

Comment Form for Version 1 of “Transmission System Vegetation Management” SAR

Note – This form is to comment on Version 1 of the “**Transmission System Vegetation Management**” SAR.

The latest version of this SAR (Transmission System Vegetation Management) is posted on the Standards web site at: ftp://www.nerc.com/pub/sys/all_updl/standards/sar/Trans_Sys_Veg_Mgt_SAR_V1_052004.doc

E-mail this form between May 20 and June 21, 2004 to: sarcomm@nerc.com with “Comments” in the subject line.

If you have any questions about this Standards Draft Comment Form, please contact the Director of

Background:

Version 1 of the “**Transmission System Vegetation Management**” SAR was developed by the Vegetation Management Task Force of the NERC Planning Committee’s Transmission Issues Subcommittee. The purpose of this SAR is to guide the development of a transmission system vegetation management standard that has as a goal the elimination of transmission outages from vegetation located on transmission rights-of-way (ROW), and minimizing outages from vegetation located adjacent to ROW. It will also establish a requirement to report vegetation related transmission outages for transmission lines above 200 kV

Please review Version 1 of the SAR and complete this Comment Form to provide feedback to the SAR Drafting Team on the development of a Transmission System Vegetation Management Standard.

Please Review Version 1 of the SAR and Answer the Following Questions

Insert a "check" mark in the appropriate boxes by double-clicking the gray areas.

1. Do you agree that there is a need for a transmission system vegetation management standard? If not, please comment.

Yes

No

Comments:

2. If your answer to (1) is Yes, do you support the concepts for a standard described in this SAR? If not, please comment.

Yes

No

Comments:

3. The Vegetation Management Task Force believes there should be a standard that defines acceptable clearances between vegetation and energized conductors, and this clearance standard should be the basis for any standard that is part of a transmission owner's vegetation management program. Do you agree that a clearance standard is necessary? If not, please comment.

Yes

No

Comments: A minimum standard is necessary where more effective local standards do not exist.

4. If your answer to (3) was yes, please suggest an appropriate standard(s). If your organization, State, or Regional Reliability Council has such a clearance standard, please provide a copy or a reference to such a standard.

Comments: Will provide later if available.

5. The Vegetation Management Task Force believes funding that is based on the scope of the vegetation management program and the objectives to be achieved by the program is an essential component of a vegetation management annual work plan. Do you agree with this concept? If not, please provide comments.

Yes

No

Comments: Funding is part of vegetation work program, but this should not be part of the standard.

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6. How would you recommend a transmission vegetation management standard be implemented after approval?

Comments: Since vegetation programs should already exist, transmission owners should have between six months to a year to become fully compliant.

7. Do you have any other comments on this SAR?

Comments:

There are two editorial observations:

1. On page 2, first paragraph shall read 200 kV and higher to be consistent with the rest of the SAR.
2. On page 6, the heading shall read "Regional Outage Reporting Plan" to leave open the possibility to include facilities lower than 200 kV.