
Project QC-2020-04

Alignment of terms and redesign of the Glossary of Terms and Acronyms used in Reliability Standards

1. OVERVIEW OF THE GLOSSARY CHANGES

1.1. Purpose of the Glossary changes

The proposed changes to the Glossary of Terms and Acronyms used in Reliability Standards (hereinafter “the Glossary”) align with the NERC Glossary currently in effect. Furthermore, a redesign of the Glossary is proposed with additional information to better identify the implementation dates and retirement dates of the terms and their definitions, as well as Régie decision and docket numbers.

1.2. Regulatory Context

The Glossary¹ provides definitions of terms and the meanings of acronyms used in the NERC Reliability Standards and is, in essence, a translation of terms in use in NERC Reliability Standards² approved by FERC. The first Glossary was filed in 2009 in docket R-3699-2009 and approved by the Régie (hereinafter, the “Régie”) in decision D-2015-098³. Subsequent modifications were made in various dockets and approved by the Régie.

1.3. Specific Provisions for Québec

No specific provisions.

1.4. Proposed Effective Dates

The Reliability Coordinator proposes an effective date on the first day of the first calendar quarter that is 60 days after the adoption date of the Glossary by the Régie.

1.5. Modifications to the Glossary

The proposed changes to the Glossary are categorized as follows:

- Retirement of a term (7 terms)
- Addition of a term (3 terms)
- Modification to the definition of a term (18 French terms and 23 English terms)
- Corrections made to existing term, such as typographical errors, etc. (4 French terms and 6 English terms)

¹ Glossary of terms and Acronyms used in Reliability Standards, modified on October 28, 2020, consulted on December 15, 2020 at : <http://www.regie-energie.qc.ca/en/audiences/NormesFiabiliteTransportElectricite/GlossaireTermesEtAcronymes-EN-20201023.pdf>

² Glossary of Terms used in NERC Reliability Standards, Updated October 8, 2020, consulted on December 15, 2020 at : https://www.nerc.com/pa/Stand/Glossary%20of%20Terms/Glossary_of_Terms.pdf

³ Régie de l'énergie, D-2015-098, consulted on December 15, 2020 at : <http://www.regie-energie.qc.ca/audiences/decisions/D-2015-098.pdf>

The majority of the changes made to the following definitions stem from the NERC project “Project 2015-04 – Alignment of Terms”⁴. Due to the closure of the Gentilly-II nuclear plant in 2012, the Régie authorized the withdrawal of the NUC-001 reliability standard relating to nuclear power plants in its decision D-2014-048.⁵ The Coordinator proposes the retirement of the terms “Nuclear Plan Generator Operator”, “Nuclear Plan Interface Requirements”, “Nuclear Plan Licensing Requirement”⁶ and “Nuclear Plant Off-site Power Supply (Off-site Power)” related to this standard.

As for the terms “ATC Path” and “Commercial Practices” found in the MOD-029 standard, they have not been approved by FERC and have been removed from the NERC Glossary⁶. In addition, NERC has requested the retirement of the MOD-029-2a standard and pending a final decision by FERC, the Régie does not intend to proceed with this standard in docket R-4070-2018⁷.

Finally, the Coordinator proposes the retirement of the term “Electrical Energy” because it is no longer referenced in the standards adopted by the Régie and by NERC. In addition to these proposed changes to the new Glossary format, effective and retirement dates of the terms and/or their definitions, Régie docket numbers and decision numbers are specified for each term. The proposed changes to these terms, in French and in English, are provided in the document “Modifications au Glossaire”.

2. ASSESSMENT OF RELEVANCE

In 2007, FERC approved Version 0 of the Reliability Standards in Order 693⁸, as well as the NERC Glossary of Terms. Similarly, FERC approved the NERC Rules of Procedure (ROP)⁹, which contained a number of FERC approved defined terms. Later in 2011, at FERC’s suggestion, NERC moved all of the defined terms contained in various sections and Appendices of the ROP into one central location, Appendix 2 of the ROP.

Following FERC’s approval of the NERC’s Glossary and Appendix 2 to the ROP¹⁰, there were a number of necessary revisions to the defined terms through the Reliability Standards development process, whereas ROP terms were revised through the ROP revision process. Some defined terms that appeared in both the NERC Glossary of Terms and Rules of Procedure (herein after “cross-over terms”) contained inconsistencies or differences in the definitions, which caused confusion and could potentially lead to inconsistent interpretation or application of the meaning of a term.

The purpose of NERC’s “Project 2015-04 – Alignment of Terms” project was to align the defined terms found in the Glossary and in the ROP. In order to ensure the harmonization of the terms, the standard drafting team undertook substantial background research including an examination of the history of the

⁴ NERC Project 2015-04 – Alignment of Terms, consulted on December 15, 2020 at : [https://www.nerc.com/pa/Stand/Pages/Project-2015-04-Alignment-of-Glossary-of-Terms-\(NERC-Reliability-Standards-and-the-Rules-of-Procedure\).aspx](https://www.nerc.com/pa/Stand/Pages/Project-2015-04-Alignment-of-Glossary-of-Terms-(NERC-Reliability-Standards-and-the-Rules-of-Procedure).aspx)

⁵ Régie de l’énergie, Décision D-2015-098, consulted on December 15, 2020 at : <http://www.regie-energie.qc.ca/audiences/decisions/D-2015-098.pdf>

⁶ FERC Order 729, consulted on December 15, 2020 : https://www.nerc.com/FilingsOrders/us/FERCOrdersRules/20091124-3045_Order_on_ATC.pdf

⁷ Régie de l’énergie, Décision D-2020-167, consulted on December 15, 2020 at : http://publicsde.regie-energie.qc.ca/projets/483/DocPrj/R-4070-2018-A-0046-Dec-Dec-2020_12_11.pdf

⁸ FERC Order 693, paragraph 1893, consulted on December 15, 2020 : <https://www.nerc.com/FilingsOrders/us/FERCOrdersRules/ORDER%20693.pdf>

⁹ Rules of Procedure of the North American Electric Reliability Corporation, consulted December 15, 2020: https://www.nerc.com/FilingsOrders/us/RuleOfProcedureDL/NERC_ROP_Effective_20150319_without_Appendices.pdf

¹⁰ FERC Docket RR-12-3-000, consulted on December 15, 2020 : https://www.nerc.com/FilingsOrders/us/FERCOrdersRules/ROP_Order_Cap_Project_20120131.pdf

term's definition, previous drafting teams' intent, relevant NERC filings to FERC, and any FERC orders approving the term's definition. Additionally, the standard drafting team examined how each term is used in the Glossary, Reliability Standards and ROP and determined whether revisions were appropriate based on this examination.

Several modifications were made to the Glossary and approved in various Régie dockets since its first approved version of the Glossary in 2015. Typically, modifications to the Glossary are filed with the standards in which the terms are found, and in accordance to decision D-2020-067¹¹ in docket R-4104-2019, this project not only addresses changes to the Glossary arising from the NERC project 205-04, but also serves as an alignment of terms exercise in between the currently effective NERC and Québec Glossaries in effect..

In accordance with the agreement made in 2009 between the Régie, NERC and the NPCC and with the authorization of the Québec government,¹² the modifications to the Glossary were developed and approved by external agencies for North America, including Québec. In the opinion of the Reliability Coordinator, the changes to the Glossary are relevant for system reliability in Québec and the Glossary contributes to harmonization with neighboring systems.

3. PRELIMINARY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

This section presents the Reliability Coordinator's preliminary impact assessment. Since the terms presented in the "Modifications au Glossaire" document are found in reliability standards already approved by the Régie, the Coordinator considers that the impact of this alignment project is low.

Glossary	Low	Moderate	High
Modifications to the Glossary	X		

Legend:

- Low:** Normal industry practice that only requires minor adjustments to existing processes or practices.
- Moderate:** Change that requires allocation of some physical, human or financial resources to implement the proposed standard, maintain it or monitor its compliance.
- High:** Change that requires allocation of significant physical, human or financial resources to plan and implement the proposed standard, maintain it or monitor its compliance.

4. FINAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

This section shall be completed upon receipt of the impact assessment forms and at the conclusion of the consultation process prior to filing of reliability standards with the Régie de l'énergie.

¹¹ Decision D-2020-067, consulted on December 15, 2020: http://publicsde.regie-energie.qc.ca/projets/523/DocPrj/R-4104-2019-A-0017-Dec-Dec-2020_06_08.pdf

¹² Agreement entered into in accordance with Order-in-Council 443-21009 dated April 8, 2019.