

Summary of Revised Terms “Generator Owner” and “Generator Operator”

Revised terms “Generator Owner” and “Generator Operator” used in NERC Reliability Standards and request for expedited action.

Details of Standard(s) Development

Reliability Standards Authority: NERC

Proposed Modified Definition(s):	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Generator Owner (GO)• Generator Operator (GOP)
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Purpose	To match the NERC Glossary of Terms definitions of Generator Owner and Generator Operator with the revised definitions contained in the Rules of Procedure registry criteria for Generator Owner and Generator Operator.
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Change Type:	FERC DIRECTIVE
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Affected Functional Entities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Generator Owner (GO)• Generator Operator (GOP)
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Ballot Results:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 91.01 % Quorum / 85.98% Approval
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Ontario Participant Support:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• There were 243 votes cast by NERC registered entities. 0 OEB rate-regulated entities voted.
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Impact Within Ontario	Not Assessed.
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Standards Development Milestones¹

Date	Action
August 14, 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adopted Originally by NERC Board of Trustees
August 27, 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• NERC Date for Supplemental Petition for Approval
September 04, 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• IESO Posting Date
January 02, 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• End of OEB Review Period

Summary

Proposed Definitions:

Generator Owner (GO): The entity that (1) owns and maintains generating Facilities (Category 1 GO); or (2) owns and maintains non-BES Inverter-Based Resources (IBRs) that either have or contribute to an aggregate nameplate capacity ≥ 20 MVA, connected through a system designed primarily for delivery to a common point of connection at a voltage ≥ 60 kV (Category 2 GO).

Generator Operator (GOP): The entity that (1) operates generating Facilities and performs the functions of supplying energy and Interconnected Operations Services (Category 1 GOP); or (2) operates non-BES IBRs meeting the Category 2 criteria above (Category 2 GOP).

These revisions have been submitted by NERC to expand the applicability of Reliability Standards to IBRs meeting the Category 2 criteria. Such resources have contributed to multiple grid disturbances by abnormally tripping, ceasing current injection, or reducing output during system events. The revisions will align the NERC Glossary of Terms with registration criteria, eliminate terminology inconsistencies, and ensure Category 2 IBR owners and operators are registered and subject to Reliability Standards. NERC emphasizes that prompt action is critical to address the demonstrated reliability risks and to provide regulatory certainty.

Other Salient Information

Stakeholder Consultation

NERC Reliability Standards Development Procedure

- NERC develops Reliability Standards in accordance with Section 300 (Reliability Standards Development) of its Rules of Procedure and the NERC Standard Processes Manual;
- NERC's rules provide for reasonable notice and opportunity for public comment, due process, openness, and a balance of interests in developing Reliability Standards;

¹ The next steps will be the issuance of the FERC Order followed by determination of the [Ontario Enforcement Date](#).

- The development process is open to any person or entity with a legitimate interest in the reliability of the Bulk Power System. NERC considers the comments of all stakeholders;
- Stakeholders must approve, and the NERC Board of Trustees must adopt, a new or revised Reliability Standard before NERC submits the Reliability Standard to FERC for approval;
- NERC provided public notices for comments and balloting as follows:
 - Standard Authorization Request Development: July 02, 2024
 - First Formal Posting – Comment Period and Initial Ballot: March 24 – May 7, 2025
 - Final Ballot: July 2 – July 14, 2025

IESO Reliability Standards Standing Committee

- The purpose of the Reliability Standards Standing Committee (RSSC) is to assist market participants to develop a more comprehensive understanding of their reliability obligations by:
 - Notifying participants of reliability-related information on new and developing reliability standards;
 - Providing a forum to discuss and develop consensus comments on new and developing reliability standards; and
 - Engaging participants in the standard development process of NERC and NPCC.
- The majority of stakeholder engagement takes place by email communications and is open to any stakeholder wishing to join.