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1. References

ISO New England Manual for Market Operations Manual M-11 (M-11)

ISO New England Operating Procedure No. 2 - Maintenance of Communications, Computers, Metering, and Computer Support Equipment (OP-2)

ISO New England Operating Procedure No. 3 - Transmission Outage Scheduling (OP-3)

ISO New England Operating Procedure No. 4 - Action During a Capacity Deficiency (OP-4)

ISO New England Operating Procedure No. 5 - Resource Maintenance and Outage Scheduling (OP-5)


ISO New England Operating Procedure No. 7 - Action in an Emergency (OP-7)

ISO New England Operating Procedure No. 13 - Standards for Voltage Reduction and Load Shedding Capability (OP-13)

ISO New England Operating Procedure No. 24 – Protection Outages, Settings and Coordination (OP-24)

2. Purpose

This procedure, Master Local Control Center Procedure No. 2 (M/LCC 2) - Abnormal Conditions Alert, is used to alert applicable power system operations, maintenance, construction and test personnel as well as each applicable Market Participant (MP) when an abnormal condition affecting the reliability of the power system exists or is anticipated. When notified of an M/LCC 2 Abnormal Conditions Alert, these entities are expected to take precautions so that routine maintenance, construction or test activities associated with any generating station, Dispatchable Asset Related Demand (DARD), Demand Response Resource (DRR), transmission line, substation, dispatch computer, and communications equipment do **not** further jeopardize the reliability of the power system. If a maintenance, construction or test activity could jeopardize the reliability of the power system such activity shall be postponed or stopped during the M/LCC 2 Abnormal Conditions Alert.

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3. Introduction

Established operating procedures provide an approval process for any outage of the following:


- Resources in ISO New England Operating Procedure No. 5 - Resource Maintenance and Outage Scheduling (OP-5)
- Transmission maintenance in ISO New England Operating Procedure No. 3 - Transmission Outage Scheduling (OP-3)
- Maintenance of dispatch computer and communications equipment in ISO New England Operating Procedure No. 2 - Maintenance of Communications, Computers, Metering, and Computer Support Equipment (OP-2).
- Protection system equipment in ISO New England Operating Procedure No. 24 - Protection Outages, Settings and Coordination (OP-24).

Each application for work involving the above areas shall be approved before any maintenance, construction or test activity is conducted which would take equipment out-of-service or obviously impact the reliability of the power system. Some maintenance, construction or test activities are routinely undertaken that do **not** require approval, when in the judgment of operations, maintenance, construction and test personnel, these activities have a negligible reliability impact. These activities include preventive maintenance, construction, preparatory work for outages, routine maintenance that can be accomplished with equipment on-line, equipment testing, etc.

However, if an abnormal condition exists or is anticipated and a maintenance, construction or test activity is planned, such as nuclear surveillance tests and/or preparatory work for a future equipment outage, an evaluation should be performed to determine if there is a reliability risk associated with the work to be performed. If an activity **cannot** be stopped and/or postponed, operations, maintenance, construction and test personnel shall take precautions to prevent the on-going work from posing further risk to the reliability of the power system. This procedure provides guidelines for M/LCC 2 Abnormal Conditions Alert notification and for actions to be taken to limit risk.

This procedure does **not** in any way affect the application of OP-2, OP-3, OP-5 or OP-24. When an M/LCC 2 Alert notification occurs, the postponement, curtailment, restoration (line), or resumption (Resource) of work approved under those procedures is to be considered on an individual basis by the ISO and/or the LCC.

An abnormal condition may affect the reliability of the entire New England Reliability Coordinator Area/Balancing Authority Area (RCA/BAA) or just a local reliability area. An abnormal condition may be limited to a single Local Control Center (LCC). Accordingly, provision is made in this procedure for separate ISO M/LCC 2 Abnormal


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Conditions Alert and LCC M/LCC 2 Abnormal Conditions Alert notifications.

4. Definition of an Abnormal Condition

The determination that an abnormal condition affecting the reliability of the power system exists or is anticipated is a decision made by the ISO Operations Shift Supervisor or the LCC System Operator. An abnormal condition exists when the reliability of the New England RCA/BAA is degraded. Typical indicators of an abnormal condition are:

- Forecasted or actual deficiency of Operating Reserves requiring implementation of OP-4 or OP-7
- Low transmission voltages and/or low reactive reserves
- Inability to provide first contingency protection when an undesirable post-contingency condition might result; e.g., Load Shedding
- Geomagnetic Disturbance
- A credible threat to power system reliability such as sabotage or an approaching storm
- Operational staffing shortage impacting normal power system operations within New England
- Cold Weather Event is declared
- Any other condition that may occur as determined by the ISO Operations Shift Supervisor or the LCC System Operator

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5. Types of M/LCC 2 Abnormal Conditions Alert Notifications


For the purposes of this procedure, two types of notifications shall be issued:

ISO M/LCC 2 Abnormal Conditions Alert - This notice is issued when:

- An abnormal condition exists or is anticipated which affects the reliability of the New England RCA/BAA
- An abnormal condition which affects the reliability of the power system exists or is anticipated within one LCC and this condition could further degrade as a result of a maintenance, construction or test activity and affect another LCC

LCC M/LCC 2 Abnormal Conditions Alert - This notice is issued when:

An LCC M/LCC 2 Abnormal Conditions Alert shall be issued when an abnormal condition which affects the reliability of the power system exists or is anticipated solely within one LCC local reliability area and this condition would **not** become further degraded by the consequences of a maintenance, construction and/or test activity in another LCC local reliability area

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6. Criteria to Stop and/or Postpone Maintenance, Construction and Test Activity not covered by OP-2, OP-3, OP-5 and OP-24

When an M/LCC 2 Abnormal Conditions Alert notification is issued, a maintenance, construction or test activity shall be stopped and/or postponed, if the following could occur:

- Reduction in reliability or output of a Resource
- Increased reliability exposure (decreased reliability) to the loss of a critical transmission facility
- Reduced staffing that restricts operability of a Resource or Transmission facility
- Interruption of voice or data communications used for dispatching purposes
- Operation of any ISO, LCC, or MP SCADA computer becomes degraded or fails

If a maintenance, construction or test activity **cannot** be stopped and/or postponed; precautions shall be taken to prevent the activity from posing further risk to the power system.

If an activity that causes a reduction in generation, or impacts one of the above areas, is on-going or planned during a declaration of this procedure, the applicable entity may request the ISO System Operators to allow continuation of these activities on a case-by-case basis.

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7. Procedure

The following steps outline the responsibilities of ISO, each applicable LCC; Generator/DARD Designated Entity (DE); Demand Designated Entity (DDE); and Transmission Owner (TO) maintenance, construction and test personnel.

7.1 ISO New England M/LCC 2 Abnormal Conditions Alert


ISO Responsibilities:

Perform the following in accordance with CROP.25011 Implement Operations During Abnormal Conditions:

- Determine if an ISO M/LCC 2 Abnormal Conditions Alert shall be declared or cancelled
- Use the Emergency Notification System (ENS) software to notify each DE and DDE that an M/LCC 2 Abnormal Conditions Alert has been declared or cancelled
- Verbally notify each LCC (CONVEX, Maine, New Hampshire, NSTAR, NGRID and VELCO), each NPCC RC/BA (New York Independent System Operator [NYISO], Hydro-Québec TransÉnergie [HQTÉ], Independent Electricity System Operator [IESO], New Brunswick Power-System Operator [NBP-SO]), and applicable internal ISO personnel that an M/LCC 2 Abnormal Conditions Alert has been declared or cancelled
- Notify the interstate gas pipelines that an M/LCC 2 Abnormal Conditions Alert has been declared or cancelled
- In collaboration with the applicable LCCs, during the M/LCC 2 Abnormal Conditions Alert, review and, as appropriate, curtail, restore, resume, postpone or cancel maintenance, construction and test activities covered under OP-2, OP-3, OP-5 and OP-24.

LCC Responsibilities:

- Receive notification from ISO that an ISO M/LCC 2 Abnormal Conditions Alert has been declared or cancelled
- Notify dispatch centers, and other appropriate personnel which impact the New England Transmission system that an ISO M/LCC 2 Abnormal Conditions Alert has been declared or cancelled
- NGRID shall make notifications as required by their internal operating procedures that an ISO M/LCC 2 Abnormal Conditions Alert has been declared or cancelled
- CONVEX shall make notifications as required by their internal operating procedures that an ISO M/LCC 2 Abnormal Conditions Alert has been declared or

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- In collaboration with the ISO, during the M/LCC 2 Abnormal Conditions Alert, review and, as appropriate, curtail, restore, resume, postpone or cancel maintenance, construction and test activities covered under OP-2, OP-3, OP-5 and OP-24.

DE, DDE, and TO Maintenance, Construction, & Test Personnel Responsibilities:

- Receive notification that an ISO M/LCC 2 Abnormal Conditions Alert has been declared or cancelled
- Take appropriate actions, if this work could jeopardize the reliability of the power system, to curtail maintenance, construction and test activities **not** covered under OP-2, OP-3, OP-5 and OP-24. The MP may request evaluation by ISO System Operators to allow continuation of specific activities.
- Implement instructions from ISO or LCC System Operators to manage reliability risks due to work applied for under OP-2, OP-3, OP-5 and OP-24.
- Ensure that automatic voltage regulators (AVRs) are in-service (unless grandfathered per M/LCC 8)
- Ensure that Power System Stabilizer (PSS) devices are in-service if required
- Resume normal maintenance, construction and test activities once ISO M/LCC 2 Abnormal Conditions Alert has been cancelled

MP Responsibilities (Applies only to each MP listed in CONVEX and NGRID internal procedures):

- Receive notification that an ISO M/LCC 2 Abnormal Conditions Alert has been declared or cancelled

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7.2 LCC M/LCC 2 Abnormal Conditions Alert

LCC Responsibilities:


- Determine if an LCC M/LCC 2 Abnormal Conditions Alert must be declared or cancelled
- Request ISO use the ENS software in accordance with CROP.25011 Implement Operations During Abnormal Conditions to notify each applicable DE and DDE when an LCC M/LCC 2 Abnormal Conditions Alert has been declared or cancelled within the LCC local reliability area
- NGRID (If NGRID or NSTAR declares the LCC M/LCC 2 Abnormal Conditions Alert) shall make notifications as required by their internal operating procedures that an LCC M/LCC 2 Abnormal Conditions Alert has been declared or cancelled
- CONVEX (If CONVEX declares the LCC M/LCC 2 Abnormal Conditions Alert) shall make notifications as required by their internal operating procedures that an LCC M/LCC 2 Abnormal Conditions Alert has been declared or cancelled
- In collaboration with the ISO, during the M/LCC 2 Abnormal Conditions Alert, review and, as appropriate, curtail, restore, resume, postpone or cancel maintenance, construction and test activities covered under OP-2, OP-3, OP-5 and OP-24.

ISO Responsibilities:

- Receive notification that an LCC M/LCC 2 Abnormal Conditions Alert has been declared or cancelled.
- Use the ENS software in accordance with CROP.25011 Implement Operations During Abnormal Conditions to notify each applicable DE and DDE when an LCC M/LCC 2 Abnormal Conditions Alert has been declared or cancelled within the LCC local reliability area


DE, DDE, and TO Maintenance; Construction; & Test Personnel Responsibilities:

- Receive notification that an LCC M/LCC 2 Abnormal Conditions Alert has been declared or cancelled
- Take appropriate actions, if this work could jeopardize the reliability of the power system, to curtail maintenance, construction and test activities, **not** covered under OP-2, OP-3, OP-5 and OP-24,. The MP may request evaluation by ISO System Operators to allow continuation of specific activities.
- Implement instructions from ISO or LCC System Operators to manage reliability risks due to work applied for under OP-2, OP-3, OP-5 and OP-24.

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MP Responsibilities (Applies only to each MP listed in CONVEX and NGRID internal procedures):

- Receive notification that an LCC M/LCC 2 Abnormal Conditions Alert has been declared or cancelled

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8. Logging Requirements

ISO and each LCC shall record all M/LCC 2 Abnormal Conditions Alert notifications.

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22	12/13/21	Annual review performed. Added OP-24 as reference and attribution in document. Deleted M/LCC 8 from Reference section ; Global changes to clarify expectations of handling of maintenance and testing activities during M/LCC 2 by ISO, LCCs, and MPs.
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10. Attachments

None