

# Memorandum

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**To:** **Technical Panel**  
**From:** Adam Cumming  
**Date:** February 3, 2025  
**Re:** MR-00491-Q00 – Update to Contingency Event Definitions

Attached for Technical Panel review and consideration is a market rules amendment submission that proposes to make an administrative update to the market rules to align the terminology and 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).

### **Recommendation – Warrants Consideration**

The IESO recommends that the Technical Panel determine that the amendment submission warrants consideration, as the changes to the terminology will align the market rules with the defined terms used by NPCC and NERC.

Due to the administrative nature of the proposed changes and because the defined terms were stakeholdered as part of NPCC's triennial review of the NPCC Regional Reliability Reference Directory # 5: Reserve, no additional stakeholder engagement was deemed necessary. As a result, the IESO has brought this item for a warrants consideration vote as required by the market rules and the Technical Panel terms of reference.

### **Recommendation – Priority**

The IESO recommends that the Technical Panel assign a regular priority to the development of the suggested changes.

### **Proposed Schedule**

Pending the Technical Panel's determination that the amendment submission warrants consideration, the IESO expects to bring an amendment proposal to the Panel for review in April. The target for IESO Board approval of the amendment is June 11, 2026.

### **Accompanying Materials**

- Presentation – Update to Contingency Event Definitions
- Market Rules Amendment Submission – MR-00491-Q00