

Numbering Convention for NERC Regional Reliability Standards March 19, 2007

Since regional standards, once approved by FERC, become part and body of the NERC reliability standards – all of which require a unique number - a numbering convention consistent with the NERC reliability standard numbering convention is required for all regional standards developed. The regional reliability standard numbering convention is:

LLL–NNN-RRRRR-VV

Where:

- LLL is a three-letter acronym denoting the general topical area of the standard (new acronyms may be added if additional broad areas are introduced in the future):
 - BAL Resource and Demand Balancing
 - CIP Critical Infrastructure Protection
 - COM Communications
 - EOP Emergency Preparedness and Operations
 - FAC Facilities Design, Connections and Maintenance
 - INT Interchange Scheduling and Coordination
 - IRO Interconnection Reliability Operations and Coordination
 - MOD Modeling, Data, and Analysis
 - ORG Organization Certification
 - PER Personnel Performance, Training, and Qualifications
 - PRC Protection and Control
 - TOP Transmission Operations
 - TPL Transmission Planning
 - VAR Voltage and Reactive

- NNN is a three-digit standard number within that topical area:
 - If there is an existing NERC reliability standard that is a companion to the regional standard, the NERC three-digit number will be used
 - If there is not an existing NERC companion reliability standard, the number will be 5NN (beginning with 501 and increasing sequentially)

- RRRRR is a three- to five-letter acronym denoting the region to which the standard is applicable:
 - ERCOT Electric Reliability Council of Texas
 - FRCC Florida Reliability Coordinating Council
 - MRO Midwest Reliability Organization
 - NPCC Northeast Power Coordinating Council
 - RFC ReliabilityFirst Corporation
 - SERC SERC Reliability Corporation
 - SPP Southwest Power Pool
 - WECC Western Electricity Coordinating Council

- VV is the two-digit version number of that regional reliability standard beginning with 01 and increasing sequentially.

For example:

- **BAL-002-ERCOT-02** would be ERCOT's second revision to a regional standard which is companion to NERC's reliability standard BAL-002-0 (Disturbance Control Performance)
- **TOP-501-WECC-01** would be a regional standard unique to WECC in the Transmission Operations topical area of standards