



## **RELAY SUBCOMMITTEE**

### **CHARTER**

#### **MISSION**

To ensure that all PJM bulk power facilities, 200 kV and higher and all transmission facilities 100 kV to 200 kV critical to the reliability of the BES as defined by PRC-023 and determined by PJM System Planning, are adequately protected. The Relay Subcommittee (RS) is responsible to the Planning Committee (PC) in all matters related to the application, design, performance, periodic testing and operation of protective relays, relay systems and associated equipment as utilized on the 200 kV and higher, interconnected, bulk power system and all transmission facilities 100 kV to 200 kV critical to the reliability of the BES as defined by PRC-023 and determined by PJM System Planning of PJM member companies.

To fulfill this mission, the RS must develop principles, procedures and standards for protective relaying and associated equipment, which are consistent with established planning and operating principles, procedures and standards relating to the adequacy and reliability of 200 kV and higher bulk power facilities and all transmission facilities 100 kV to 200 kV critical to the reliability of the BES as defined by PRC-023 and determined by PJM System Planning, of members of the PJM Interconnection and of its interconnections with neighboring systems.

#### **RESPONSIBILITIES**

1. The RS shall maintain the "PJM Relay Subcommittee Protective Relaying Philosophy and Design Guide" and the "PJM Protection Standards" document, which establish the minimum acceptable relay protection for generator units, interconnection lines and associated transmission facilities. These documents are to be reviewed at least once every four years and submitted to the PC for approval.
2. Support the formation of a Generation and Protection Subcommittee (GCPS) and interface with the GCPS as necessary.
3. Investigate new protective devices and philosophies. Arrange for, and attend, educational type seminars with vendors or consultants for updates on state-of-the-art equipment and methodologies.
4. Assign and oversee Relay Testing Subcommittee (RTS) projects. Reports and recommendations submitted by the RTS will be reviewed by the RS and where appropriate will be forwarded to the PC for approval.
5. Review established guidelines for determination of load limitations for protective relays and systems.
6. Interface with other PJM Committees and Subcommittees in joint studies or provide assistance to these other groups as required for their studies and investigations (Examples of these studies would be stability studies, Transit Network Analyzer studies, etc.).
7. Periodically share system protection experiences and problems with other companies.
8. Review major disturbances, both internal and external to PJM, and determine their relevance to PJM facilities.
9. Review all new 765 kV and 500 kV installations, as well as any Special Protection Systems that impacts PJM bulk power facilities 200 kV and higher. Results of the review, including any non-conforming designs,



should be noted in the Relay Subcommittee meeting minutes. Lower voltage bulk facilities only require review if there is a question to compliance with the standards at the discretion of the associated Relay Subcommittee Member.

10. Consult with manufacturers on specific equipment problems as required.
11. Carry out all assignments delegated to the RS by the PC.
12. Develop and maintain a "Coordination of Shared Facilities" process, for facilities 100 kV and higher, to support PJM compliance activities associated with NERC standard PRC-001. This process defines milestones that must be agreed to by two or more transmission or generation owners when relay work (settings/design) is to be performed on either terminal of an inter-tie line or an interface with a generating company, and includes maintaining the Shared Facilities table and the tie line relay setting repository.
13. Interface with NERC, DOE, and regional reliability organizations, as necessary.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE**

1. The RS is responsible to the PC in all matters related to the application, design, performance, periodic testing and operation of protective relays, relay systems and associated equipment as utilized on the PJM system, 200 kV and higher.
2. The RS will be chaired by a representative from one of the PJM member companies on a two-year rotation basis.
3. A representative from one of the PJM member companies will be appointed at each meeting to record minutes. This responsibility will rotate each meeting based on a defined rotation of the member companies.
4. The RS will develop an annual plan for the following year to be forwarded to the PC in November of each year.

## **CORE COMPETENCIES**

Each member should have the authority to commit resources in order to support the requirements of the Relay Subcommittee.

1. Should be knowledgeable in basic relaying fundamentals with experience in the protection of high voltage transmission systems.
2. Must have the ability to participate in RS monthly meetings.

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