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विषय: Revised Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for Third Party Protection System Audit, Grid Disturbances/Grid Incidents/Tripping's, and Communication audit for Substations, and Communication System Outage Planning- reg.

Madam/Sir,

As per the 14th NPC meeting held on 03.02.2024, the following Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) are revised and attached herewith for your kind information and necessary action, please:

1. Third Party Protection System Audit.
2. Grid Disturbances/Grid Incidents/Tripping's.
3. Communication audit for Substations.
4. Communication System Outage Planning.

Encl: As above


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Yours faithfully,
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Revised Final Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) to address the Grid Disturbances (GDs)/Grid Incidents (GIs)/any other Protection Trippings

1. Immediately following an event (grid disturbance/incidence as defined in the CEA (Grid Standards) Regulations 2010 and subsequent amendment in the system, the concerned user/entity or SLDC shall inform to the RLDC through voice message.
2. Written flash report shall be submitted to RLDC and SLDC by the concerned user/entity within the time line specified in **Table 8** below, as per the IEGC, 2023.
3. In compliance of IEGC, 2023, All the Users, STU/SLDC are required to furnish the following information in respect of Grid Occurrences(GD/GI) within the time line specified in **Table 8** below, to RLDC/ RPC:
 - (i) First Information Report (FIR)
 - (ii) Event Logger (EL) output
 - (iii)Disturbance Recorder (DR) output
 - (iv)Trip event analysis report-TR (with pre and post fault system conditions)
 - (v) Data Acquisition System (DAS)
4. RLDC shall report the event (grid disturbance or grid incidence) to CEA, RPC and all regional entities within twenty-four (24) hours of receipt of the flash report.
5. After a complete analysis of the event, the user/entity shall submit a detailed report in the case of grid disturbance or grid incidence within one (1) week of the occurrence of event to RLDC and RPC.
6. Based on the above detailed report submitted to RLDC by the entities, RLDC shall Categorize Grid Occurrences into grid incidents (GIs) and grid disturbance (GDs) based on criteria as per the CEA (Grid Standards) Regulations 2010 and subsequent amendment. RLDC shall also submit the Auto Reclosure (A/R) failure events, PLCC related events, any other protection related events to RPCs on monthly basis.
7. RLDCs and NLDC (for events involving more than one region) shall prepare a draft report of each grid disturbance or grid incidence including simulation results and analysis along with associated PMU plots of appropriate resolution, which shall be discussed and finalized at the Protection sub-committee/sub-group of RPC as per the timeline specified in **Table-8** below.

TABLE 8 : REPORT SUBMISSION TIMELINE

Sr. No.	Grid Event [^] (Classification)	Flash report submission deadline (users/ SLDC)	Disturbance record and station event log submission deadline (users/ SLDC)	Detailed report and data submission deadline (users/ SLDC)	Draft report submission deadline (RLDC/ NLDC)	Discussion in protection committee meeting and final report submission deadline (RPC)
1	GI-1/GI-2	8 hours	24 hours	+7 days	+7 days	+60 days
2	Near miss event	8 hours	24 hours	+7 days	+7 days	+60 days
3	GD-1	8 hours	24 hours	+7 days	+7 days	+60 days
4	GD-2/GD-3	8 hours	24 hours	+7 days	+21 days	+60 days
5	GD-4/GD-5	8 hours	24 hours	+7 days	+30 days	+60 days

[^]The classification of Grid Disturbance (GD)/Grid Incident (GI) shall be as per the CEA Grid Standards.

(The above table is as per the IEGC 2023)

8. RPCs shall circulate all the GDs, GIs, near miss events, A/R events, PLCC mal-operation events, any other protection related event etc. along with the Agenda for Protection Co-Ordination Sub-Committee (PCSC) of RPCs. PCSC meetings are to be held in every month.
9. The implementation of the recommendations of the final report shall be monitored by the protection sub-committee of the RPC. Tripping portals deployed for reporting of the GDs & GIs on RLDCs portal, shall also have compliances reporting of PCSC recommendations on this portal. NLDC shall disseminate the lessons learnt from each event to all the RPCs for necessary action in the respective regions.
10. Constituents/entities shall furnish the following details to RPCs/RLDCs in respect of all the grid occurrences for analysis:
 - a) Detailed analysis of the events
 - b) SLD or equivalent pictorial representation clearly showing:
 - i. Location of fault with distance
 - ii. Fault details with type & relay indications
 - iii. CT/PT/CVT rating details with location
 - iv. Bus-bar arrangement/ Configuration of feeders and other information related to the ratings of the information required for analysis of the disturbance.
 - v. CB positions (OPEN/ CLOSE) before and after fault
 - vi. Isolator & Earth-switch positions (OPEN/CLOSE)
 - vii. Voltage, frequency & power flows with direction at the time of fault
 - c) Output of Event logger & Disturbance recorder
 - d) Remedial Action(s) taken
 - e) Relay setting details

HVDC Station Disturbance : Any additional data such as HVDC transient fault

record, switchyard equipment and any other relevant station data required for carrying out analysis of an event by RPC, NLDC, RLDC and SLDC shall be furnished by the users including RLDC and SLDC, as the case may be, within forty- eight (48) hours of the request. All users shall also furnish high-resolution analog data from various instruments including power electronic devices like HVDC, FACTS, renewable generation (inverter level or WTG level) on the request of RPCs, NLDC, RLDCs or SLDCs.

Generating Station Disturbance: Generating Station shall furnish high-resolution analog data from various instruments including AVR response, PSS response required for analysis of disturbance.

11. The respective entities (for which the Grid occurrence is placed in the PCSC agenda) shall present the Grid Occurrence which shall cover all related aspects such as:
 - a) Antecedent conditions,
 - b) Bus-configuration,
 - c) Reasons of GD/ GI occurrence,
 - d) Relevant Diagrams showing location of the fault,
 - e) Bus bar arrangement/configuration of feeders and other connected equipment with proper CB positions (OPEN/ CLOSE) at the time of occurrence of the fault,
 - f) Type of protections operated,
 - g) Substantiation of the protections operated by relevant DRs & ELs,
 - h) Reasons for protection systems mal-operation/non-operation,
 - i) Remedial measures taken/ proposed, etc.
12. In respect of failure or Non-operation of A/R events, PLCC mal-operation events, any other protection related event as given in the PCSC agenda the concerned entities, shall furnish the reasons along with remedial action taken to RPCs/RLDCs. The same would be analyzed by the PCSC.
13. In the PCSC meetings, all the GDs, GIs, near miss events, A/R non-operation/mal-operation, PLCC mal-operations, other protection related trippings/events as circulated in the agenda shall be analyzed in detail by the PCSC forum and conclude the suitable recommendations to avoid the recurrence of such incidents in the future.
14. The action plan by the entities shall be furnished to RPC for implementation of the PCSC recommendations along with the timelines.
15. The implementation of the PCSC recommendations shall be followed up in the monthly PCSC meetings of RPC.
16. When grid disturbances or grid incidents occurred at major/critical substations and at substations that affected critical/essential/strategic loads, a Protection System Analysis Group (PSAG) shall be constituted consisting of the members from RPC, NLDC, RLDC, PGCIL, a Protection Expert from the region along with the Entity under whose jurisdiction GD/GI occurred to analyze the GD/GI in detail by visiting the respective substation/substations physically and conducting the meetings. PSAG would finalize the remedial actions and recommendations after deliberations and detailed analysis. The progress of implementation of the PSAG shall be followed up in the monthly PCSC Meetings.
17. If grid disturbance or grid incident is due to operational issue or transmission constraint/inadequacy, Grid-India shall share feedback to CTU or respective STU.

18. In case any user/entity fails to undertake remedial action identified by the RPC within the specified timelines as decided by PCSC of RPC, the concerned RPC may approach the Commission with all relevant details for suitable directions.
19. A date depository of the event as maintained by the RLDC shall be accessible to every entity and the entity shall upload all the relevant documents on the RLDC portal of trippings.
