC-006-3 — Attachment 1.
  - 4.6.** Overfrequency trip settings of any facility consisting of one or more units connected to the BES at a common bus with total generation above 75 MVA



(gross nameplate rating) that trip below the Generator Overfrequency Trip Modeling curve in PRC-006-3 — Attachment 1.

- 4.7.** Any automatic Load restoration that impacts frequency stabilization and operates within the duration of the simulations run for the assessment.
- M4.** Each Planning Coordinator shall have dated evidence such as reports, dynamic simulation models and results, or other dated documentation of its UFLS design assessment that demonstrates it meets Requirement R4, Parts 4.1 through 4.7.
- R5.** Each Planning Coordinator, whose area or portions of whose area is part of an island identified by it or another Planning Coordinator which includes multiple Planning Coordinator areas or portions of those areas, shall coordinate its UFLS program design with all other Planning Coordinators whose areas or portions of whose areas are also part of the same identified island through one of the following: *[VRF: High][Time Horizon: Long-term Planning]*
- Develop a common UFLS program design and schedule for implementation per Requirement R3 among the Planning Coordinators whose areas or portions of whose areas are part of the same identified island, or
  - Conduct a joint UFLS design assessment per Requirement R4 among the Planning Coordinators whose areas or portions of whose areas are part of the same identified island, or
  - Conduct an independent UFLS design assessment per Requirement R4 for the identified island, and in the event the UFLS design assessment fails to meet Requirement R3, identify modifications to the UFLS program(s) to meet Requirement R3 and report these modifications as recommendations to the other Planning Coordinators whose areas or portions of whose areas are also part of the same identified island and the ERO.
- M5.** Each Planning Coordinator, whose area or portions of whose area is part of an island identified by it or another Planning Coordinator which includes multiple Planning Coordinator areas or portions of those areas, shall have dated evidence such as joint UFLS program design documents, reports describing a joint UFLS design assessment, letters that include recommendations, or other dated documentation demonstrating that it coordinated its UFLS program design with all other Planning Coordinators whose areas or portions of whose areas are also part of the same identified island per Requirement R5.
- R6.** Each Planning Coordinator shall maintain a UFLS database containing data necessary to model its UFLS program for use in event analyses and assessments of the UFLS program at least once each calendar year, with no more than 15 months between maintenance activities. *[VRF: Lower][Time Horizon: Long-term Planning]*
- M6.** Each Planning Coordinator shall have dated evidence such as a UFLS database, data requests, data input forms, or other dated documentation to show that it maintained a UFLS database for use in event analyses and assessments of the UFLS program per

Requirement R6 at least once each calendar year, with no more than 15 months between maintenance activities.

- R7.** Each Planning Coordinator shall provide its UFLS database containing data necessary to model its UFLS program to other Planning Coordinators within its Interconnection within 30 calendar days of a request. *[VRF: Lower][Time Horizon: Long-term Planning]*
- M7.** Each Planning Coordinator shall have dated evidence such as letters, memorandums, e-mails or other dated documentation that it provided their UFLS database to other Planning Coordinators within their Interconnection within 30 calendar days of a request per Requirement R7.
- R8.** Each UFLS entity shall provide data to its Planning Coordinator(s) according to the format and schedule specified by the Planning Coordinator(s) to support maintenance of each Planning Coordinator's UFLS database. *[VRF: Lower][Time Horizon: Long-term Planning]*
- M8.** Each UFLS Entity shall have dated evidence such as responses to data requests, spreadsheets, letters or other dated documentation that it provided data to its Planning Coordinator according to the format and schedule specified by the Planning Coordinator to support maintenance of the UFLS database per Requirement R8.
- R9.** Each UFLS entity shall provide automatic tripping of Load in accordance with the UFLS program design and schedule for implementation, including any Corrective Action Plan, as determined by its Planning Coordinator(s) in each Planning Coordinator area in which it owns assets. *[VRF: High][Time Horizon: Long-term Planning]*
- M9.** Each UFLS Entity shall have dated evidence such as spreadsheets summarizing feeder load armed with UFLS relays, spreadsheets with UFLS relay settings, or other dated documentation that it provided automatic tripping of load in accordance with the UFLS program design and schedule for implementation, including any Corrective Action Plan, per Requirement R9.
- R10.** Each Transmission Owner shall provide automatic switching of its existing capacitor banks, Transmission Lines, and reactors to control over-voltage as a result of underfrequency load shedding if required by the UFLS program and schedule for implementation, including any Corrective Action Plan, as determined by the Planning Coordinator(s) in each Planning Coordinator area in which the Transmission Owner owns transmission. *[VRF: High][Time Horizon: Long-term Planning]*
- M10.** Each Transmission Owner shall have dated evidence such as relay settings, tripping logic or other dated documentation that it provided automatic switching of its existing capacitor banks, Transmission Lines, and reactors in order to control over-voltage as a result of underfrequency load shedding if required by the UFLS program and schedule for implementation, including any Corrective Action Plan, per Requirement R10.
- R11.** Each Planning Coordinator, in whose area a BES islanding event results in system frequency excursions below the initializing set points of the UFLS program, shall

conduct and document an assessment of the event within one year of event actuation to evaluate: *[VRF: Medium][Time Horizon: Operations Assessment]*

**11.1.** The performance of the UFLS equipment,

**11.2.** The effectiveness of the UFLS program.

**M11.** Each Planning Coordinator shall have dated evidence such as reports, data gathered from an historical event, or other dated documentation to show that it conducted an event assessment of the performance of the UFLS equipment and the effectiveness of the UFLS program per Requirement R11.

**R12.** Each Planning Coordinator, in whose islanding event assessment (per R11) UFLS program deficiencies are identified, shall conduct and document a UFLS design assessment to consider the identified deficiencies within two years of event actuation. *[VRF: Medium][Time Horizon: Operations Assessment]*

**M12.** Each Planning Coordinator shall have dated evidence such as reports, data gathered from an historical event, or other dated documentation to show that it conducted a UFLS design assessment per Requirements R12 and R4 if UFLS program deficiencies are identified in R11.

**R13.** Each Planning Coordinator, in whose area a BES islanding event occurred that also included the area(s) or portions of area(s) of other Planning Coordinator(s) in the same islanding event and that resulted in system frequency excursions below the initializing set points of the UFLS program, shall coordinate its event assessment (in accordance with Requirement R11) with all other Planning Coordinators whose areas or portions of whose areas were also included in the same islanding event through one of the following: *[VRF: Medium][Time Horizon: Operations Assessment]*

- Conduct a joint event assessment per Requirement R11 among the Planning Coordinators whose areas or portions of whose areas were included in the same islanding event, or
- Conduct an independent event assessment per Requirement R11 that reaches conclusions and recommendations consistent with those of the event assessments of the other Planning Coordinators whose areas or portions of whose areas were included in the same islanding event, or
- Conduct an independent event assessment per Requirement R11 and where the assessment fails to reach conclusions and recommendations consistent with those of the event assessments of the other Planning Coordinators whose areas or portions of whose areas were included in the same islanding event, identify differences in the assessments that likely resulted in the differences in the conclusions and recommendations and report these differences to the other Planning Coordinators whose areas or portions of whose areas were included in the same islanding event and the ERO.

**M13.** Each Planning Coordinator, in whose area a BES islanding event occurred that also included the area(s) or portions of area(s) of other Planning Coordinator(s) in the same

islanding event and that resulted in system frequency excursions below the initializing set points of the UFLS program, shall have dated evidence such as a joint assessment report, independent assessment reports and letters describing likely reasons for differences in conclusions and recommendations, or other dated documentation demonstrating it coordinated its event assessment (per Requirement R11) with all other Planning Coordinator(s) whose areas or portions of whose areas were also included in the same islanding event per Requirement R13.

**R14.** Each Planning Coordinator shall respond to written comments submitted by UFLS entities and Transmission Owners within its Planning Coordinator area following a comment period and before finalizing its UFLS program, indicating in the written response to comments whether changes will be made or reasons why changes will not be made to the following [*VRF: Lower*][*Time Horizon: Long-term Planning*]:

**14.1.** UFLS program, including a schedule for implementation

**14.2.** UFLS design assessment

**14.3.** Format and schedule of UFLS data submittal

**M14.** Each Planning Coordinator shall have dated evidence of responses, such as e-mails and letters, to written comments submitted by UFLS entities and Transmission Owners within its Planning Coordinator area following a comment period and before finalizing its UFLS program per Requirement R14.

**R15.** Each Planning Coordinator that conducts a UFLS design assessment under Requirement R4, R5, or R12 and determines that the UFLS program does not meet the performance characteristics in Requirement R3, shall develop a Corrective Action Plan and a schedule for implementation by the UFLS entities within its area. [*VRF: High*][*Time Horizon: Long-term Planning*]

**15.1.** For UFLS design assessments performed under Requirement R4 or R5, the Corrective Action Plan shall be developed within the five-year time frame identified in Requirement R4.

**15.2.** For UFLS design assessments performed under Requirement R12, the Corrective Action Plan shall be developed within the two-year time frame identified in Requirement R12.

**M15.** Each Planning Coordinator that conducts a UFLS design assessment under Requirement R4, R5, or R12 and determines that the UFLS program does not meet the performance characteristics in Requirement R3, shall have a dated Corrective Action Plan and a schedule for implementation by the UFLS entities within its area, that was developed within the time frame identified in Part 15.1 or 15.2.

## C. Compliance

### 1. Compliance Monitoring Process

#### 1.1. Compliance Enforcement Authority

As defined in the NERC Rules of Procedure, “Compliance Enforcement Authority” (CEA) means NERC or the Regional Entity in their respective roles of monitoring and enforcing compliance with the NERC Reliability Standards.

#### 1.2. Evidence Retention

Each Planning Coordinator and UFLS entity shall keep data or evidence to show compliance as identified below unless directed by its Compliance Enforcement Authority to retain specific evidence for a longer period of time as part of an investigation:

- Each Planning Coordinator shall retain the current evidence of Requirements R1, R2, R3, R4, R5, R12, R14, and R15, Measures M1, M2, M3, M4, M5, M12, M14, and M15 as well as any evidence necessary to show compliance since the last compliance audit.
- Each Planning Coordinator shall retain the current evidence of UFLS database update in accordance with Requirement R6, Measure M6, and evidence of the prior year’s UFLS database update.
- Each Planning Coordinator shall retain evidence of any UFLS database transmittal to another Planning Coordinator since the last compliance audit in accordance with Requirement R7, Measure M7.
- Each UFLS entity shall retain evidence of UFLS data transmittal to the Planning Coordinator(s) since the last compliance audit in accordance with Requirement R8, Measure M8.
- Each UFLS entity shall retain the current evidence of adherence with the UFLS program in accordance with Requirement R9, Measure M9, and evidence of adherence since the last compliance audit.
- Transmission Owner shall retain the current evidence of adherence with the UFLS program in accordance with Requirement R10, Measure M10, and evidence of adherence since the last compliance audit.
- Each Planning Coordinator shall retain evidence of Requirements R11, and R13, and Measures M11, and M13 for 6 calendar years.

If a Planning Coordinator or UFLS entity is found non-compliant, it shall keep information related to the non-compliance until found compliant or for the retention period specified above, whichever is longer.

The Compliance Enforcement Authority shall keep the last audit records and all requested and submitted subsequent audit records.

**1.3. Compliance Monitoring and Assessment Processes:**

Compliance Audit

Self-Certification

Spot Checking

Compliance Violation Investigation

Self-Reporting

Complaints

**1.4. Additional Compliance Information**

None

## 2. Violation Severity Levels

R #	Lower VSL	Moderate VSL	High VSL	Severe VSL
<b>R1</b>	N/A	<p>The Planning Coordinator developed and documented criteria but failed to include the consideration of historical events, to select portions of the BES, including interconnected portions of the BES in adjacent Planning Coordinator areas and Regional Entity areas that may form islands.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>The Planning Coordinator developed and documented criteria but failed to include the consideration of system studies, to select portions of the BES, including interconnected portions of the BES in adjacent Planning Coordinator areas and Regional Entity areas, that may form islands.</p>	<p>The Planning Coordinator developed and documented criteria but failed to include the consideration of historical events and system studies, to select portions of the BES, including interconnected portions of the BES in adjacent Planning Coordinator areas and Regional Entity areas, that may form islands.</p>	<p>The Planning Coordinator failed to develop and document criteria to select portions of the BES, including interconnected portions of the BES in adjacent Planning Coordinator areas and Regional Entity areas that may form islands.</p>
<b>R2</b>	N/A	<p>The Planning Coordinator identified an island(s) to</p>	<p>The Planning Coordinator identified an island(s) to serve</p>	<p>The Planning Coordinator identified an island(s) to serve</p>

R #	Lower VSL	Moderate VSL	High VSL	Severe VSL
		<p>serve as a basis for designing its UFLS program but failed to include one (1) of the Parts as specified in Requirement R2, Parts 2.1, 2.2, or 2.3.</p>	<p>as a basis for designing its UFLS program but failed to include two (2) of the Parts as specified in Requirement R2, Parts 2.1, 2.2, or 2.3.</p>	<p>as a basis for designing its UFLS program but failed to include all of the Parts as specified in Requirement R2, Parts 2.1, 2.2, or 2.3.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>The Planning Coordinator failed to identify any island(s) to serve as a basis for designing its UFLS program.</p>
<p><b>R3</b></p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>The Planning Coordinator developed a UFLS program, including notification of and a schedule for implementation by UFLS entities within its area where imbalance = <math>[(\text{load} - \text{actual generation output}) / (\text{load})]</math>, of up to 25 percent within the identified island(s), but failed to meet one (1) of the performance characteristic in Requirement R3, Parts 3.1, 3.2, or 3.3 in simulations of underfrequency conditions.</p>	<p>The Planning Coordinator developed a UFLS program including notification of and a schedule for implementation by UFLS entities within its area where imbalance = <math>[(\text{load} - \text{actual generation output}) / (\text{load})]</math>, of up to 25 percent within the identified island(s), but failed to meet two (2) of the performance characteristic in Requirement R3, Parts 3.1, 3.2, or 3.3 in simulations of underfrequency conditions.</p>	<p>The Planning Coordinator developed a UFLS program including notification of and a schedule for implementation by UFLS entities within its area where imbalance = <math>[(\text{load} - \text{actual generation output}) / (\text{load})]</math>, of up to 25 percent within the identified island(s), but failed to meet all the performance characteristic in Requirement R3, Parts 3.1, 3.2, and 3.3 in simulations of underfrequency conditions.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>The Planning Coordinator failed to develop a UFLS program</p>



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				including notification of and a schedule for implementation by UFLS entities within its area
<b>R4</b>	The Planning Coordinator conducted and documented a UFLS assessment at least once every five years that determined through dynamic simulation whether the UFLS program design met the performance characteristics in Requirement R3 for each island identified in Requirement R2 but the simulation failed to include one (1) of the items as specified in Requirement R4, Parts 4.1 through 4.7.	The Planning Coordinator conducted and documented a UFLS assessment at least once every five years that determined through dynamic simulation whether the UFLS program design met the performance characteristics in Requirement R3 for each island identified in Requirement R2 but the simulation failed to include two (2) of the items as specified in Requirement R4, Parts 4.1 through 4.7.	The Planning Coordinator conducted and documented a UFLS assessment at least once every five years that determined through dynamic simulation whether the UFLS program design met the performance characteristics in Requirement R3 for each island identified in Requirement R2 but the simulation failed to include three (3) of the items as specified in Requirement R4, Parts 4.1 through 4.7.	The Planning Coordinator conducted and documented a UFLS assessment at least once every five years that determined through dynamic simulation whether the UFLS program design met the performance characteristics in Requirement R3 but simulation failed to include four (4) or more of the items as specified in Requirement R4, Parts 4.1 through 4.7.  OR  The Planning Coordinator failed to conduct and document a UFLS assessment at least once every five years that determines through dynamic simulation whether the UFLS program design meets the performance characteristics in Requirement R3 for each island identified in Requirement R2

R #	Lower VSL	Moderate VSL	High VSL	Severe VSL
<b>R5</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	The Planning Coordinator, whose area or portions of whose area is part of an island identified by it or another Planning Coordinator which includes multiple Planning Coordinator areas or portions of those areas, failed to coordinate its UFLS program design through one of the manners described in Requirement R5.
<b>R6</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	The Planning Coordinator failed to maintain a UFLS database for use in event analyses and assessments of the UFLS program at least once each calendar year, with no more than 15 months between maintenance activities.
<b>R7</b>	The Planning Coordinator provided its UFLS database to other Planning Coordinators more than 30 calendar days and up to and including 40 calendar days following the request.	The Planning Coordinator provided its UFLS database to other Planning Coordinators more than 40 calendar days but less than and including 50 calendar days following the request.	The Planning Coordinator provided its UFLS database to other Planning Coordinators more than 50 calendar days but less than and including 60 calendar days following the request.	The Planning Coordinator provided its UFLS database to other Planning Coordinators more than 60 calendar days following the request.  OR

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				The Planning Coordinator failed to provide its UFLS database to other Planning Coordinators.
<b>R8</b>	The UFLS entity provided data to its Planning Coordinator(s) less than or equal to 10 calendar days following the schedule specified by the Planning Coordinator(s) to support maintenance of each Planning Coordinator's UFLS database.	<p>The UFLS entity provided data to its Planning Coordinator(s) more than 10 calendar days but less than or equal to 15 calendar days following the schedule specified by the Planning Coordinator(s) to support maintenance of each Planning Coordinator's UFLS database.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>The UFLS entity provided data to its Planning Coordinator(s) but the data was not according to the format specified by the Planning Coordinator(s) to support maintenance of each Planning Coordinator's UFLS database.</p>	The UFLS entity provided data to its Planning Coordinator(s) more than 15 calendar days but less than or equal to 20 calendar days following the schedule specified by the Planning Coordinator(s) to support maintenance of each Planning Coordinator's UFLS database.	<p>The UFLS entity provided data to its Planning Coordinator(s) more than 20 calendar days following the schedule specified by the Planning Coordinator(s) to support maintenance of each Planning Coordinator's UFLS database.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>The UFLS entity failed to provide data to its Planning Coordinator(s) to support maintenance of each Planning Coordinator's UFLS database.</p>
<b>R9</b>	The UFLS entity provided less than 100% but more than (and including) 95% of automatic tripping of Load in accordance with the UFLS	The UFLS entity provided less than 95% but more than (and including) 90% of automatic tripping of Load in accordance with the UFLS program design	The UFLS entity provided less than 90% but more than (and including) 85% of automatic tripping of Load in accordance with the UFLS program design	The UFLS entity provided less than 85% of automatic tripping of Load in accordance with the UFLS program design and schedule for implementation,

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	program design and schedule for implementation, including any Corrective Action Plan, as determined by the Planning Coordinator(s) area in which it owns assets.	and schedule for implementation, including any Corrective Action Plan, as determined by the Planning Coordinator(s) area in which it owns assets.	and schedule for implementation, including any Corrective Action Plan, as determined by the Planning Coordinator(s) area in which it owns assets.	including any Corrective Action Plan, as determined by the Planning Coordinator(s) area in which it owns assets.
<b>R10</b>	The Transmission Owner provided less than 100% but more than (and including) 95% automatic switching of its existing capacitor banks, Transmission Lines, and reactors to control over-voltage if required by the UFLS program and schedule for implementation, including any Corrective Action Plan, as determined by the Planning Coordinator(s) in each Planning Coordinator area in which the Transmission Owner owns transmission.	The Transmission Owner provided less than 95% but more than (and including) 90% automatic switching of its existing capacitor banks, Transmission Lines, and reactors to control over-voltage if required by the UFLS program and schedule for implementation, including any Corrective Action Plan, as determined by the Planning Coordinator(s) in each Planning Coordinator area in which the Transmission Owner owns transmission.	The Transmission Owner provided less than 90% but more than (and including) 85% automatic switching of its existing capacitor banks, Transmission Lines, and reactors to control over-voltage if required by the UFLS program and schedule for implementation, including any Corrective Action Plan, as determined by the Planning Coordinator(s) in each Planning Coordinator area in which the Transmission Owner owns transmission.	The Transmission Owner provided less than 85% automatic switching of its existing capacitor banks, Transmission Lines, and reactors to control over-voltage if required by the UFLS program and schedule for implementation, including any Corrective Action Plan, as determined by the Planning Coordinator(s) in each Planning Coordinator area in which the Transmission Owner owns transmission.
<b>R11</b>	The Planning Coordinator, in whose area a BES islanding event resulting in system frequency excursions below the initializing set points of	The Planning Coordinator, in whose area a BES islanding event resulting in system frequency excursions below the initializing set points of	The Planning Coordinator, in whose area a BES islanding event resulting in system frequency excursions below the initializing set points of the	The Planning Coordinator, in whose area a BES islanding event resulting in system frequency excursions below the initializing set points of the UFLS program,

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	<p>the UFLS program, conducted and documented an assessment of the event and evaluated the parts as specified in Requirement R11, Parts 11.1 and 11.2 within a time greater than one year but less than or equal to 13 months of actuation.</p>	<p>the UFLS program, conducted and documented an assessment of the event and evaluated the parts as specified in Requirement R11, Parts 11.1 and 11.2 within a time greater than 13 months but less than or equal to 14 months of actuation.</p>	<p>UFLS program, conducted and documented an assessment of the event and evaluated the parts as specified in Requirement R11, Parts 11.1 and 11.2 within a time greater than 14 months but less than or equal to 15 months of actuation.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>The Planning Coordinator, in whose area an islanding event resulting in system frequency excursions below the initializing set points of the UFLS program, conducted and documented an assessment of the event within one year of event actuation but failed to evaluate one (1) of the Parts as specified in Requirement R11, Parts 11.1 or 11.2.</p>	<p>conducted and documented an assessment of the event and evaluated the parts as specified in Requirement R11, Parts 11.1 and 11.2 within a time greater than 15 months of actuation.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>The Planning Coordinator, in whose area an islanding event resulting in system frequency excursions below the initializing set points of the UFLS program, failed to conduct and document an assessment of the event and evaluate the Parts as specified in Requirement R11, Parts 11.1 and 11.2.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>The Planning Coordinator, in whose area an islanding event resulting in system frequency excursions below the initializing set points of the UFLS program, conducted and documented an assessment of the event within one year of event actuation but failed to evaluate all of the Parts</p>

R #	Lower VSL	Moderate VSL	High VSL	Severe VSL
				as specified in Requirement R11, Parts 11.1 and 11.2.
<b>R12</b>	N/A	The Planning Coordinator, in which UFLS program deficiencies were identified per Requirement R11, conducted and documented a UFLS design assessment to consider the identified deficiencies greater than two years but less than or equal to 25 months of event actuation.	The Planning Coordinator, in which UFLS program deficiencies were identified per Requirement R11, conducted and documented a UFLS design assessment to consider the identified deficiencies greater than 25 months but less than or equal to 26 months of event actuation.	The Planning Coordinator, in which UFLS program deficiencies were identified per Requirement R11, conducted and documented a UFLS design assessment to consider the identified deficiencies greater than 26 months of event actuation.  OR The Planning Coordinator, in which UFLS program deficiencies were identified per Requirement R11, failed to conduct and document a UFLS design assessment to consider the identified deficiencies.
<b>R13</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	The Planning Coordinator, in whose area a BES islanding event occurred that also included the area(s) or portions of area(s) of other Planning Coordinator(s) in the same islanding event and that resulted in system frequency excursions below the initializing set points of the UFLS

R #	Lower VSL	Moderate VSL	High VSL	Severe VSL
				<p>program, failed to coordinate its UFLS event assessment with all other Planning Coordinators whose areas or portions of whose areas were also included in the same islanding event in one of the manners described in Requirement R13</p>
<b>R14</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	<p>The Planning Coordinator failed to respond to written comments submitted by UFLS entities and Transmission Owners within its Planning Coordinator area following a comment period and before finalizing its UFLS program, indicating in the written response to comments whether changes were made or reasons why changes were not made to the items in Parts 14.1 through 14.3.</p>
<b>R15</b>	N/A	<p>The Planning Coordinator determined, through a UFLS design assessment performed under Requirement R4, R5, or R12, that the UFLS program did not meet the performance characteristics in Requirement</p>	<p>The Planning Coordinator determined, through a UFLS design assessment performed under Requirement R4, R5, or R12, that the UFLS program did not meet the performance characteristics in Requirement</p>	<p>The Planning Coordinator determined, through a UFLS design assessment performed under Requirement R4, R5, or R12, that the UFLS program did not meet the performance characteristics in Requirement</p>

R #	Lower VSL	Moderate VSL	High VSL	Severe VSL
		<p>R3, and developed a Corrective Action Plan and a schedule for implementation by the UFLS entities within its area, but exceeded the permissible time frame for development by a period of up to 1 month.</p>	<p>R3, and developed a Corrective Action Plan and a schedule for implementation by the UFLS entities within its area, but exceeded the permissible time frame for development by a period greater than 1 month but not more than 2 months.</p>	<p>R3, but failed to develop a Corrective Action Plan and a schedule for implementation by the UFLS entities within its area.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>The Planning Coordinator determined, through a UFLS design assessment performed under Requirement R4, R5, or R12, that the UFLS program did not meet the performance characteristics in Requirement R3, and developed a Corrective Action Plan and a schedule for implementation by the UFLS entities within its area, but exceeded the permissible time frame for development by a period greater than 2 months.</p>



## D. Regional Variances

### D.A. Regional Variance for the Quebec Interconnection

The following Interconnection-wide variance shall be applicable in the Quebec Interconnection and replaces, in their entirety, Requirements R3 and R4 and the violation severity levels associated with Requirements R3 and R4.

#### Rationale for Requirement D.A.3:

There are two modifications for requirement D.A.3 :

1. 25% Generation Deficiency : Since the Quebec Interconnection has no potential viable BES Island in underfrequency conditions, the largest generation deficiency scenarios are limited to extreme contingencies not already covered by RAS.

Based on Hydro-Québec TransÉnergie Transmission Planning requirements, the stability of the network shall be maintained for extreme contingencies using a case representing internal transfers not expected to be exceeded 25% of the time.

The Hydro-Québec TransÉnergie defense plan to cover these extreme contingencies includes two RAS (RPTC- generation rejection and remote load shedding and TDST - a centralized UVLS) and the UFLS.

2. Frequency performance curve (attachment 1A) : Specific cases where a small generation deficiency using a peak case scenario with the minimum requirement of spinning reserve can lead to an acceptable frequency deviation in the Quebec Interconnection while stabilizing between the PRC-006-2 requirement (59.3 Hz) and the UFLS anti-stall threshold (59.0 Hz).

An increase of the anti-stall threshold to 59.3 Hz would correct this situation but would cause frequent load shedding of customers without any gain of system reliability. Therefore, it is preferable to lower the steady state frequency minimum value to 59.0 Hz.

The delay in the performance characteristics curve is harmonized between D.A.3 and R.3 to 60 seconds.

#### Rationale for Requirements D.A.3.3. and D.A.4:

The Quebec Interconnection has its own definition of BES. In Quebec, the vast majority of BES generating plants/facilities are not directly connected to the BES. For simulations to take into account sufficient generating resources D.A.3.3 and D.A.4 need simply refer to BES generators, plants or facilities since these are listed in a Registry approved by Québec's Regulatory Body (Régie de l'Énergie).

- **D.A.3.** Each Planning Coordinator shall develop a UFLS program, including notification of and a schedule for implementation by UFLS entities within its area, that meets the following

performance characteristics in simulations of underfrequency conditions resulting from each of these extreme events: Loss of the entire capability of a generating station.

- Loss of all transmission circuits emanating from a generating station, switching station, substation or dc terminal.
- Loss of all transmission circuits on a common right-of-way.
- Three-phase fault with failure of a circuit breaker to operate and correct operation of a breaker failure protection system and its associated breakers.
- Three-phase fault on a circuit breaker, with normal fault clearing.
- The operation or partial operation of a RAS for an event or condition for which it was not intended to operate.

*[VRF: High][Time Horizon: Long-term Planning]*

- D.A.3.1.** Frequency shall remain above the Underfrequency Performance Characteristic curve in PRC-006-3 - Attachment 1A, either for 60 seconds or until a steady-state condition between 59.0 Hz and 60.7 Hz is reached, and
- D.A.3.2.** Frequency shall remain below the Overfrequency Performance Characteristic curve in PRC-006-3 - Attachment 1A, either for 60 seconds or until a steady-state condition between 59.0 Hz and 60.7 Hz is reached, and
- D.A.3.3.** Volts per Hz (V/Hz) shall not exceed 1.18 per unit for longer than two seconds cumulatively per simulated event, and shall not exceed 1.10 per unit for longer than 45 seconds cumulatively per simulated event at each Quebec BES generator bus and associated generator step-up transformer high-side bus

**M.D.A.3.** Each Planning Coordinator shall have evidence such as reports, memorandums, e-mails, program plans, or other documentation of its UFLS program, including the notification of the UFLS entities of implementation schedule, that meet the criteria in Requirement D.A.3 Parts D.A.3.1 through D.A.3.3.

**D.A.4.** Each Planning Coordinator shall conduct and document a UFLS design assessment at least once every five years that determines through dynamic simulation whether the UFLS program design meets the performance

characteristics in Requirement D.A.3 for each island identified in Requirement R2. The simulation shall model each of the following; *[VRF: High][Time Horizon: Long-term Planning]*

- D.A.4.1** Underfrequency trip settings of individual generating units that are part of Quebec BES plants/facilities that trip above the Generator Underfrequency Trip Modeling curve in PRC-006-3 - Attachment 1A, and
  - D.A.4.2** Overfrequency trip settings of individual generating units that are part of Quebec BES plants/facilities that trip below the Generator Overfrequency Trip Modeling curve in PRC-006-3 - Attachment 1A, and
  - D.A.4.3** Any automatic Load restoration that impacts frequency stabilization and operates within the duration of the simulations run for the assessment.
- M.D.A.4.** Each Planning Coordinator shall have dated evidence such as reports, dynamic simulation models and results, or other dated documentation of its UFLS design assessment that demonstrates it meets Requirement D.A.4 Parts D.A.4.1 through D.A.4.3.

D#	Lower VSL	Moderate VSL	High VSL	Severe VSL
<b>DA3</b>	N/A	The Planning Coordinator developed a UFLS program, including notification of and a schedule for implementation by UFLS entities within its area, but failed to meet one (1) of the performance characteristic in Parts D.A.3.1, D.A.3.2, or D.A.3.3 in simulations of underfrequency conditions	The Planning Coordinator developed a UFLS program including notification of and a schedule for implementation by UFLS entities within its area, but failed to meet two (2) of the performance characteristic in Parts D.A.3.1, D.A.3.2, or D.A.3.3 in simulations of underfrequency conditions	The Planning Coordinator developed a UFLS program including notification of and a schedule for implementation by UFLS entities within its area, but failed to meet all the performance characteristic in Parts D.A.3.1, D.A.3.2, and D.A.3.3 in simulations of underfrequency conditions  OR The Planning Coordinator failed to develop a UFLS program including notification of and a schedule for implementation by UFLS entities within its area.
<b>DA4</b>	N/A	The Planning Coordinator conducted and documented a UFLS assessment at least once every five years that determined through dynamic simulation whether the UFLS program design met the performance characteristics in Requirement D.A.3 but the simulation failed to include one (1) of the items as	The Planning Coordinator conducted and documented a UFLS assessment at least once every five years that determined through dynamic simulation whether the UFLS program design met the performance characteristics in Requirement D.A.3 but the simulation failed to include two (2) of the items as	The Planning Coordinator conducted and documented a UFLS assessment at least once every five years that determined through dynamic simulation whether the UFLS program design met the performance characteristics in Requirement D.A.3 but the simulation failed to include all of the items as

D#	Lower VSL	Moderate VSL	High VSL	Severe VSL
		specified in Parts D.A.4.1, D.A.4.2 or D.A.4.3.	specified in Parts D.A.4.1, D.A.4.2 or D.A.4.3.	specified in Parts D.A.4.1, D.A.4.2 and D.A.4.3.  OR  The Planning Coordinator failed to conduct and document a UFLS assessment at least once every five years that determines through dynamic simulation whether the UFLS program design meets the performance characteristics in Requirement D.A.3

**D.B. Regional Variance for the Western Electricity Coordinating Council**

The following Interconnection-wide variance shall be applicable in the Western Electricity Coordinating Council (WECC) and replaces, in their entirety, Requirements R1, R2, R3, R4, R5, R11, R12, and R13.

- D.B.1.** Each Planning Coordinator shall participate in a joint regional review with the other Planning Coordinators in the WECC Regional Entity area that develops and documents criteria, including consideration of historical events and system studies, to select portions of the Bulk Electric System (BES) that may form islands. *[VRF: Medium][Time Horizon: Long-term Planning]*
- M.D.B.1.** Each Planning Coordinator shall have evidence such as reports, or other documentation of its criteria, developed as part of the joint regional review with other Planning Coordinators in the WECC Regional Entity area to select portions of the Bulk Electric System that may form islands including how system studies and historical events were considered to develop the criteria per Requirement D.B.1.
- D.B.2.** Each Planning Coordinator shall identify one or more islands from the regional review (per D.B.1) to serve as a basis for designing a region-wide coordinated UFLS program including: *[VRF: Medium][Time Horizon: Long-term Planning]*
  - D.B.2.1.** Those islands selected by applying the criteria in Requirement D.B.1, and
  - D.B.2.2.** Any portions of the BES designed to detach from the Interconnection (planned islands) as a result of the operation of a relay scheme or Special Protection System.
- M.D.B.2.** Each Planning Coordinator shall have evidence such as reports, memorandums, e-mails, or other documentation supporting its identification of an island(s), from the regional review (per D.B.1), as a basis for designing a region-wide coordinated UFLS program that meet the criteria in Requirement D.B.2 Parts D.B.2.1 and D.B.2.2.
- D.B.3.** Each Planning Coordinator shall adopt a UFLS program, coordinated across the WECC Regional Entity area, including notification of and a schedule for implementation by UFLS entities within its area, that meets the following performance characteristics in simulations of underfrequency conditions resulting from an imbalance scenario, where an imbalance =  $[(\text{load} - \text{actual generation output}) / (\text{load})]$ , of up to 25 percent within the identified island(s). *[VRF: High][Time Horizon: Long-term Planning]*
  - D.B.3.1.** Frequency shall remain above the Underfrequency Performance Characteristic curve in PRC-006-3 - Attachment 1, either for 60 seconds or until a steady-state condition between 59.3 Hz and 60.7 Hz is reached, and

- D.B.3.2.** Frequency shall remain below the Overfrequency Performance Characteristic curve in PRC-006-3 - Attachment 1, either for 60 seconds or until a steady-state condition between 59.3 Hz and 60.7 Hz is reached, and
- D.B.3.3.** Volts per Hz (V/Hz) shall not exceed 1.18 per unit for longer than two seconds cumulatively per simulated event, and shall not exceed 1.10 per unit for longer than 45 seconds cumulatively per simulated event at each generator bus and generator step-up transformer high-side bus associated with each of the following:
  - D.B.3.3.1.** Individual generating units greater than 20 MVA (gross nameplate rating) directly connected to the BES
  - D.B.3.3.2.** Generating plants/facilities greater than 75 MVA (gross aggregate nameplate rating) directly connected to the BES
  - D.B.3.3.3.** Facilities consisting of one or more units connected to the BES at a common bus with total generation above 75 MVA gross nameplate rating.
- M.D.B.3.** Each Planning Coordinator shall have evidence such as reports, memorandums, e-mails, program plans, or other documentation of its adoption of a UFLS program, coordinated across the WECC Regional Entity area, including the notification of the UFLS entities of implementation schedule, that meet the criteria in Requirement D.B.3 Parts D.B.3.1 through D.B.3.3.
- D.B.4.** Each Planning Coordinator shall participate in and document a coordinated UFLS design assessment with the other Planning Coordinators in the WECC Regional Entity area at least once every five years that determines through dynamic simulation whether the UFLS program design meets the performance characteristics in Requirement D.B.3 for each island identified in Requirement D.B.2. The simulation shall model each of the following: *[VRF: High][Time Horizon: Long-term Planning]*
  - D.B.4.1.** Underfrequency trip settings of individual generating units greater than 20 MVA (gross nameplate rating) directly connected to the BES that trip above the Generator Underfrequency Trip Modeling curve in PRC-006-3 - Attachment 1.
  - D.B.4.2.** Underfrequency trip settings of generating plants/facilities greater than 75 MVA (gross aggregate nameplate rating) directly connected to the BES that trip above the Generator Underfrequency Trip Modeling curve in PRC-006-3 - Attachment 1.
  - D.B.4.3.** Underfrequency trip settings of any facility consisting of one or more units connected to the BES at a common bus with total generation

above 75 MVA (gross nameplate rating) that trip above the Generator Underfrequency Trip Modeling curve in PRC-006-3 - Attachment 1.

- D.B.4.4.** Overfrequency trip settings of individual generating units greater than 20 MVA (gross nameplate rating) directly connected to the BES that trip below the Generator Overfrequency Trip Modeling curve in PRC-006-3 — Attachment 1.
  - D.B.4.5.** Overfrequency trip settings of generating plants/facilities greater than 75 MVA (gross aggregate nameplate rating) directly connected to the BES that trip below the Generator Overfrequency Trip Modeling curve in PRC-006-3 — Attachment 1.
  - D.B.4.6.** Overfrequency trip settings of any facility consisting of one or more units connected to the BES at a common bus with total generation above 75 MVA (gross nameplate rating) that trip below the Generator Overfrequency Trip Modeling curve in PRC-006-3 — Attachment 1.
  - D.B.4.7.** Any automatic Load restoration that impacts frequency stabilization and operates within the duration of the simulations run for the assessment.
- M.D.B.4.** Each Planning Coordinator shall have dated evidence such as reports, dynamic simulation models and results, or other dated documentation of its participation in a coordinated UFLS design assessment with the other Planning Coordinators in the WECC Regional Entity area that demonstrates it meets Requirement D.B.4 Parts D.B.4.1 through D.B.4.7.
- D.B.11.** Each Planning Coordinator, in whose area a BES islanding event results in system frequency excursions below the initializing set points of the UFLS program, shall participate in and document a coordinated event assessment with all affected Planning Coordinators to conduct and document an assessment of the event within one year of event actuation to evaluate: *[VRF: Medium][Time Horizon: Operations Assessment]*
- D.B.11.1.** The performance of the UFLS equipment,
  - D.B.11.2** The effectiveness of the UFLS program
- M.D.B.11.** Each Planning Coordinator shall have dated evidence such as reports, data gathered from an historical event, or other dated documentation to show that it participated in a coordinated event assessment of the performance of the UFLS equipment and the effectiveness of the UFLS program per Requirement D.B.11.



- D.B.12.** Each Planning Coordinator, in whose islanding event assessment (per D.B.11) UFLS program deficiencies are identified, shall participate in and document a coordinated UFLS design assessment of the UFLS program with the other Planning Coordinators in the WECC Regional Entity area to consider the identified deficiencies within two years of event actuation. *[VRF: Medium][Time Horizon: Operations Assessment]*
- M.D.B.12.** Each Planning Coordinator shall have dated evidence such as reports, data gathered from an historical event, or other dated documentation to show that it participated in a UFLS design assessment per Requirements D.B.12 and D.B.4 if UFLS program deficiencies are identified in D.B.11.

D #	Lower VSL	Moderate VSL	High VSL	Severe VSL
<b>D.B.1</b>	N/A	<p>The Planning Coordinator participated in a joint regional review with the other Planning Coordinators in the WECC Regional Entity area that developed and documented criteria but failed to include the consideration of historical events, to select portions of the BES, including interconnected portions of the BES in adjacent Planning Coordinator areas, that may form islands</p> <p>OR</p> <p>The Planning Coordinator participated in a joint regional review with the other Planning Coordinators in the WECC Regional Entity area that developed and documented criteria but failed to include the consideration of system studies, to select portions of the BES, including interconnected portions of the BES in adjacent Planning Coordinator areas, that may form islands</p>	<p>The Planning Coordinator participated in a joint regional review with the other Planning Coordinators in the WECC Regional Entity area that developed and documented criteria but failed to include the consideration of historical events and system studies, to select portions of the BES, including interconnected portions of the BES in adjacent Planning Coordinator areas, that may form islands</p>	<p>The Planning Coordinator failed to participate in a joint regional review with the other Planning Coordinators in the WECC Regional Entity area that developed and documented criteria to select portions of the BES, including interconnected portions of the BES in adjacent Planning Coordinator areas that may form islands</p>

D #	Lower VSL	Moderate VSL	High VSL	Severe VSL
<b>D.B.2</b>	N/A	N/A	The Planning Coordinator identified an island(s) from the regional review to serve as a basis for designing its UFLS program but failed to include one (1) of the parts as specified in Requirement D.B.2, Parts D.B.2.1 or D.B.2.2	The Planning Coordinator identified an island(s) from the regional review to serve as a basis for designing its UFLS program but failed to include all of the parts as specified in Requirement D.B.2, Parts D.B.2.1 or D.B.2.2 OR The Planning Coordinator failed to identify any island(s) from the regional review to serve as a basis for designing its UFLS program.
<b>D.B.3</b>	N/A	The Planning Coordinator adopted a UFLS program, coordinated across the WECC Regional Entity area that included notification of and a schedule for implementation by UFLS entities within its area, but failed to meet one (1) of the performance characteristic in Requirement D.B.3, Parts D.B.3.1, D.B.3.2, or D.B.3.3 in	The Planning Coordinator adopted a UFLS program, coordinated across the WECC Regional Entity area that included notification of and a schedule for implementation by UFLS entities within its area, but failed to meet two (2) of the performance characteristic in Requirement D.B.3, Parts D.B.3.1, D.B.3.2, or D.B.3.3 in simulations of underfrequency conditions	The Planning Coordinator adopted a UFLS program, coordinated across the WECC Regional Entity area that included notification of and a schedule for implementation by UFLS entities within its area, but failed to meet all the performance characteristic in Requirement D.B.3, Parts D.B.3.1, D.B.3.2, and D.B.3.3 in

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		simulations of underfrequency conditions		simulations of underfrequency conditions  OR The Planning Coordinator failed to adopt a UFLS program, coordinated across the WECC Regional Entity area, including notification of and a schedule for implementation by UFLS entities within its area.
<b>D.B.4</b>	The Planning Coordinator participated in and documented a coordinated UFLS assessment with the other Planning Coordinators in the WECC Regional Entity area at least once every five years that determines through dynamic simulation whether the UFLS program design meets the performance characteristics in Requirement D.B.3 for each island identified in Requirement D.B.2 but the simulation failed to include one (1) of the items as specified in Requirement	The Planning Coordinator participated in and documented a coordinated UFLS assessment with the other Planning Coordinators in the WECC Regional Entity area at least once every five years that determines through dynamic simulation whether the UFLS program design meets the performance characteristics in Requirement D.B.3 for each island identified in Requirement D.B.2 but the simulation failed to include two (2) of the items as specified in	The Planning Coordinator participated in and documented a coordinated UFLS assessment with the other Planning Coordinators in the WECC Regional Entity area at least once every five years that determines through dynamic simulation whether the UFLS program design meets the performance characteristics in Requirement D.B.3 for each island identified in Requirement D.B.2 but the simulation failed to include three (3) of the items as specified in	The Planning Coordinator participated in and documented a coordinated UFLS assessment with the other Planning Coordinators in the WECC Regional Entity area at least once every five years that determines through dynamic simulation whether the UFLS program design meets the performance characteristics in Requirement D.B.3 for each island identified in Requirement D.B.2 but the simulation failed to include four (4) or more of the items as

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	D.B.4, Parts D.B.4.1 through D.B.4.7.	Requirement D.B.4, Parts D.B.4.1 through D.B.4.7.	Requirement D.B.4, Parts D.B.4.1 through D.B.4.7.	specified in Requirement D.B.4, Parts D.B.4.1 through D.B.4.7.  OR  The Planning Coordinator failed to participate in and document a coordinated UFLS assessment with the other Planning Coordinators in the WECC Regional Entity area at least once every five years that determines through dynamic simulation whether the UFLS program design meets the performance characteristics in Requirement D.B.3 for each island identified in Requirement D.B.2
<b>D.B.11</b>	The Planning Coordinator, in whose area a BES islanding event resulting in system frequency excursions below the initializing set points of the UFLS program, participated in and documented a coordinated event assessment with all Planning Coordinators whose areas or portions of whose areas were also included in the	The Planning Coordinator, in whose area a BES islanding event resulting in system frequency excursions below the initializing set points of the UFLS program, participated in and documented a coordinated event assessment with all Planning Coordinators whose areas or portions of whose areas were also included in the same islanding event and	The Planning Coordinator, in whose area a BES islanding event resulting in system frequency excursions below the initializing set points of the UFLS program, participated in and documented a coordinated event assessment with all Planning Coordinators whose areas or portions of whose areas were also included in the same islanding event and	The Planning Coordinator, in whose area a BES islanding event resulting in system frequency excursions below the initializing set points of the UFLS program, participated in and documented a coordinated event assessment with all Planning Coordinators whose areas or portions of whose areas were also included in the same islanding event and

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	<p>same islanding event and evaluated the parts as specified in Requirement D.B.11, Parts D.B.11.1 and D.B.11.2 within a time greater than one year but less than or equal to 13 months of actuation.</p>	<p>evaluated the parts as specified in Requirement D.B.11, Parts D.B.11.1 and D.B.11.2 within a time greater than 13 months but less than or equal to 14 months of actuation.</p>	<p>evaluated the parts as specified in Requirement D.B.11, Parts D.B.11.1 and D.B.11.2 within a time greater than 14 months but less than or equal to 15 months of actuation.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>The Planning Coordinator, in whose area an islanding event resulting in system frequency excursions below the initializing set points of the UFLS program, participated in and documented a coordinated event assessment with all Planning Coordinators whose areas or portions of whose areas were also included in the same islanding event within one year of event actuation but failed to evaluate one (1) of the parts as specified in Requirement D.B.11, Parts D.B.11.1 or D.B.11.2.</p>	<p>evaluated the parts as specified in Requirement D.B.11, Parts D.B.11.1 and D.B.11.2 within a time greater than 15 months of actuation.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>The Planning Coordinator, in whose area an islanding event resulting in system frequency excursions below the initializing set points of the UFLS program, failed to participate in and document a coordinated event assessment with all Planning Coordinators whose areas or portion of whose areas were also included in the same island event and evaluate the parts as specified in Requirement D.B.11, Parts D.B.11.1 and D.B.11.2.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>The Planning Coordinator, in whose area an islanding event resulting in system frequency excursions below the initializing set points of the UFLS program, participated in and documented</p>

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				<p>a coordinated event assessment with all Planning Coordinators whose areas or portions of whose areas were also included in the same islanding event within one year of event actuation but failed to evaluate all of the parts as specified in Requirement D.B.11, Parts D.B.11.1 and D.B.11.2.</p>
<p><b>D.B.12</b></p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>The Planning Coordinator, in which UFLS program deficiencies were identified per Requirement D.B.11, participated in and documented a coordinated UFLS design assessment of the coordinated UFLS program with the other Planning Coordinators in the WECC Regional Entity area to consider the identified deficiencies in greater than two years but less than or equal to 25 months of event actuation.</p>	<p>The Planning Coordinator, in which UFLS program deficiencies were identified per Requirement D.B.11, participated in and documented a coordinated UFLS design assessment of the coordinated UFLS program with the other Planning Coordinators in the WECC Regional Entity area to consider the identified deficiencies in greater than 25 months but less than or equal to 26 months of event actuation.</p>	<p>The Planning Coordinator, in which UFLS program deficiencies were identified per Requirement D.B.11, participated in and documented a coordinated UFLS design assessment of the coordinated UFLS program with the other Planning Coordinators in the WECC Regional Entity area to consider the identified deficiencies in greater than 26 months of event actuation.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>The Planning Coordinator, in which UFLS program deficiencies were identified per Requirement D.B.11, failed to participate in</p>

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				<p>and document a coordinated UFLS design assessment of the coordinated UFLS program with the other Planning Coordinators in the WECC Regional Entity area to consider the identified deficiencies</p>

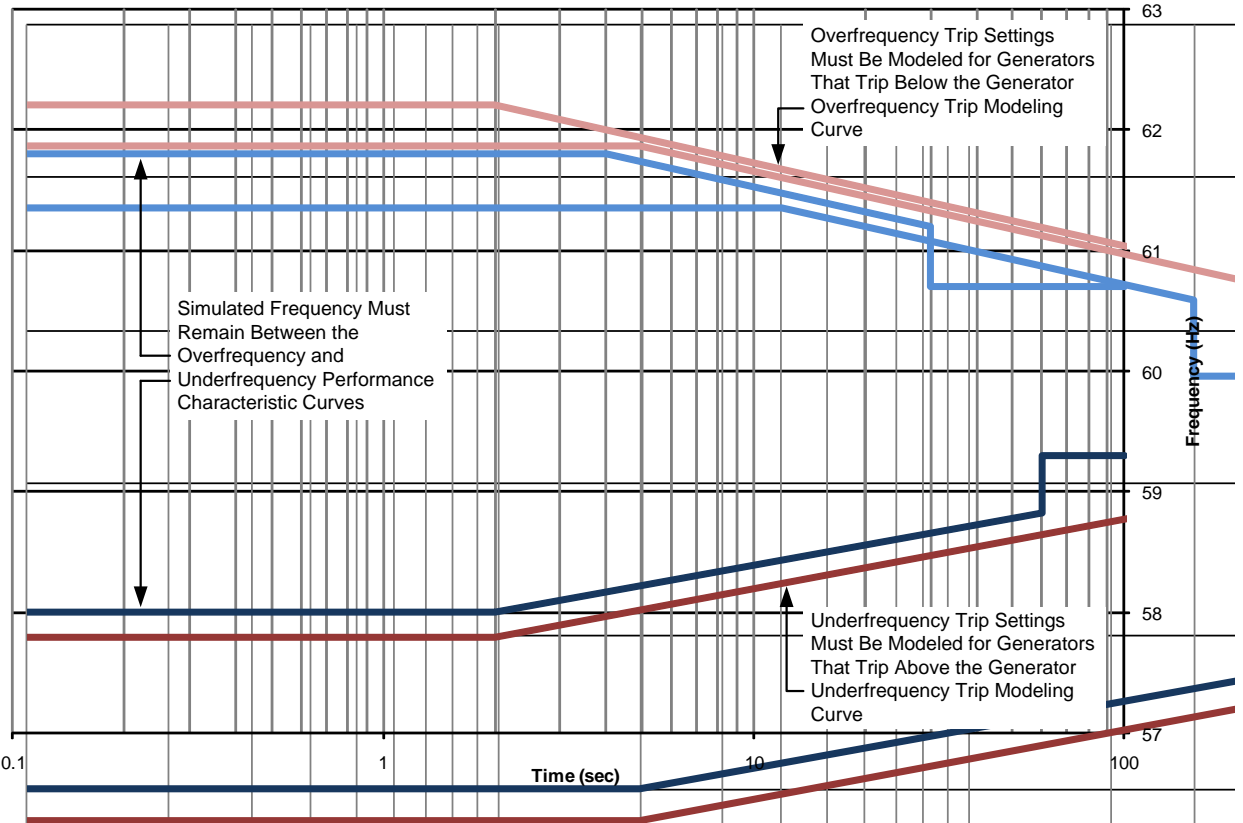


## E. Associated Documents

### Version History

Version	Date	Action	Change Tracking
0	April 1, 2005	Effective Date	New
1	May 25, 2010	Completed revision, merging and updating PRC-006-0, PRC-007-0 and PRC-009-0.	
1	November 4, 2010	Adopted by the Board of Trustees	
1	May 7, 2012	FERC Order issued approving PRC-006-1 (approval becomes effective July 10, 2012)	
1	November 9, 2012	FERC Letter Order issued accepting the modification of the VRF in R5 from (Medium to High) and the modification of the VSL language in R8.	
2	November 13, 2014	Adopted by the Board of Trustees	<p>Revisions made under Project 2008-02: Undervoltage Load Shedding (UVLS) &amp; Underfrequency Load Shedding (UFLS) to address directive issued in FERC Order No. 763.</p> <p>Revisions to existing Requirement R9 and R10 and addition of new Requirement R15.</p>

**PRC-006-3 – Attachment 1**  
**Underfrequency Load Shedding Program**  
**Design Performance and Modeling Curves for**  
**Requirements R3 Parts 3.1-3.2 and R4 Parts 4.1-4.6**



- ⚡⚡⚡⚡ Generator Overfrequency Trip Modeling (Requirement R4 Parts 4.4-4.6)
- ⚡⚡⚡⚡ Overfrequency Performance Characteristic (Requirement R3 Part 3.2)
- ⚡⚡⚡⚡ Underfrequency Performance Characteristic (Requirement R3 Part 3.1)
- ⚡⚡⚡⚡ Generator Underfrequency Trip Modeling (Requirement R4 Parts 4.1-4.3)

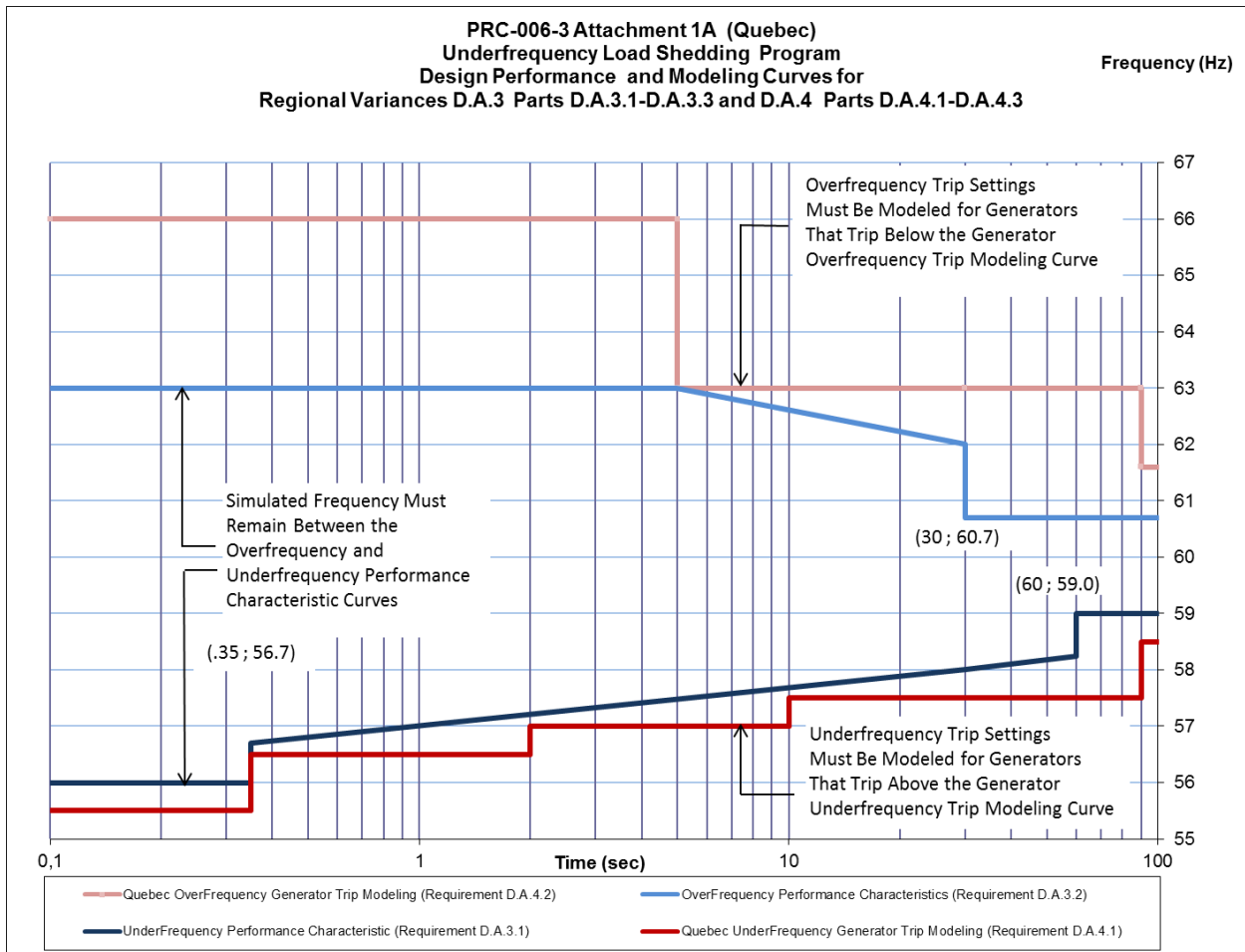
**Curve Definitions**

Generator Overfrequency Trip Modeling		Overfrequency Performance Characteristic		
$t \leq 2 \text{ s}$	$t > 2 \text{ s}$	$t \leq 4 \text{ s}$	$4 \text{ s} < t \leq 30 \text{ s}$	$t > 30 \text{ s}$
$f = 62.2 \text{ Hz}$	$f = -0.686\log(t) + 62.41 \text{ Hz}$	$f = 61.8 \text{ Hz}$	$f = -0.686\log(t) + 62.21 \text{ Hz}$	$f = 60.7 \text{ Hz}$

Generator Underfrequency Trip Modeling	Underfrequency Performance Characteristic
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$t \leq 2 \text{ s}$	$t > 2 \text{ s}$	$t \leq 2 \text{ s}$	$2 \text{ s} < t \leq 60 \text{ s}$	$t > 60 \text{ s}$
$f = 57.8$ Hz	$f = 0.575 \log(t) + 57.63$ Hz	$f = 58.0$ Hz	$f = 0.575 \log(t) + 57.83$ Hz	$f = 59.3$ Hz

**PRC-006-3 Attachment 1A (Quebec)  
Underfrequency Load Shedding Program  
Design Performance and Modeling Curves for  
Regional Variances D.A.3 Parts D.A.3.1-D.A.3.3 and D.A.4 Parts D.A.4.1-D.A.4.3**



**Rationale:**

During development of this standard, text boxes were embedded within the standard to explain the rationale for various parts of the standard. Upon BOT approval, the text from the rationale text boxes was moved to this section.

**Rationale for R9:**

The “Corrective Action Plan” language was added in response to the FERC directive from Order No. 763, which raised concern that the standard failed to specify how soon an entity would need to implement corrections after a deficiency is identified by a Planning Coordinator (PC) assessment. The revised language adds clarity by requiring that each UFLS entity follow the UFLS program, including any Corrective Action Plan, developed by the PC.

Also, to achieve consistency of terminology throughout this standard, the word “application” was replaced with “implementation.” (See Requirements R3, R14 and R15)

**Rationale for R10:**

The “Corrective Action Plan” language was added in response to the FERC directive from Order No. 763, which raised concern that the standard failed to specify how soon an entity would need to implement corrections after a deficiency is identified by a PC assessment. The revised language adds clarity by requiring that each UFLS entity follow the UFLS program, including any Corrective Action Plan, developed by the PC.

Also, to achieve consistency of terminology throughout this standard, the word “application” was replaced with “implementation.” (See Requirements R3, R14 and R15)

**Rationale for R15:**

Requirement R15 was added in response to the directive from FERC Order No. 763, which raised concern that the standard failed to specify how soon an entity would need to implement corrections after a deficiency is identified by a PC assessment. Requirement R15 addresses the FERC directive by making explicit that if deficiencies are identified as a result of an assessment, the PC shall develop a Corrective Action Plan and schedule for implementation by the UFLS entities.

A “Corrective Action Plan” is defined in the NERC Glossary of Terms as, “a list of actions and an associated timetable for implementation to remedy a specific problem.” Thus, the Corrective Action Plan developed by the PC will identify the specific timeframe for an entity to implement corrections to remedy any deficiencies identified by the PC as a result of an assessment.

# Implementation Plan

## Reliability Standard PRC-006-3 – Automatic Underfrequency Load Shedding

### *Revisions to Address Automatic Underfrequency Load Shedding (UFLS) Requirements for the Quebec Interconnection*

#### **Applicable Standard(s)**

- PRC-006-3 – Automatic Underfrequency Load Shedding

#### **Requested Retirement(s)**

- PRC-006-2 – Automatic Underfrequency Load Shedding

#### **Applicable Entities**

- Planning Coordinators
- UFLS entities shall mean all entities that are responsible for the ownership, operation, or control of UFLS equipment as required by the UFLS program established by the Planning Coordinators. Such entities may include one or more of the following:
  - Transmission Owners
  - Distribution Providers
- Transmission Owners that own Elements identified in the UFLS program established by the Planning Coordinators

#### **Background**

The PRC-006-3 Regional Standard Drafting Team revised Section D.A of PRC-006-2, Regional Variance for the Quebec Interconnection to address two specific problems regarding UFLS requirements for the Quebec Interconnection :

1. To meet the PRC-006-2 59.3 Hz requirement for scenarios where Quebec has a small generation deficiency (between 4 and 6 percent), those scenarios would require modifications to the current settings of the UFLS program to the threshold of 59.3 Hz; this would cause unacceptable and frequent load shedding without any improvement to System reliability.
2. Because the Quebec Interconnection itself is an island with unique generation characteristics and RAS (SPS) applications, Section D.A.3 in PRC-006-2 needs to be revised to define a more accurate generation deficiency scenario applicable to the Quebec Interconnection.

The continent-wide Requirements and all other aspects of the standard remain unchanged from PRC-006-2.

### **Effective Date**

Where approval by an applicable governmental authority is required, the standard shall become effective on the first day of the first calendar quarter that is one month after the effective date of the applicable governmental authority's order approving the standard, or as otherwise provided for by the applicable governmental authority.

Where approval by an applicable governmental authority is not required, the standard shall become effective on the first day of the first calendar quarter that is one month after the date the standard is adopted by the NERC Board of Trustees, or as otherwise provided for in that jurisdiction.

### **Retirement Date**

Reliability Standard PRC-006-2 shall be retired immediately prior to the effective date of PRC-006-3 in the particular jurisdiction in which the revised standard is becoming effective.

August 26, 2016

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**Subject: PRC-006-3 Automatic UFLS Québec Variance – CEAP Phase 2**

Following the end of the comment period for PRC-006-3 Quebec variance on August 22, 2016 it is our understanding that the next step in the process toward adoption would normally be the second phase of the Cost Effective Analysis Process (CEAP). Considering that only the Quebec Interconnection is concerned by the changes in PRC-006-3 and that the proposed revision does not incur any additional costs for us since it reflects current planning criteria, Hydro-Québec TransÉnergie proposes to waive phase 2 of the CEAP. Please let us know if this is acceptable to NPCC.

Regards.

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March 30, 2017

NPCC Full and General Members:

The ballot for approval of the revisions to the Quebec Variance in PRC-006-3 *Automatic Underfrequency Load Shedding* closed at 23:59 on March 24, 2017.

The results of the ballot were as follows:

Quorum: 79.59% of the Total Registered  
Approval: 89.74%

One negative ballot was received without comments, therefore in accordance with the NPCC Standard Processes Manual, a recommendation for final Regional approval will be sent to the NPCC Board of Directors for consideration at their meeting on May 3, 2017.

Contingent upon the approval of the NPCC BOD, the proposal to adopt the revised variance in PRC-006-3 will be posted for a 45 day comment period by NERC, specifically related to NPCC's Standard development process. Upon receipt of any industry comments, responses to those comments will be posted on the NERC website. NERC will then submit the proposed standard, along with their endorsement, to the NERC Board of Trustees (BOT) for adoption. Upon adoption by the BOT, the standard will then be filed by NERC Legal with the FERC and applicable provincial authorities.

Voting was conducted electronically and the full ballot record may be viewed at:

<https://www.npcc.org/Standards/SitePages/DevStandardDetail.aspx?DevDocumentId=123>

Thank you for your participation.

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NPCC Registered Members	1. Determine Quorum			2. Vote/Ballot Recording		
		In Attendance	By Proxy	Affirmative	Negative	Abstain
		(denote w/ 1)	(denote w/ 1)	(denote w/ 1)	(denote w/ 1)	(denote w/ 1)
<b>Sector 1, Transmission Owners</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Central Hudson Gas and Electric Corporation	1	1		1		
Central Maine Power Company	1	1		1		
Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc.	1	1		1		
Emera Maine	1					
Eversource Energy	1	1		1		
Hydro One Inc	1	1		1		
Hydro-Quebec TransEnergie	1	1		1		
Long Island Power Authority	1	1		1		
National Grid	1	1		1		
New Brunswick Power Corporation	1	1		1		
New Hampshire Transmission, LLC	1	1		1		
New York Power Authority	1	1		1		
New York State Electric & Gas Corporation	1					
Nova Scotia Power Inc.	1	1		1		
Orange and Rockland Utilities Inc	1	1		1		
Rochester Gas & Electric Corporation	1	1		1		
The United Illuminating Company	1	1		1		
Vermont Transco	1	1		1		

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	In Attendance (denote w/ 1)	By Proxy (denote w/ 1)	Affirmative (denote w/ 1)	Negative (denote w/ 1)	Abstain (denote w/ 1)
<b>Sector 2, Reliability Coordinators</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>
Hydro-Quebec TransEnergie	1	1		1	
Independent Electricity System Operator	1	1		1	
ISO-New England, Inc.	1	1		1	
New Brunswick Power Corporation	1	1		1	
New York Independent System Operator	1	1		1	

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<b>Sector 3, TDUs, Dist. And LSE</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>
Braintree Electric Light Department	1	1		1		
Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc.	1	1		1		
Eversource Energy	1	1		1		
Groton Electric Light	1	1		1		
Hingham Municipal Lighting Plant	1	1		1		
Hydro One Inc	1	1		1		
Hydro Quebec Distribution	1	1		1		
Ipswich Municipal Light Department	1	1				1
Long Island Power Authority	1	1		1		
Marblehead Municipal Light Department	1	1		1		
National Grid USA	1	1		1		
New York Power Authority	1	1		1		
Orange and Rockland Utilities, Inc	1	1		1		
Princeton Municipal Light Department	1	1		1		
Shrewsbury Electric & Cable Operations	1	1		1		
Sterling Municipal Light Department	1					
Toronto Hydro Electric System Ltd.	1					
Vermont Electric Cooperative, Inc.	1					
Wakefield Municipal Gas and Light Department	1	1				1
Westfield Gas & Electric Light Department	1					

NPCC Registered Members	1. Determine Quorum			2. Vote/Ballot Recording		
		In Attendance	By Proxy	Affirmative	Negative	Abstain
		(denote w/ 1)	(denote w/ 1)	(denote w/ 1)	(denote w/ 1)	(denote w/ 1)
<b>Sector 4, Generator Owners</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc.	1	1		1		
Covanta Energy	1					
Dominion Resources, Inc.	1	1		1		
Dynegy, Inc.	1	1			1	
Entergy Nuclear Northeast, Inc	1	1		1		
Eversouce Energy	1	1		1		
Exelon Generation Company, LLC	1					
First Wind Operations & Maintenance	1					
International Power America	1					
Long Island Power Authority	1	1		1		
Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company	1	1		1		
New York Power Authority	1	1		1		
NextEra Energy Resources, LLC	1	1		1		
NRG Energy Inc.	1	1		1		
Nova Scotia Power Inc.	1	1				1
Ontario Power Generation Inc.	1	1		1		
PSEG Fossil LLC	1					
Talen Energy Supply, LLC	1	1		1		
TransCanada	1	1		1		
Eastern Generation LLC	1					
Wheelabrator Westchester LP	1	1		1		

NPCC Registered Members	1. Determine Quorum			2. Vote/Ballot Recording		
		In Attendance (denote w/ 1)	By Proxy (denote w/ 1)	Affirmative (denote w/ 1)	Negative (denote w/ 1)	Abstain (denote w/ 1)
<b>Sector 5, Marketers, Brokers, Aggregators</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
Brookfield Power Corporation	1	1		1		
Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc.	1	1		1		
Consolidated Edison Energy/Development	1	1		1		
Constellation New Energy, Inc.	1					
HQ Energy Marketing Inc.	1	1		1		
H.Q. Energy Services (U.S.) Inc.	1	1		1		
Long Island Power Authority	1					
Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company	1	1		1		
Nalcor Energy	1	1				1
New York Power Authority	1	1		1		
Shell Energy North America	1	1		1		
Utility Services Inc.	1	1		1		
Windy Bay Power, LLC	1					

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<b>Sector 6, State and Provincial Reg. and Govt. Authorities</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Long Island Power Authority</b>	1	1		1		
<b>Maine Public Utilities Commission</b>	1	1		1		
<b>Massachusetts Attorney General</b>	1	1		1		
<b>New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission</b>	1	1		1		
<b>New York Power Authority</b>	1	1		1		
<b>New York State Department of Public Service</b>	1	1		1		
<b>Vermont Department of Public Service</b>	1					

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<b>Sector 7, Sub Regional Rel. Councils, REs and Others</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4g Technologies, LP</b>	1					
<b>Ascendant Energy Solutions, Inc.</b>	1	1		1		
<b>Energy Sector Security Consortium, Inc.</b>	1					
<b>ERLPhase Power Technologies</b>	1	1		1		
<b>International Business Machines Corporation</b>	1					
<b>McCoy Power Consultants, Inc.</b>	1	1				1
<b>Network &amp; Security Technologies, Inc.</b>	1	1				1
<b>New York State Reliability Council, LLC</b>	1	1		1		
<b>Oxbow-Sherman Energy, LLC</b>	1	1		1		
<b>PLM, Inc.</b>	1	1				1
<b>Preti, Flaherty, Beliveau, and Pachios, LLP.</b>	1	1		1		
<b>Proven Compliance Solutions, Inc.</b>	1	1		1		
<b>SGC Engineering, LLC</b>	1	1		1		
<b>VIASYN, Inc.</b>	1					



**Determine Electronic Quorum**

Sector	Sector Name	Total Registered	In Attendance	By Proxy	Total Represented	Sector % Attending
1	Transmission Owners	18	16	0	16	0.89
2	Reliability Coordinators	5	5	0	5	1.00
3	TDUs, Dist. And LSE	20	16	0	16	0.80
4	Generator Owners	21	15	0	15	0.71
5	Marketers, Brokers, Aggragators	13	10	0	10	0.77
6	Customers- large and small	7	6	0	6	0.86
7	State and Provincial Reg. and Govt. Authorities	14	10	0	10	0.71
		98	78	0	78	

Electronic Vote Quorum= at least 2/3 of the Total Registered Quorum Present?

**YES**

**Determine if Motion or Item Passes**

Sector	Sector Name	Total Registered	Sector % Attending	Affirmative		Negative		Abstain	Votes Cast Total (- Abstentions)	Sector has Voted(1-Y, 0-N)
				# of Votes	Fraction	# of Votes	Fraction			
1	Transmission Owners	18	0.89	16	1.000	0	0.000	0	16	1
2	Reliability Coordinators	5	1.00	5	1.000	0	0.000	0	5	1
3	TDUs, Dist. And LSE	20	0.80	14	1.000	0	0.000	2	14	1
4	Generator Owners	21	0.71	13	0.929	1	0.071	1	14	1
5	Marketers, Brokers, Aggragators	13	0.77	9	1.000	0	0.000	1	9	1
6	Customers- large and small	7	0.86	6	1.000	0	0.000	0	6	1
7	State and Provincial Reg. and Govt. Authorities	14	0.71	7	1.000	0	0.000	3	7	1

Totals 98 70 6.929 1 0.071 7 71 7

Sum of Affirmative/Number of Sectors that Voted  
MUST BE AT LEAST 2/3 to pass

0.990

Did MOTION PASS?

PASS

One Director asked about the significance of the New England event. Mr. Fedora explained that it occurred on March 14, 2017, when the West Medway station lost six Bulk Electric System (“BES”) elements during a structure collapse. He noted that the incident occurred during a storm.

Mr. Fedora also reported on NPCC’s participation in the NERC ERO Executive Management Group’s Operations Leadership Team (“OLT”), in response to the Board’s prior request for updates. He referenced the short report distributed via email with the Board agenda package, and noted that the OLT’s current goals are to maintain consistency between practices and encourage communication between leaderships. He explained that the next meeting will take place on May 8, 2017.

Mr. Kopman briefly reported on corporate goal attainment, noting that the report distributed via email with the Board agenda package is in a slightly different format than previous reports. He explained that all goal attainments are tracking positively, with milestones either met or on track. One Director asked for clarification on how the report would show if goals are not on target to be met, which Mr. Kopman explained. There were no further questions.

*PRC-006-3 UFLS Québec Variance.* Mr. Zito reported on the revision to the continent-wide NERC standard, PRC-006-3, that will be specifically applicable to Québec. He explained that the Regional Variance has been working its way through the standards drafting process, and is currently being posted by NERC for comment regarding the process NPCC undertook. He explained that he expects the NERC Board of Trustees to review the variance in August and then file it as an informational filing with FERC, since FERC does not have jurisdiction over a Regional Variance applicable to only Québec. He explained that the rationale underlying the Regional Variance is that, since Québec has no viable underfrequency islanding, they do their underfrequency load shedding analysis slightly differently from the Eastern Interconnection, using different contingencies.

One Director noted that the standards process was very complicated and asked about the composition of the technical team. The Director also referenced the number of abstentions during the balloting given the complexity of the issue. Mr. Zito explained that a number of volunteers participated on the team, including members of the SS-38 Working Group. Mr. Zito further explained that the Regional Variance codifies how Québec has handled underfrequency load shedding for some time, and the codification is for compliance purposes.

Another Director noted the absence of a description of the Québec Interconnection as asynchronous and questioned whether that fact helped distinguish the Regional Variance. Mr. Zito agreed that the Québec system is a separate interconnection and pointed to reference to that fact in the variance itself. A Director asked Mr. Zito to confirm that the proposed underfrequency load shedding in the Regional Variance is sufficient to avoid problems, which Mr. Zito confirmed. The Director further asked why the Board must approve the variance, to which Mr. Zito explained that the Board’s approval is of both the substance of the Regional Variance, and the process undergone by NPCC.

A motion to approve the Québec-specific Regional Variance of PRC-006 was duly made, seconded and unanimously approved by the Directors in each active Sector of the Board. There were no abstentions.



**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board hereby requests that each of the North American Transmission Forum and the North American Generation Forum (the “Forums”) develop white papers to address best and leading practices in supply chain management, including procurement, specifications, vendor requirements and existing equipment management, that are shared across the membership of each Forum, and to the extent permissible under any applicable confidentiality requirements, distribute such white papers to industry.

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board hereby requests that each of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association and the American Public Power Association (the “Associations”) develop white papers addressing issues contemplated by the immediately preceding resolution, focusing on smaller entities that are not members of the Forums, for the membership of the Associations, and to the extent permissible under any applicable confidentiality requirements, distribute such white papers to industry.

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board hereby requests that NERC management, collaborating with the appropriate NERC technical committees and other experts as deemed appropriate by management, develop a plan to evaluate the effectiveness of the Supply Chain Standards, including seeking input from registered entities subject to the Supply Chain Standards, and report back to the Board as appropriate.

***PRC-006-3 – Automatic Underfrequency Load Shedding NPCC Regional Variance for the Quebec Interconnection***

**RESOLVED**, that the Board hereby adopts proposed Reliability Standard PRC-006-3, substantially in the form presented to the Board at this meeting.

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board hereby approves the associated implementation plan, substantially in the form presented to the Board at this meeting.

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board hereby approves the Violation Risk Factors and Violation Severity Levels for the proposed Reliability Standard, substantially in the form presented to the Board at this meeting.

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board hereby approves the proposed retirement of Reliability Standard PRC-006-2, as presented to the Board at this meeting.

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that NERC management is hereby authorized to make the appropriate filings with ERO governmental authorities and take such further actions and make such further filings as are necessary and appropriate to effectuate the intent of the foregoing resolutions.

***BAL-502-RF-03 Planning Resource Adequacy Analysis, Assessment, and Documentation***

**RESOLVED**, that the Board hereby adopts the proposed regional Reliability Standard BAL-502-RF-03, as presented to the Board at this meeting.



**NERC**NORTH AMERICAN ELECTRIC  
RELIABILITY CORPORATION

September 5, 2017

**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

Ms. Kimberly D. Bose  
Secretary  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
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**RE: Informational Filing regarding Reliability Standard PRC-006-3 (*Automatic Underfrequency Load Shedding*)**

Dear Ms. Bose:

The North American Electric Reliability Corporation (“NERC”) hereby provides notice to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (“FERC”) regarding Reliability Standard PRC-006-3 (*Automatic Underfrequency Load Shedding*). Reliability Standard PRC-006-3 revises the regional Variance for the Québec Interconnection as necessary to account for the physical characteristics and operational practices of that Interconnection. No changes have been made to any of the continent-wide Requirements of Commission-approved Reliability Standard PRC-006-2<sup>1</sup> nor the regional Variance for the Western Electricity Coordinating Council (“WECC”) Interconnection.

The standard, which was developed in accordance with the NERC Rules of Procedure through the Northeast Power Coordinating Council (“NPCC”) standard development process, was adopted by the NPCC Board of Trustees on May 3, 2017 and by the NERC Board of Trustees on August 10, 2017. The standard has been submitted for the approval of the Regie d’énergie of the Province of Québec.<sup>2</sup>

As NERC proposes no changes to any standard Requirement or compliance element that is mandatory and enforceable within the United States, NERC does not seek approval of Reliability Standard PRC-006-3. To maintain consistency in standard versions approved by the NERC Board of Trustees and used throughout North America, however, NERC will transition all U.S.-based entities to Reliability

<sup>1</sup> The Commission approved Reliability Standard PRC-006-2 on March 4, 2015. *See N. Am. Elec. Reliability Corp.*, Docket No. RD15-2-000 (Mar. 4, 2015) (delegated letter order).

<sup>2</sup> *Notice of Filing of the North American Electric Reliability Corporation of Proposed Reliability Standard PRC-006-3 (Québec Variance)*, (filed Sept. 5, 2017) available at [http://www.nerc.com/FilingsOrders/ca/Canadian%20Filings%20and%20Orders%20DL/PRC-006-3%20Quebec%20Variance%20Petition%20\(Quebec\).pdf](http://www.nerc.com/FilingsOrders/ca/Canadian%20Filings%20and%20Orders%20DL/PRC-006-3%20Quebec%20Variance%20Petition%20(Quebec).pdf).

Standard PRC-006-3 effective October 1, 2017 in accordance with the Effective Date provision contained in the standard. Reliability Standard PRC-006-2 shall be retired immediately prior to the effective date of PRC-006-3.

NERC provides notice of PRC-006-3 for informational purposes only.

Respectfully submitted,

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