

# Memorandum

**To:** Technical Panel

**From:** Adam Cumming

**Date:** May 5, 2025

**Re:** MR-00491-R00 – Updates to Contingency Event Definitions

Attached for Technical Panel review and consideration are administrative updates to the market rules in order to align the defined terms for most severe single contingency (MSSC) and second most severe single contingency (SMSSC), with the defined terms used by the Northeast Power Coordinating Council (NPCC) and the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC). The changes are intended to improve consistency between the market rules, NERC Standards and NPCC Directories.

At its meeting on April 14, 2026, the Technical Panel voted to post the proposed market rule amendments for stakeholder review and comment. No stakeholder comments were received during this posting period, and the amendment proposal has not changed since the Technical Panel's last review.

## Panel Action and Next Steps

The IESO recommends that the Technical Panel vote to recommend the proposed market rule amendment MR-00491-R00 to the IESO Board for approval at its June 11, 2026 meeting. Per the Technical Panel Terms of Reference, Panel members will be asked to provide reasons for their stated positions.

## Accompanying Materials

- Market Rules Amendment Proposal – MR-00491-R00: Updates to Contingency Event Definitions