

Request to Develop or Modify Reliability Rules and Requirements (NYSRC Policy No. 1)
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Item	Information
1. PRR No. & Title of Reliability Rule or Requirement change	PRR 159 Modification to the underground cable operating criteria Table C-2
2. Rule Change Requester Information	
Name	Martin Paszek, Greg Campoli
Organization	Consolidated Edison Company of New York and New York State Independent System Operator
3. New rule or revision to existing rule?	Table C-2 revision
4. Need for rule change, including advantages and disadvantages	<p>The current NYSRC rule limits corrective action to the use of ten-minute operating reserve, which is traditionally interpreted as the ability to increase generation. This constraint does not fully leverage the operational flexibility available to System Operators, particularly in scenarios where reducing generation output is the most effective and reliable method to alleviate post-contingency overloads on underground cables.</p> <p>From the NYSRC reliability rules manual glossary of terms:</p> <p><i>Ten (10) Minute Operating Reserve</i> - The sum of synchronized and non-synchronized reserve capacity that is fully available in ten (10) minutes.</p> <p><i>Non-synchronized Ten (10) Minute Operating Reserve</i> - The portion of ten (10) minute reserve consisting of resource capacity such as hydroelectric, pumped storage hydroelectric, and quick start combustion generation which can be synchronized and loaded to claimed capacity in ten (10) minutes or less, and interruptible load, including load reduction achieved by starting generation to offset demand, which can be achieved in 10 minutes or less. Non-synchronized reserve must not exceed half of the ten (10) minute reserve.</p> <p><i>Synchronized Operating Reserve</i> -The portion of ten (10) minute reserve consisting of unused resource capacity which is synchronized and ready to achieve claimed capacity or resource capacity which can be made available by curtailing pumping hydro units or canceling energy sales to other systems.</p> <p>These definitions emphasize that operating reserve is primarily associated with increasing generation or reducing load, not reducing generation output. The proposed modification replaces “ten-minute operating reserve” with “ten-minute emergency response capability,” explicitly encompassing both increasing and reducing generation output. This change ensures operators can utilize all available resources - including generation curtailment, quick-start units, and phase angle regulation - to restore flows to LTE ratings within the required fifteen-minute window without causing other facilities to exceed LTE limits. The modification enhances reliability, reduces the risk of load shedding, and aligns operational practices with real-world system dynamics, while maintaining compliance with NYSRC’s reliability objectives.</p>

	<p>The proposed modification to the language in table C-2:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> For normal transfers, no facility shall be loaded beyond its LTE rating following the most severe of contingencies 1 through 8 specified in Table C-1. <p>An underground cable circuit may be loaded to its STE rating following:</p> <p><u>Loss of Generation</u> - provided ten (10) minute operating reserve ten (10) minute emergency response capability (including the ability to increase or decrease resource output) and/or phase angle regulation is available to reduce the loading to its LTE rating within fifteen (15) minutes and not cause any other facility to be loaded beyond its LTE rating.</p> <p><u>Loss of Transmission Facilities</u> - provided ten (10) minute operating reserve ten (10) minute emergency response capability of resources and/or phase angle regulation is available to reduce the loading to its LTE rating within fifteen (15) minutes and not cause any other facility to be loaded beyond its LTE rating</p> <p>Advantage:</p> <p>Enhances reliability by providing additional flexibility to System Operators that may prevent the shedding of load.</p> <p>The inclusion of 'decreasing' output leverages the inherently faster downward ramp rates of thermal resources and the near-instantaneous response of ESS and HVDC assets. This provides a more certain and rapid mitigation of post-contingency overloads on underground cables compared to traditional upward reserve deployment alone.</p> <p>Disadvantage: None</p>
5. Related NYSRC rules	
6. Section A – Reliability Rule Elements	
1. Reliability Rule	
2. Associated NERC & NPCC Standards and Criteria	No change
3. Applicability	No Change
7. Section B – Requirements	<p>Proposed Table C-2 change. Addition of glossary term:</p> <p>Emergency Response Capability – The sum of the available capacity from Generation, Energy Storage Systems (ESS), and HVDC facilities that can be adjusted (increased or decreased) and sustained within ten (10) minutes following a contingency to restore Transmission Facility loadings to within applicable limits.</p>
8. Section C – Compliance Elements	
1. Measures	No Change
2. Levels of Non-Compliance	No Change
3. Compliance Monitoring Process (See Policy 4):	No Change
3.1 Compliance Monitoring Responsibility	No Change

3.2 Reporting Frequency	No Change
3.3 Compliance Reporting Requirements	No Change
9. Comments	“Expedited action is necessary to ensure that this rule change will unlock additional resource flexibility going into the summer high load period. By formalizing 'Emergency Response Capability' now, the NYISO can more effectively resolve post-contingency overloads on critical underground cables through both increasing and decreasing resource output. This provides System Operators with the full suite of bi-directional tools required to manage the modern grid, thus enhancing system reliability and reducing the risk of load shedding during the upcoming 2026 summer peak.”
10. Date Rule Adopted	Effective immediately after EC approval
11. PRR Revision Dates	
12. Implementation Plan	Effective immediately after EC approval