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# I. TP Data Management Procedures

## A. Introduction

This document outlines the data management procedures involved in order to:

- Support BC Hydro’s transmission planning business processes (growth capital planning, interconnection planning and transmission operation services),
- Address WECC steady-state and dynamic data model requests, and
- Ensure compliance with NERC MRS Standards that deal with data modelling for transmission planning and reliability assessment. These are:
  1. NERC Standard **MOD-010** requires to establish consistent data requirements, reporting procedures, and system models of Steady-State data for modelling and simulation of the interconnected transmission system
  2. NERC Standard **MOD-012** requires to establish consistent data requirements, reporting procedures, and system models of Dynamic data for modelling and simulation of the interconnected transmission system
  3. NERC Standard **MOD-026-1** requires to verify that the generator excitation control system or plant volt/var control function model (including the power system stabilizer model and the impedance compensator model) and the model parameters used in dynamic simulations accurately represent the generator excitation control system or plant volt/var control function behaviour when assessing Bulk Electric System (BES) reliability.
  4. NERC Standard **MOD-027-1** requires to verify that the turbine/governor and load control or active/frequency control model and the model parameters used in dynamic simulations that assess BES reliability, accurately represent the generator unit real power response to system frequency variations.
  5. NERC Standard **MOD-031-2** requires to ensure that various forms of historical and forecasted demand and energy data and information is collected to support reliability studies and assessments.
  6. NERC Standard **TPL-001-4** requires to establish transmission system planning performance requirements within the planning horizon to develop a Bulk Electric System that will operate reliable over a broad spectrum of system conditions and following a wide range of probable contingencies.

Where applicable, NERC Reliability Standards Requirements, for which compliance is monitored, are referenced. This document has been prepared by the System Modelling &

Planning Support Group, which has certain responsibilities as described in this document. Other groups in transmission planning, Growth Capital Planning, Interconnection Planning, and Transmission Operations Services also have responsibilities as described in this document.

Section II of this report addresses Steady-State data requirements for modelling and simulation of the interconnected transmission system. Section III addresses Dynamic data requirements for modelling and simulation of the interconnected transmission system. Section IV addresses WECC steady-state and dynamic data request. Section V addresses verification of dynamic data for generating units. Section VI addresses WECC requirements for reporting load and generation resources. Sections VII and VIII address NERC/WECC/CEA requirements for data reporting concerning reliability assessment.

**Bold text indicates a process, procedure, or documentation that is specifically required for compliance with NERC Reliability Standards. The specific Standard and Requirement is identified.**

## **B. Roles and Responsibilities**

- The System Modelling & Planning Support Group is responsible for compiling the data and making the base cases available to support all the transmission planning processes of BC Hydro and the analysis and reliability assessment of BC Hydro's transmission system.
- The System Modelling & Planning Support Group is responsible for ensuring that load and resource forecast data provided by BC Hydro's Distribution Planning, Market Forecast and Energy Planning Groups and Fortis BC (Transmission Planner), are accurately represented in the base cases. In case of data inconsistencies and/or inaccuracies, the System Modelling & Planning Support Group will work with the respective groups at BC Hydro and Fortis BC to resolve the data issues.
- The System Modelling & Planning Support Group is responsible for delivering customized study base cases to the transmission planners as per specifications in their Study Data Service Request (SDSR). The System Modelling & Planning Support Group will work with the transmission planner to clarify the specifications and deliverables as per the scope of the work. The template of the SDSR is included in **Appendix 1**.
- Transmission planners from the growth capital planning, interconnection planning and Network Operations Services groups and station planners from the substations growth and sustainment group are responsible for providing to the System Modelling & Planning Support Group complete and timely Model Change

Information (MCI) for steady state and dynamic model data updates for new, upgraded or planned facilities. Details of this process are included in **Appendix 2**

- Transmission planners are responsible for reporting to the System Modelling & Planning Support Group of any data errors discovered during the normal course of performing planning studies. These errors will be corrected by the System Modelling & Planning Support Group and implemented in the next release of base cases.
- The System Modelling & Planning Support Group is responsible for model verification, enhancing the data models and performing data clean-ups on an on-going basis and in consultation with the transmission planners.

## **II. Steady-State Data for Modeling and Simulation**

### **A. Introduction**

In order to support BC Hydro's transmission planning business processes (growth capital planning, interconnection planning and network operations services), address WECC data model requests and ensure compliance with NERC MRS standards related to data modelling, there is a need for developing a comprehensive steady-state data requirements and reporting procedures to model and analyze the steady-state conditions of BC Hydro's transmission system.

### **B. BC Hydro Power Flow Base Cases**

The System Modelling & Planning Support Group uses a base case management infrastructure which has repository and versioning control capabilities to maintain steady-state and dynamic data models. Using this infrastructure standard power flow base cases are created and used as starting points in planning studies. The attributes of a standard power flow base case are:

- a. Load Level Groups –
  - i. Bulk
  - ii. Division
  - iii. Region
  - iv. Area
  - v. Zone
  - vi. Station
  
- b. Application –
  - i. Bulk Planning Studies – Bulk (b) cases based on system coincident load.
  - ii. Division and Inter-Region Planning Studies – Division (d) cases based on coincident division load groups.
  - iii. Region and Inter-Area Planning Studies – Region (r) cases based on coincident region load groups.
  - iv. Area and Region Planning Studies – Area (a) cases based on coincident area load groups.
  - v. Sub-area and Area Planning Studies – Zone (z) cases based on coincident zone load groups.
  - vi. Station and Localized Radial Supply Planning Studies – Station (s) cases based on station peak (non-coincident) loads.
  
- c. Season –
  - i. Heavy Winter



- ii. Light Winter
  - iii. Heavy Summer
  - iv. Light Summer
- d. Resolution –
  - i. Each year for the next 10+ years.
- e. Reference forecasts –
  - i. 1-in-2 probability forecast (Mid-Forecast or P50) for bulk studies only
  - ii. 1-in-10 probability forecast (High-Forecast or P90) for all studies except bulk
- f. Demand Side Management (DSM) impact –
  - i. With DSM
  - ii. No DSM
- g. Load Scaling Methodology –
  - i. Using Load Coincident Factors
- h. Transmission and Station Equipment Power Flow Data Models –
  - i. Bus (substation, load): name, voltage, active and reactive power demand (MW, MVar), etc.,
  - ii. Generating units: bus location, minimum and maximum ratings (net MW and MVar values), status, regulating bus, voltage setpoint, etc.,
  - iii. AC Transmission circuit (overhead and underground): voltage, impedance, line charging, normal and emergency ratings, status, metering locations, etc.,
  - iv. Transformer (voltage and phase-shifting): voltage of windings, impedance, tap ratios (voltage and/or phase angle or tap step size), regulated bus and voltage setpoint, normal and emergency ratings, status, etc.,
  - v. Reactive compensation (shunt and series capacitors and reactors): voltage, nominal ratings, impedance, percentage compensation, connection point (bus), controller device, etc.

These data models correspond to existing facilities ((Ref: TPL-001-4 R1, 1.1.1 and 1.1.3)

- i. Transmission and Station Equipment Sequence Data Models –
  - i. Generating units: positive, negative and zero sequence impedances, grounding impedance,
  - ii. AC Transmission circuit (overhead and underground): zero sequence impedance,
  - iii. Transformer (voltage and phase-shifting): zero sequence impedance, winding connection code and grounding impedance,
  - iv. Mutual line impedance for transmission lines (230kV to 500 kV).

- j. Interchange Schedules –
  - i. BC-US: existing long-term contracts
  - ii. US-BC: existing long-term contracts
  - iii. BC-AB: existing long-term contracts
  - iv. AB-BC: existing long-term contracts

These schedules correspond to known commitments for firm transmission service and interchange (**Ref: TPL-001-4 R1, 1.1.5**)

Standard power flow base cases are created in PSS/E *sav* and *raw* formats and can be customized by specifying the generation dispatch, load level, interchange flows and topology changes to meet the requirements of particular studies.

Sub-Sections C – L provide additional description of the data included in the power flow base cases.

### **C. Station Non-Coincident Load Forecasts**

The System Modelling & Planning Support Group obtains station (Distribution and Transmission Voltage Customers) non-coincident peak load forecasts (with DSM and no DSM) from BC Hydro's Distribution Planning group (for distribution loads), BC Hydro's Market Forecast group (for transmission voltage customer loads) and Fortis BC (Transmission Planning) on a yearly basis. The System Modelling & Planning Support Group will work with each of these groups to resolve any issues and then incorporate the load forecasts in the data models used to support all the transmission planning processes in BC Hydro (**Ref: TPL-001-4 R1 1.1.4**)

### **D. System Coincident Load Forecast**

The System Modelling & Planning Support Group obtains system coincident peak load forecasts (with DSM and no DSM) from BC Hydro's Market Forecast group and Fortis BC (Transmission Planning) on a yearly basis. The System Modelling & Planning Support Group will work with each of these groups to resolve any issues and then incorporate the load forecasts in the data models used to support all the transmission planning processes in BC Hydro (**Ref: TPL-001-4 R1 1.1.4**)

### **E. Load Coincident Factors**

The System Modelling & Planning Support Group is responsible for maintaining and keeping up to date historical hourly load curves for each load (distribution station load and transmission voltage customer load) in the BC Hydro transmission system. Using these load curves, Load Coincident Factors (LCF) are generated on a seasonal basis

(Heavy Winter, Light Winter, Heavy Summer and Light Summer) for each load group (Bulk, Division, Region, Area, Zone and Station). These LCF are applied to the load forecasts in order to allocate the corresponding value to each bus load while creating a power flow base case. The LCF may need to be adjusted to match the total coincidental load forecasts provided by BC Hydro's Market Forecast Group and Fortis BC. For future loads, appropriate proxies LCFs are used.

## **F. Interconnection Queue**

Planners from the Interconnections Planning group are responsible for providing the data model for generation (IPPs) added in the interconnection queue first after the system impact study and later on (if updated) after the facility study is completed (ref. **Appendix 2**). The System Modelling & Planning Support Group will add this data and any transmission upgrade that is required in the base cases used for interconnection studies based on the queue.

Planners from the Growth Capital Planning group are responsible for providing the data model for Transmission Voltage Customers (TVC) added in the interconnection queue first when the system impact study and later on (if updated) after the facility study is completed (ref. **Appendix 2**). The System Modelling & Planning Support Group will add this data and any transmission upgrade that is required in the base cases used for interconnection studies based on the queue.

The System Modelling & Planning Support Group in coordination with the planner who perform the interconnection study will request the Interconnection Customer (IPP or TVC) either directly or through the interconnection/project manager for plant record (as-built) data of their facilities during the commissioning stage or as soon as they enter in commercial operations in order to update the base cases.

## **G. Base Resource Plan**

Base Resource Plan (Generation forecasts) will be obtained from the Resource Planners. The entities with Resource Planning responsibility (BC Hydro's Energy Planning group and Fortis BC) will distribute this data to the System Modelling & Planning Support Group. The System Modelling & Planning Support Group will work with the Resource Planners to resolve any issues and then incorporate the Base Resource Plan in the data models used to support all the transmission planning processes in BC Hydro (**Ref: TPL-001-4 R1 1.1.6**).

## **H. Capital and Sustain Projects**

Capital and Sustain Projects (Area reinforcements, Bulk system reinforcements, Station expansion & modification, Generating plant upgrades, unplanned reinforcements and replacements) identified in the annual capital plan and sustain program will be obtained from the Capital Infrastructure Project Delivery group that keeps up-to-date the portfolio delivery plan in the SAP system.

The System Modelling & Planning Support Group in coordination with the Transmission Planners and the Program/Project Managers will resolve any issues and then incorporate the capital plan and sustain projects in the base cases used to support all the transmission planning processes in BC Hydro.

The System Modelling & Planning Support Group in coordination with the Transmission Planners and the Program/Project Managers will also request for as-built data of capital and sustain projects during the commissioning stage or as soon as they are put in service in order to update the base cases (**Ref: TPL-001-4 R1 1.1.3**).

## **I. US and AB Model Representation**

Neighbouring systems (US and Alberta) will be represented in BC Hydro base cases by an external model developed by the System Modelling & Planning Support Group. This model will normally be based on a selected and approved WECC base case that includes all the major transmission expansion projects of relevance in other jurisdictions.

A single external model will be used for all BC Hydro base cases. Therefore, the System Modelling & Planning Support group will ensure that this external model behaves properly for all likely scenarios to be studied in terms of generation dispatch, load levels and inter-tie transfer flows.

Should a planner identify a need for a better representation of an external system, the System Modelling & Planning Support Group will work with the Transmission Planner to develop this from the most appropriate approved WECC base case or from the most up-to-date model requested to a neighbouring utility. The System Modelling & Planning Support Group will also coordinate this work with the neighbouring utilities (BPA in the U.S. and AESO in the province of Alberta) as appropriate.

## **J. Fortis BC Model Representation**

The Fortis BC system is fully integrated to the BC Hydro transmission system. As such, the System Modelling & Planning Support group works very close with the Transmission Planner from Fortis BC in order to keep the steady-state model representation as accurate as possible.

## K. Geomagnetic Disturbance Data

The System Modelling & Planning Support group works in coordination with Station Asset Planning and Transmission Planning resources to collect data to assess Geomagnetic Disturbances in the integrated transmission system. This data is used to calculate Geomagnetic Induced Currents (GIC). At present, the data collected includes facilities connected at 200kV and above. These are:

- a. Substation –
  - i. Geographic latitude, longitude (degrees)
  - ii. Grounding resistance (ohms)
- b. Transformer –
  - i. Core type (core or shell)
  - ii. Connection type (d, y, gy), autotransformer (y/n)
  - iii. Blocking device status, type, DC resistance (ohms)
- c. Transmission Line –
  - i. DC resistance (ohms/phase)
- d. Shunt –
  - i. Device location, connection type (gy)
  - ii. DC resistance (ohms/phase), ground resistance (ohms)

## L. Outages of Generation and Transmission Facilities

The System Modelling & Planning Support group works in coordination with the Operations Planning group (T&D System Operations) in the Operations business unit of BC Hydro to provide known outages (planned and forced) of transmission circuits and station equipment with a duration of at least six months (**Ref: TPL-001-4 R1 1.1.4**). The source for this information is the outage management system (CROW) used by the Operations Planning group.

Similarly, the System Modelling & Planning Support group works in coordination with the Operations Planning group (Generation System operations) in the Operations business unit of BC Hydro to provide known outages (planned and forced) of generating units and step-up transformers with a duration of at least six months (**Ref: TPL-001-4 R1 1.1.4**). The source for this information is the outage management system (CM-Web) used by the Operations Planning group.

The System Modelling & Planning Support group prepares an Outage Report List consolidating the two sources of information described above. This Outage Report List is distributed to the Transmission Planners to specify as part of their Study Data Service Request, the outages of interest that need to be implemented in the requested base cases as appropriate.

The Outage Request List will be updated periodically and distributed to the Transmission Planners every time a new version of base cases is released.

### **III. Dynamic Data for Modeling and Simulation**

#### **A. Introduction**

In order to support BC Hydro's Transmission Planning business processes (growth capital planning, interconnection planning, and network operations services), address WECC data model requests and ensure compliance with NERC MRS standards related to data modelling, there is a need for developing a comprehensive dynamic data requirements and reporting procedures needed to model and analyze the dynamic behaviour or response performance of BC Hydro's transmission system.

#### **B. BC Hydro Dynamic Base Cases**

The System Modelling & Planning Support Group uses a base case management infrastructure with repository and versioning control capabilities to maintain steady-state and dynamic data models. Using this infrastructure standard power flow and dynamic base cases are created consistently and used as starting points in any planning study.

The attributes of a dynamic base case are the same as for the power flow data described in Section II.B. However, additional dynamic data models (WECC certified, typical, WECC generic, or manufacturer's data) included in the dynamic base case are as follows:

- a. Generating units – Conventional plants
  - i. Generator model: inertia constant, damping coefficient, saturation parameters, direct and quadrature axes reactances and time constants
  - ii. Exciter model: type, parameters and time constants
  - iii. PSS model: type, parameters and time constants
  - iv. Governor model: type, parameters and time constants
  - v. Turbine model: type, parameters and time constants
- b. Generating units – Wind Turbine Generators (WTG)
  - i. Excitation/Converter Control Generic Model for Type 3 and Type 4 WTG
  - ii. Aerodynamic Generic Model for Type 3 WTG
  - iii. Pitch Controller Generic Model for Type 3 WTG
  - iv. Torque Controller Generic Model for Type 3 WTG
  - v. Plant Controller Generic Model
- c. Composite Load Model –
  - i. Load: Station (bus load), id, climate zone (NWC – Northwest Coast), feeder type and percentage (residential, commercial, industrial)
- d. Under Frequency Load Shedding (UFLS) –
  - i. Load: Station (bus load), amount of MW shed, frequency and time cycle for each load step.

The dynamic base cases are provided in PSS/E *dyr* format (for the conventional and generic models) and in *obj* format for user defined models.

Sub-Sections C – F provide additional description of the dynamic data included in the base cases.

### **C. Interconnection Queue**

Same as for base case power flow data. In addition, typical dynamic data will be assigned to future generating resources included in the interconnection queue.

### **D. Base Resource Plan**

Same as for base case power flow data. In addition, typical dynamic data will be assigned to future generating resources and bundles included in the base resource plan.

### **E. Capital and Sustain Plan**

Same as for base case power flow data. In addition, typical dynamic data will be assigned to future generating resources or generator upgrade projects included in the capital and sustain plans.

### **F. US and AB Model Representation**

The dynamic model for the external system (U.S. and Alberta) will correspond to the selected and approved WECC base case. The System Modelling & Planning Support group will ensure that this model successfully initializes under no-fault tests.

### **G. Fortis BC Model Representation**

The Fortis BC system is fully integrated to the BC Hydro transmission system. As such, the System Modelling & Planning Support group works very close with the Transmission Planner from Fortis BC in order to keep the dynamic model representation as accurate as possible.

## **IV. WECC Base Case Data Submission**

WECC normally prepares 10+ base cases annually for use by WECC members. The cases are prepared to represent conditions in WECC, as specified and published in the WECC Annual Study Program. WECC also prepares an additional base case to support the needs of the ADS PCM process (Anchor Data Set Production Cost Model).

### **A. WECC Load Flow Base Case Submission**

Upon a data request sent by WECC, the System Modelling & Planning Support group will work and coordinate with the neighbouring utilities (BPA in the U.S. and AESO in the province of Alberta) to set the appropriate interchange schedules to be modelled in the base case.

The System Modelling & Planning Support group will also work and coordinate with the Transmission Planner from Fortis BC in order to merge the Fortis BC transmission model into the BC Hydro model in order to meet the requirements of the base case.

Once the base case is assembled, tested and signed-off, the System Modelling & Planning Support group will submit the base case to WECC (**Ref: MOD-010**) according to the current compilation schedule. Records of submissions to WECC will be maintained by the Manager, System Modelling & Planning Support Group as evidence for compliance and audit purposes.

The System Modelling & Planning Support group will follow the same steps for the data request concerning the base case for the ADS PCM process.

All power flow base cases provided to WECC are in GE-PSLF data format.

### **B. WECC Dynamic Data Submission**

Same as for base case power flow data.

The System Modelling & Planning Support group will prepare incremental updates on the dynamic data for the generating units added/replaced/modified as provided by the Generator Owners (BC Hydro and IPPs) and by the Transmission Planner from Fortis BC. The System Modelling & Planning Support Group will ensure that the dynamic data is consistent with the power flow base case provided.

Once the base case is assembled, tested and signed-off, the System Modelling & Planning Support group will submit the base case to WECC (**Ref: MOD-012**) according to the current compilation schedule. Records of submissions to WECC will be maintained by



the Manager, System Modelling & Planning Support Group, as evidence for compliance and audit purposes.

The System Modelling & Planning Support group will follow the same steps for the data request concerning the dynamic data consistent with the power flow base case for the ADS PCM process.

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The dynamic data provided to WECC is in GE-PSLF data format.

## **V. Verification of Dynamic Models**

The System Modelling & Planning Support Group coordinates the verification of the dynamic models for all the generating units connected in the BC Hydro's transmission system in response of the following:

- Generator owner updates (replacement, refurbishment or parameter adjustment) model for an existing generating unit that re-starts commercial operations.
- Generator owner's new generating unit starts commercial operations
- Generator owner reviews/tunes dynamic model data.

### **A. Model Verification Process**

When a Generator Owner provides a test report with the dynamic data models for a generating unit, the System Modelling & Planning Support Group requests the Transmission Planner (Interconnection Planning) to go through the model verification process which consists of the following steps:

- Perform a sanity check to ensure that the dynamic models are in the latest WECC Approved Dynamic Model Library (for conventional units, wind and solar farms) and their parameters are complete and within the recommended values and threshold limits.
- Ensure all field tests are consistent with WECC's baseline test requirements
- Perform no-fault simulation tests for a period of 10-20sec and ensure flat response.
- Perform disturbance simulation (3-phase fault) at generator terminals or nearest transmission lines cleared after 4 cycles and ensure stable response.
- Perform simulation tests with/without PSS (Power System Stabilizer) applying a voltage reference step change (3-5%) to ensure positive damping response. This test applies to conventional units only.
- Perform governor response tests to ensure positive damping response. This test applies to conventional units only.
- Perform ring-down simulation test in accordance with validation tests performed by WECC staff for unit certification and ensure stable response.
- The Transmission Planner will contact the Generator Owner (or its representative) to resolve any issues identified during the verification. This step will be iterative and finish after the dynamic performance of the model is satisfactory. The Generator Owner will resubmit the test report if the model(s) is(are) updated.
- The Transmission Planner will write a verification report and prepare the verified data in GE-PSLF and PSS/E data formats respectively. The Transmission Planner will request the System Modelling & Planning Support the following:

- Notify the Generator Owner that the models are acceptable to the Transmission Planner and will be used in the dynamic simulations. The verification report will also be sent to the Generator Owner.
- Update the transmission base cases with the verified models in PSS/E
- Send the verified models in GE-PSLF format to WECC to update their Master Dynamic File for use in future WECC base cases and issue a certificate for the unit in accordance to WECC's Generator Testing Program.
- The System Modelling & Planning Support will keep a filing record of all relevant information related to the verification (reports, emails, data, etc.) for compliance and auditing purposes.

This process applies to all generators connected to BC Hydro transmission system and modelled explicitly in the planning base cases with as-built verified data. This includes all BC Hydro units, Interconnection Customer generators (IPPs) and Transmission Voltage Customers (TVCs) with on-site generation. Section B provides description for applicable units in compliance with NERC MOD-026 and MOD-027 standards.

## **B. NERC MOD-026-1 and MOD-027-1 Standards**

This section describes how the Transmission Planner addresses NERC MOD-026-1 (**R1** and **R6**) and MOD-027-1 (**R1** and **R5**) requirements for generating units.

### **MOD-026-1 (R1) and MOD-027-1 (R1)**

Upon a written request of the Generator Owner concerning **MOD-026-1 (R1)** and **MOD-027-1 (R1)** requirements, the System Modelling & Planning Support Group (with the role of Transmission Planner) will provide the following information:

- Latest WECC Approved Dynamic Model Library that includes all the models (for conventional units, wind and solar farms) that are acceptable to the Transmission Planner for use in dynamic simulations.
- Documentation (user manual) of the GE-PSLF and PSS/E software tools used by the Transmission Planner that include the block diagram and/or data sheets of the models that are acceptable to the Transmission Planner.
- WECC's MDF (Master Dynamic File) and the Transmission Planner's base case with the current (in-use) models including generator MVA for any of the Generator Owner's existing applicable unit.

The WECC Approved Dynamic Model Library is revised and updated periodically. It is a common practice of the Transmission Planner to send an electronic copy of the latest revision to the Generator Owner notifying that it shall be used to address MOD-026-1 and MOD-27-1 standards, and for the Transmission Planner to fulfill with requirement R1 in both standards.

In case there is no written request, the Transmission Planner will contact the Generator Owner requesting to confirm in writing that it has not provided a written request and that the WECC Approved Dynamic Model Library meet their needs. The Transmission Planner will also describe the information (as described above) that will be provided should a written request is sent by the Generator Owner. A written response from the Generator Owner will be used by the Transmission Planner as an evidence in fulfilling compliance in accordance with **MOD-026-1 (R1)** and **MOD-027-1 (R1)** requirements.

When the Generator Owner provides verified model for each applicable unit in accordance with **MOD-026-1 (R2)** and **MOD-027-1 (R2)**, the Transmission Planner will ensure that the model provided is in conformance with the latest WECC approved Dynamic Model Library as part of the Model Verification process described in Section A above.

### **MOD-026-1 (R6) and MOD-027-1 (R5)**

According with a periodicity specified in Attachment 1 of MOD-026-1 and MOD-027-1, the Generator Owner provides to the System Modelling & Planning Support group verified model, including documentation and data for its applicable unit in accordance with **MOD-026-1 (R2)** and **MOD-027-1 (R2)** requirements.

This model is assigned to the Interconnection Planning group (with the role of Transmission Planner) for review and verification following the process as described in Section A above.

The criteria used by the Transmission Planner to determine whether the model is usable or not in accordance with **MOD-026-1 (R6)** is as follows:

- The excitation control system or plant volt/var control function model initializes to compute modeling data without error,
- A no-disturbance simulation results in negligible transients, and
- For an otherwise stable simulation, a disturbance simulation results in the excitation control and plant volt/var control function model exhibiting positive damping. This applies to conventional units only.

The criteria used by the Transmission Planner to determine whether the model is usable or not in accordance with **MOD-026-1 (R5)** is as follows:

- The turbine/governor and load control or active power/frequency control function model initializes to compute modeling data without error,
- A no-disturbance simulation results in negligible transients, and
- For an otherwise stable simulation, a disturbance simulation results in the turbine/governor and load control or active power/frequency control function model exhibiting positive damping. This applies to conventional units only.

## VI. Data Reporting for Load and Resource Information

### A. Introduction

This section describes BC Hydro's documentation of data reporting requirements for actual and forecast demands, net energy for load, and controllable demand side management as required by NERC Standard **MOD-031-2** and based on WECC's approved reporting process for the annual collection of existing and planned generation data, and loads and resources data.

### B. WECC Data Submittals

The System Modelling & Planning Support Group will provide all Load and Resource (L&R) information requested by WECC. In doing so, the System Modelling & Planning Support group will coordinate the data collection process pertaining to the request with all the relevant groups at BC Hydro and Fortis BC and include all the information within the Balancing Authority area. The data included in the L&R information request consists of:

- Existing and planned generation
- Path transfer capabilities with neighbouring utilities
- Regulating reserves
- Actual year actual hourly demand
- Actual year actual hourly renewable generation
- Projected transmission line and transformer additions and changes
- Actual and forecast monthly peak demand and energy
- Actual and forecast DSM and energy efficiency on peak hour
- Actual and forecasted resource outages on peak hour
- Actual and forecasted standby demand under contract on peak hour

The System Modelling & Planning Support Group will coordinate with the relevant groups at BC Hydro and Fortis BC to ensure that they satisfy the data reporting requirements in the **NERC standard MOD-031-2 R2** and in the annual data request for Load & Resource information.

After the data collection is completed, the System Modelling & Planning Support Group will provide the L&R information to WECC according to the WECC schedule and data reporting instructions and in the spreadsheets/formats requested by WECC and upload this information in the SharePoint site provided by WECC.

## **VII. Data Reporting for Reliability Assessment**

### **A. Introduction**

This section describes BC Hydro's documentation of data reporting requirements for WECC's annual reliability assessment in compliance with NERC Standards **TPL-005** and **TPL-006** respectively.

### **B. WECC Annual Summer Assessment Data Submittal**

BC Hydro will provide seasonal update of load and resource data to WECC in order to perform reliability and adequacy assessment of the WECC interconnected system in response to WECC's request for data and narrative response.

The System Modelling & Planning Support Group will coordinate the data collection pertaining to the request with BC Hydro's system planning and system operation. All requested data will be assembled and sent back to WECC within the corresponding due date.

The narrative response is currently prepared by the Northwest Power Pool (NWPP) on behalf of its members including BC Hydro. NWPP assumes this role on a year by year or season by season basis. At the time the NWPP relinquish his role in the reporting process, BC Hydro will prepare and provide the narrative response in order to meet WECC's requirements for this request.

### **C. WECC Annual Winter Assessment Data Submittal**

Same as for the summer assessment.

### **D. WECC Progress Report for Planning Coordination**

BC Hydro will provide annual report on new facility additions to the system and associated system operation in response to WECC's Progress Report Procedure and in compliance with NERC Standards and WECC System Performance Criteria.

The System Modelling & Planning Support Group will coordinate the collection of responses pertaining to the request within BC Hydro's system planning and system operation staff. All requested data will be assembled and sent back to WECC within the corresponding due date.

## **VIII. Data Reporting for Transmission Outage Assessment**

### **A. Introduction**

This section describes BC Hydro's documentation of outage data reporting to WECC/NERC and CEA annually for reliability assessment.

### **B. WECC/NERC Annual Outage Data Submittal**

BC Hydro provides previous year's forced outage data of 200 kV and above transmission lines, cables and transformers with 200 kV and above secondary windings to WECC Transmission Reliability Data System (TRDS) and NERC Transmission Availability Data System (TADS) in response to WECC/NERC data requirements.

BC Hydro will collect and process data reporting for station and transmission circuit planned outage and provide to NERC TADS at the time when this type of information becomes part of the data requirements from NERC.

The Reliability & Performance Assessment Group is responsible for collecting and processing all outage information for the circuits and equipment described above. This information is submitted in a combined report to WECC within the corresponding due date. WECC will subtract the data for NERC from the report and upload the data to NERC's WebTADS system.

### **C. CEA Annual Outage Data Submittal**

BC Hydro provides previous year's delivery point outage data report to the Canadian Electrical Association (CEA) in response to the requirements based on CEA's Electric Power System Reliability Assessment data collection programs.

BC Hydro also provides to CEA previous year's forced outage data report to the CEA for major station and transmission equipment with voltage level above 60 kV in response to the requirements based on CEA's Equipment Reliability Information System data collection program.

The Reliability & Performance Assessment Group is responsible for collecting and processing delivery point outage report and forced outage report for major station and transmission equipment. These reports are sent to CEA within their respective due dates.

## Appendix 1. Study Data Service Request (SDSR) Template

1. Project Information			
Project Name:			
Project Location:			
Project Contact(s):			
Charge Code:			
2. Project Description			
<u>Describe with meaningful information the scope of the project.</u>			
3. Data Requirements			
Power flow cases:		<u>Specify base case types (s,z,a,r,d,b,c), years, seasons (hw/hs/l), forecast load (p50, p90), dms (with/without)</u>	
Power flow customization:		<u>Specify power flow customization in terms of: a) load forecast, b) generation dispatch (BRP, CRP1, CRP2), c) generation levels (MCR, DGC, ELCC), d) power flow transfers (US, AB, RTA, FBC), e) interconnection queue (load, ipp), f) network configuration changes, g) any other requirements</u>	
Dynamic base cases:		<u>Specify base cases (dvr &amp; gnet files) and user defined models) and any other requirements</u>	
Other information:		<u>Specify additional data requirement: a) include sequence data in the base cases, b) include known outage(s) of generation or transmission facility(ies) with a duration of at least six months, etc.</u>	
4. Deliverables (to be filled in by System Modelling & Planning Support)			
Item		Description	
1			
5. Filing Information (to be filled in by System Modelling & Planning Support)			
PSS version:			
CVS location:			
6. Revision History			
No	Date	Author	Description
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## Appendix 2. Model Changes in the Base Cases - Process

### 1- Purpose

The main purpose of this document is to describe in detail the end-to-end process to implement timely, completely, accurately and consistently model changes in the base cases used to support each of the planning functions (Growth Capital Planning, Generation Interconnection Planning, Transmission Operation Services and Station Planning) within Transmission & Asset Planning.

Main importance is placed on the working relationship and service delivery between the Power System Modelling group and the Planning Engineers in each of these planning functions.

### 2- Definitions

**Base Case:** power system representation of the transmission system (e.g., standard planning base case and interconnection study base case). It includes:

- steady-state (power flow, sequence) and dynamic data models for existing and planned transmission circuits and station equipment,
- facility ratings,
- load & resource information (forecasts, base resource plan) and
- interconnection queue (TVC, IPP and BCH generation)

**Planning Study:** technical and analytical study performed using a base case. It can be any of the following:

- regional/bulk capital plan study,
- long-range regional/bulk transmission planning study,
- load interconnection study (feasibility, impact or facility stages),
- generation interconnection study (feasibility, impact or facility stages),
- operational study,
- NITS study,
- Point-to-point transmission service study,
- NERC TPL study,
- WECC path rating study,
- Any other specialized study

**Study Data Service Request (SDSR):** detailed specifications to create a base case to perform a planning study. It includes:

- description and scope of the work
- type, year, season, forecast level and number of base cases required

- load forecast (p50/p90, with/no dsm) and load level changes
- generation dispatch (BRP/CRP1/CRP2) and generation levels (mcr, dgc, elcc)
- tie-transfer flows (US, AB, RTA)
- interconnection queue (load, generation)
- network configuration changes including planned outages
- any other requested customization and requirements (e.g, sequence data, load and power factor updates, user defined models, etc.)

**Model Change Information (MCI):** complete information of model changes (if any) to be included in the base cases as a result of a planning study. It includes:

- study report
- sketch diagram indicating model changes (add/delete/modify)
- model change data in plain format or PSS/E's idv format
- any additional information

**Model Change Tracker List:** list to monitor the status of SDSR and MCI. It includes:

- short description and type of the study request
- status of SDSR and MCI
- time stamp for MCI updates
- any additional information

### 3- Roles

**Planning Engineer (PE):** Resource in any of the planning functions in the Transmission & Asset Planning department who uses base case(s) to perform a planning study.

**Power System Modeller (PSM):** Resource in the System Modelling & Planning Support group who maintains the planning models and prepares base cases.

### 4- Responsibilities

The responsibilities of the **Planning Engineer** are:

- provide to the Power System Modeller, the SDSR specifications to prepare the base case(s) required to perform a planning study
- collaborate with the system planning groups so that the Study Case for any particular study is available for the various system planning tasks (Stations, Analytical, Operational plans)
- provide to the Power System Modeller, the MCI once the planning study is completed. More details on the MCI are provided in Section 7 below.
- inform the Power System Modeller after the study is completed that no model changes are identified. Therefore, no MCI will be required.



## 6- Further Remarks

- The Power System Modeller will meet with the Planning Engineer to clarify all the requirements specified in the SDSR. Several iterations may be needed until all the clarifications are resolved and the requirements met.
- If the project scope changes during the planning study, the Planning Engineer will judge whether an update of the current SDSR or a new SDSR will be required and contact the Power System Modeller. In either case, the process will re-start to address the scope changes.
- The Power System Modeller and the Planning Engineer will interact periodically to get an update on the current status of the planning study.
- The Power System Modeller will work with the Planning Engineer to ensure that the MCI is complete and its implementation in the base cases is correctly done in terms of data model, topology configuration, etc.
- If the Planning Engineer uses his/her own base cases, he/she needs to provide the MCI after the study is completed.
- Any transmission upgrades identified as a result of conceptual/high level analysis and feasibility studies don't need to be included in the base cases. Therefore, no MCI will be provided.
- The Power System Modeller will make the best effort possible to deliver correct base cases as per the SDSR. Any issues reported by the Planning Engineer will be immediately addressed on a case-by-case basis.

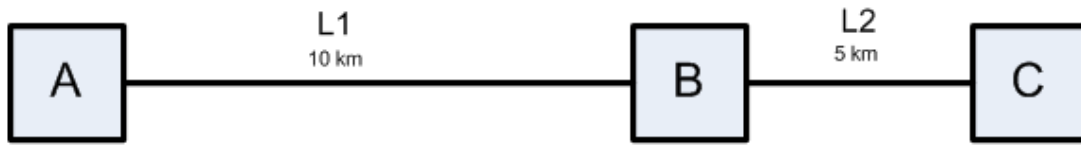
## 7- Example of Model Change Information (MCI)

### General

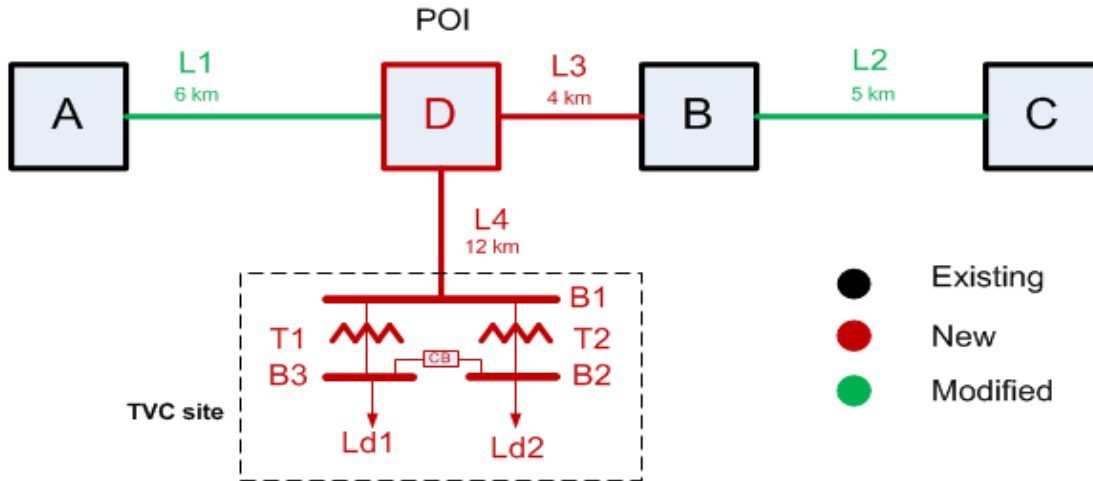
The MCI includes the data for the transmission circuits (Overhead Lines/Underground Cables) and station equipment (transformers, shunt cap/reactors, generators, loads, etc.) added, removed or modified as a result of the planning study. This information needs to be prepared by the Planning Engineer and provided to the Power System Modeller to update the base cases.

### Example

What follows is an example (TVC load interconnection SIS study) to clarify the data requirements to be included in the MCI. Figures 1 and 2 below depict the configuration of the network of interest before and after the study. The latter shows the transmission work requirements as described in the study report.



**Figure 1:** Existing configuration before study



**Figure 2:** Configuration after the study

The work requirements to interconnect the new transmission customer are as follows:

- New terminal station D (POI) at 6 km from station A
- New transmission line L4 (12 km) from POI to TVC site.
- New station equipment (buses B1-3, transformers T1-2, circuit breaker CB, loads Ld1-2)
- New transmission line L3 (4 km) from station D to station B. Note that this was part of L1 before the interconnection of the TVC
- Modified transmission line L1 (6 km) from station A to station D. Note that this is part of the existing line L1 before the interconnection of the TVC
- Modified thermal ratings of transmission line L2. This is a transmission upgrade identified in the study and required to interconnect the TVC

### Model Change Information (MCI)

In order to update the base cases, the Planning Engineer will provide complete MCI related to the study he/she has completed. Using the example above this information consists of the following:

- Study report

- Sketch diagram(s) indicating all the changes (add/delete/modify)
- Power flow, sequence and dynamic data for all the new and modified transmission circuits and station equipment. This will be in a pss/e idv format.
- List of all the transmission upgrades required to interconnect the customer