



PJM Compliance Bulletins

NERC & Regional Coordination Department

Purpose

Compliance Bulletins are a tool developed by PJM's NERC and Regional Coordination department to provide clarity surrounding ambiguous language in the published NERC Reliability Standards and to provide guidance to the PJM Standard Owners and PJM members to assist with PJM's compliance with the standards.

Many of the approved standards contain vague language or ambiguous terms. Some examples are terms with unclear or multiple meanings and requirements that have many potential interpretations. In both cases, the Regional Entities (*ReliabilityFirst* and SERC) have both stated that it is acceptable, and encouraged, for entities to use whitepapers or a similar approach to formalize and adopt clarifications of these unclear areas.

For PJM Standard Owners and members, this initiative to create such bulletins will ensure that the various activities internal to PJM are using a common definition or clarification of a particular concept or term used in the standards. This will help to ensure consistency across our body of evidence used to demonstrate our compliance and potentially enhance reliability.

There are many cases where the PJM members are required to perform tasks that support PJM's compliance with Reliability Standards. Compliance Bulletins may act as a supplement to the TO-TOP Reliability Matrix and other approved documents to provide the members with additional details on their obligations.

While the Compliance Bulletins will provide clarity and guidance, these documents are not meant to supplant any PJM or Member Agreements or the PJM Manuals. The content of the Compliance Bulletins will not replace any obligations in any other PJM document.

Document Storage

Compliance Bulletins will be classified by the intended audience; PJM Member Companies, the PJM staff, or both. Bulletins that are intended for PJM Members will be posted on the PJM.com website. Bulletins for internal staff will be posted on the NERC & Regional Coordination intranet website.



Approval and Review

All Compliance Bulletins will be initially reviewed by the Manager of NERC and Regional Coordination, approved by the Executive Director of Reliability Integration, and then forwarded to the Regulatory Oversight and Compliance Committee for their review.

In some cases where bulletins impact our members, there may be a need to follow an approval process reflective of the PJM manual approval process. This determination will be made by the Manager of NERC and Regional Coordination as well as the appropriate PJM Standard Owner.

If the document is internal, the Manager of NERC and Regional Coordination and the impacted Standard Owner will review the document prior to forwarding to the Executive Director of Reliability Integration for approval.

Compliance Bulletins will be reviewed by the Manager of NERC and Regional Coordination and the appropriate Standard Owner once every 12 months or when a referenced standard is modified.