

Standard PRC-019-1 — Coordination of Generating Unit or Plant Capabilities, Voltage Regulating Controls, and Protection

A. Introduction

1. **Title:** Coordination of Generating Unit or Plant Capabilities, Voltage Regulating Controls, and Protection
2. **Number:** PRC-019-1
3. **Purpose:** To verify coordination of generating unit Facility or synchronous condenser voltage regulating controls, limit functions, equipment capabilities and Protection System settings.

4. **Applicability:**

- 4.1. **Functional Entities**

- 4.1.1 Generator Owner

- 4.1.2 Transmission Owner that owns synchronous condenser(s)

- 4.2. **Facilities**

For the purpose of this standard, the term, “applicable Facility” shall mean any one of the following:

- 4.2.1 Individual generating unit greater than 20 MVA (gross nameplate rating) directly connected to the Bulk Electric System.

- 4.2.2 Individual synchronous condenser greater than 20 MVA (gross nameplate rating) directly connected to the Bulk Electric System.

- 4.2.3 Generating plant/ Facility consisting of one or more units that are connected to the Bulk Electric System at a common bus with total generation greater than 75 MVA (gross aggregate nameplate rating).

- 4.2.4 Any generator, regardless of size, that is a blackstart unit material to and designated as part of a Transmission Operator’s restoration plan.

5. **Effective Date*:**

- 5.1. ~~In those jurisdictions where regulatory approval is required:~~

- 5.1.1 ~~By the first day of the first calendar quarter, two calendar years following applicable regulatory approval, or as otherwise made effective pursuant to the laws applicable to such ERO governmental authorities, each Generator Owner and Transmission Owner shall have verified at least 40 percent of its applicable Facilities.~~

- 5.1.2 ~~By the first day of the first calendar quarter, three calendar years following applicable regulatory approval, or as otherwise made effective pursuant to the laws applicable to such ERO governmental authorities, each Generator Owner and Transmission Owner shall have verified at least 60 percent of its applicable Facilities.~~

- 5.1.3 ~~By the first day of the first calendar quarter, four calendar years following applicable regulatory, or as otherwise made effective pursuant to the laws applicable to such ERO governmental authorities, approval each~~

*Mandatory BC Effective Date: 40% by Oct. 1, 2017, 60% by Oct. 1, 2018, 80% by Oct. 1, 2019, 100% by Oct. 1, 2020

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- ~~Generator Owner and Transmission Owner shall have verified at least 80 percent of its applicable Facilities.~~
- 5.1.4** ~~By the first day of the first calendar quarter, five calendar years following applicable regulatory approval, or as otherwise made effective pursuant to the laws applicable to such ERO governmental authorities, each Generator Owner and Transmission Owner shall have verified 100 percent of its applicable Facilities.~~
- 5.2.** ~~In those jurisdictions where regulatory approval is not required:~~
- 5.2.1** ~~By the first day of the first calendar quarter, two calendar years following Board of Trustees approval, or as otherwise made effective pursuant to the laws applicable to such ERO governmental authorities, each Generator Owner and Transmission Owner shall have verified at least 40 percent of its applicable Facilities.~~
- 5.2.2** ~~By the first day of the first calendar quarter, three calendar years following Board of Trustees approval, or as otherwise made effective pursuant to the laws applicable to such ERO governmental authorities, each Generator Owner and Transmission Owner shall have verified at least 60 percent of its applicable Facilities.~~
- 5.2.3** ~~By the first day of the first calendar quarter, four calendar years following Board of Trustees approval, or as otherwise made effective pursuant to the laws applicable to such ERO governmental authorities, each Generator Owner and Transmission Owner shall have verified at least 80 percent of its applicable Facilities.~~
- 5.2.4** ~~By the first day of the first calendar quarter, five calendar years following Board of Trustees approval, or as otherwise made effective pursuant to the laws applicable to such ERO governmental authorities, each Generator Owner and Transmission Owner shall have verified 100 percent of its applicable Facilities.~~

B. Requirements

- R1.** At a maximum of every five calendar years, each Generator Owner and Transmission Owner with applicable Facilities shall coordinate the voltage regulating system controls, (including in-service¹ limiters and protection functions) with the applicable equipment capabilities and settings of the applicable Protection System devices and functions. *[Violation Risk Factor: Medium] [Time Horizon: Long-term Planning]*
- 1.1.** Assuming the normal automatic voltage regulator control loop and steady-state system operating conditions, verify the following coordination items for each applicable Facility:

¹ Limiters or protection functions that are installed and activated on the generator or synchronous condenser.

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- 1.1.1. The in-service limiters are set to operate before the Protection System of the applicable Facility in order to avoid disconnecting the generator unnecessarily.
 - 1.1.2. The applicable in-service Protection System devices are set to operate to isolate or de-energize equipment in order to limit the extent of damage when operating conditions exceed equipment capabilities or stability limits.
- R2.** Within 90 calendar days following the identification or implementation of systems, equipment or setting changes that will affect the coordination described in Requirement R1, each Generator Owner and Transmission Owner with applicable Facilities shall perform the coordination as described in Requirement R1. These possible systems, equipment or settings changes include, but are not limited to the following [*Violation Risk Factor: Medium*] [*Time Horizon: Long-term Planning*]:
 - Voltage regulating settings or equipment changes;
 - Protection System settings or component changes;
 - Generating or synchronous condenser equipment capability changes; or
 - Generator or synchronous condenser step-up transformer changes.

C. Measures

- M1.** Each Generator Owner and Transmission Owner with applicable Facilities will have evidence (such as examples provided in PRC-019 Section G) that it coordinated the voltage regulating system controls, including in-service² limiters and protection functions, with the applicable equipment capabilities and settings of the applicable Protection System devices and functions as specified in Requirement R1. This evidence should include dated documentation that demonstrates the coordination was performed.
- M2.** Each Generator Owner and Transmission Owner with applicable Facilities will have evidence of the coordination required by the events listed in Requirement R2. This evidence should include dated documentation that demonstrates the specified intervals in Requirement R2 have been met.

D. Compliance

- 1. Compliance Monitoring Process**
 - 1.1. Compliance Enforcement Authority**

The British Columbia Utilities Commission

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1.2. Evidence Retention

The following evidence retention periods identify a period of time an entity is required to retain specific evidence to demonstrate compliance. For instances where the evidence retention specified below is shorter than the time since the last compliance audit, the Compliance Enforcement Authority may ask an entity to provide other evidence to show that it was compliant for the full time period since the last audit.

The Generator Owner and Transmission Owner shall retain evidence of compliance with Requirements R1 and R2, Measures M1 and M2 for six years.

If a Generator Owner or Transmission Owner is found non-compliant, the entity shall keep information related to the non-compliance until mitigation is complete and approved or for the time period specified above, whichever is longer.

The Compliance Enforcement Authority shall keep the last periodic audit report and all requested and submitted subsequent audit records.

1.3. Compliance Monitoring and Assessment Processes

Compliance Audit

Self-Certification

Spot Checking

Compliance Investigation

Self-Reporting

Complaint

1.4. Additional Compliance Information

None

2. Violation Severity Levels

R #	Lower VSL	Moderate VSL	High VSL	Severe VSL
R1	The Generator Owner or Transmission Owner coordinated equipment capabilities, limiters, and protection specified in Requirement R1 more than 5 calendar	The Generator Owner or Transmission Owner coordinated equipment capabilities, limiters, and protection specified in Requirement R1 more than 5 calendar	The Generator Owner or Transmission Owner coordinated equipment capabilities, limiters, and protection specified in Requirement R1 more than 5 calendar	The Generator Owner or Transmission Owner failed to coordinate equipment capabilities, limiters, and protection specified in Requirement R1 within 5 calendar

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	years but less than or equal to 5 calendar years plus 4 months after the previous coordination.	years plus 4 months but less than or equal to 5 calendar years plus 8 months after the previous coordination.	years plus 8 months but less than or equal to 5 calendar years plus 12 months after the previous coordination.	years plus 12 months after the previous coordination.
R2	The Generator Owner or Transmission Owner coordinated equipment capabilities, limiters, and protection specified in Requirement R1 more than 90 calendar days but less than or equal to 100 calendar days following the identification or implementation of a change in equipment or settings that affected the coordination.	The Generator Owner or Transmission Owner coordinated equipment capabilities, limiters, and protection specified in Requirement R1 more than 100 calendar days but less than or equal to 110 calendar days following the identification or implementation of a change in equipment or settings that affected the coordination.	The Generator Owner or Transmission Owner coordinated equipment capabilities, limiters, and protection specified in Requirement R1 more than 110 calendar days but less than or equal to 120 calendar days following the identification or implementation of a change in equipment or settings that affected the coordination.	The Generator Owner or Transmission Owner failed to coordinate equipment capabilities, limiters, and protection specified in Requirement R1 within 120 calendar days following the identification or implementation of a change in equipment or settings that affected the coordination.

E. Regional Variances

None.

F. Associated Documents

“Underexcited Operation of Turbo Generators”, AIEE Proceedings T Section 881, Volume 67, 1948, Appendix 1, C. G. Adams and J. B. McClure.

,”Protective Relaying For Power Generation Systems”, Boca Raton, FL, Taylor & Francis, 2006, Reimert, Donald

“Coordination of Generator Protection with Generator Excitation Control and Generator Capability”, a report of Working Group J5 of the IEEE PSRC Rotating Machinery Subcommittee

“IEEE C37.102-2006 IEEE Guide for AC Generator Protection”

“IEEE C50.13-2005 IEEE Standard for Cylindrical-Rotor 50 Hz and 60 Hz Synchronous Generators Rated 10 MVA and Above”

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Version History

Version	Date	Action	Change Tracking
1	February 7, 2013	Adopted by NERC Board of Trustees	New
1	March 20, 2014	FERC Order issued approving PRC-019-1. (Order becomes effective on 7/1/16.)	

G. Reference

Examples of Coordination

The evidence of coordination associated with Requirement R1 may be in the form of:

- P-Q Diagram (Example in Attachment 1), or
- R-X Diagram (Example in Attachment 2), or
- Inverse Time Diagram (Example in Attachment 3) or,
- Equivalent tables or other evidence

This evidence should include the equipment capabilities and the operating region for the limiters and protection functions

Equipment limits, types of limiters and protection functions which could be coordinated include (but are not limited to):

- Field over-excitation limiter and associated protection functions.
- Inverter over current limit and associated protection functions.
- Field under-excitation limiter and associated protection functions.
- Generator or synchronous condenser reactive capabilities.
- Volts per hertz limiter and associated protection functions.
- Stator over-voltage protection system settings.
- Generator and transformer volts per hertz capability.
- Time vs. field current or time vs. stator current.

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NOTE: This listing is for reference only. This standard does not require the installation or activation of any of the above limiter or protection functions.

For this example, the Steady State Stability Limit (SSSL) is the limit to synchronous stability in the under-excited region with fixed field current.

On a P-Q diagram using X_d as the direct axis saturated synchronous reactance of the generator, X_s as the equivalent reactance between the generator terminals and the “infinite bus” including the reactance of the generator step-up transformer and V_g as the generator terminal voltage (all values in per-unit), the SSSL can be calculated as an arc with the center on the Q axis with the magnitude of the center and radius described by the following equations

$$C = V_g^2/2*(1/X_s - 1/X_d)$$

$$R = V_g^2/2*(1/X_s + 1/X_d)$$

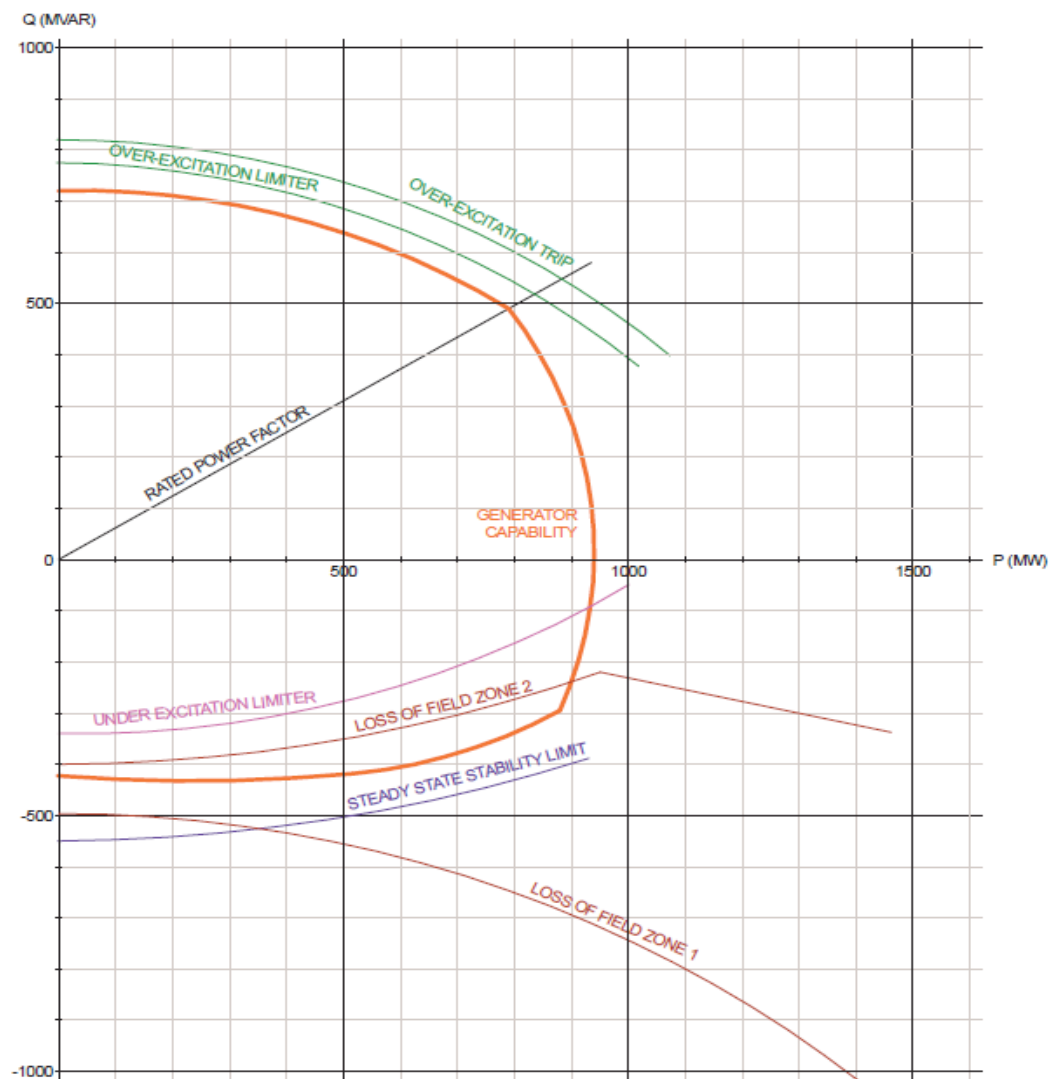
On an R-X diagram using X_d as the direct axis saturated synchronous reactance of the generator, and X_s as the equivalent reactance between the generator terminals and the “infinite bus” including the reactance of the generator step-up transformer the SSSL is an arc with the center on the X axis with the center and radius described by the following equations:

$$C = (X_d - X_s)/2$$

$$R = (X_d + X_s)/2$$

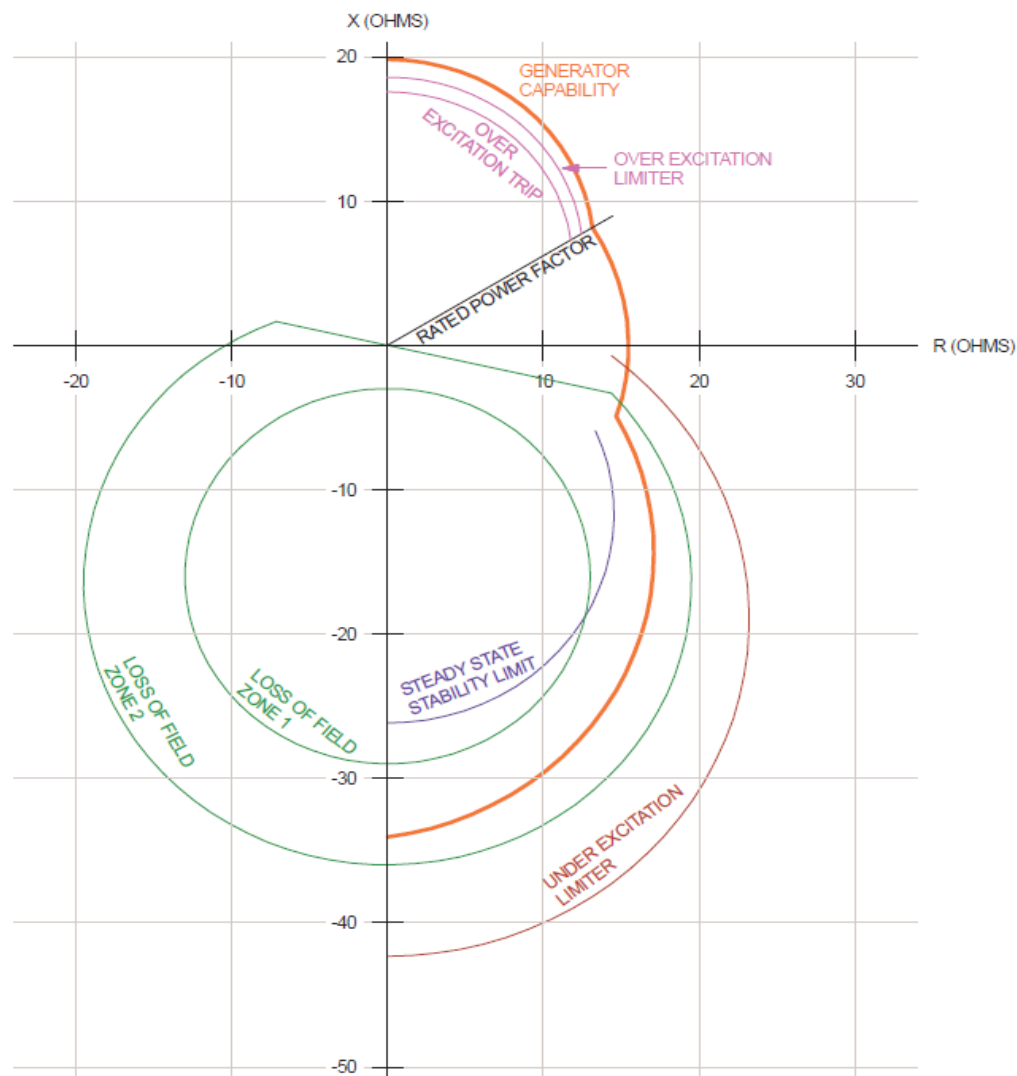
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Section G Attachment 1 – Example of Capabilities, Limiters and Protection on a P-Q Diagram at nominal voltage and frequency



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Section G Attachment 2 – Example of Capabilities, Limiters, and Protection on an R-X Diagram at nominal voltage and frequency



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Section G Attachment 3 - Example of Capabilities, Limiters, and Protection on an Inverse Time Characteristic Plot

