

Information Document

Operating Personnel Communication Protocols

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1 Purpose

This information document relates to the following authoritative document:

- Reliability standard COM-002-AB-4, *Operating Personnel Communications Protocols* (“COM-002-AB-4”)

The purpose of this information document is to provide market participants with clarity on COM-002-AB-4 requirements.

2 Operating Personnel

Operating personnel, referred to throughout COM-002-AB-4, includes both personnel in the control room and in the field whose responsibilities include one or both of issuing and receiving operating instructions. However, each requirement set out in COM-002-AB-4 may have additional qualifying language that will impact the responsible entities or operating personnel to which a requirement will apply.

3 Nomenclature

The term nomenclature, referred to in requirement R1.6 of COM-002-AB-4, refers to the uniform identification system, such as a unique tag numbering system, that an entity uses when referring to a system element.

4 Adherence to and Effectiveness of Documented Communications Protocol

To show compliance with requirement R4 of COM-002-AB-4, each operator of a transmission facility may show evidence of assessments it has performed of operating personnel’s adherence to and effectiveness of its documented communications protocol and any corrective action plan resulting from these assessments.

Revision History

Posting Date	Description of Changes
2024-12-04	Section 3 on “Timing of Initial Training on Communications Protocols” is removed as it is a duplication of the requirements. Added a new section on “Nomenclature”.
2024-04-05	Section 2 updated to clarify applicability of requirements
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