Policy for Developing ReliabilityFirst Regional Criteria

Definition: ReliabilityFirst Regional Criteria – A ReliabilityFirst Board of Directors approved good utility practice document which are not reliability standards. ReliabilityFirst Regional Criteria may also address issues not within the scope of reliability standards, ReliabilityFirst Regional Criteria may include specific acceptable operating or planning parameters, guides, agreements, protocols or other documents used to enhance the reliability of the regional Bulk Electric System. ReliabilityFirst Regional Criteria will typically provide benefits by promoting more consistent implementation of the NERC reliability standards within the Region. ReliabilityFirst Regional Criteria are not NERC reliability standards, regional reliability standards, or regional variances, and therefore are not enforceable under authority delegated by NERC pursuant to delegation agreements and do not require NERC approval.

Development, Modification and Adoption: ReliabilityFirst Regional Criteria will be developed, modified and adopted in accordance with the ReliabilityFirst Reliability Standards Development Procedure up until and including adoption by the ReliabilityFirst Board of Directors. Per the ReliabilityFirst Standards Committee Governance Document, the ReliabilityFirst Standards Committee will provide oversight and ensure ReliabilityFirst Regional Criteria are processed using the ReliabilityFirst Reliability Standards Development Procedure.

Periodicity for Review: ReliabilityFirst Regional Criteria will be reviewed within five years of adoption in accordance with the ReliabilityFirst Reliability Standards Development Procedure.

Applicability: Entities are expected to adhere to ReliabilityFirst Regional Criteria as applicable and consistent with good utility practice. ReliabilityFirst Regional Criteria may be monitored and entities may be requested to provide ReliabilityFirst with information pertaining to specific criteria.

Catalog of Regional Criteria: The ReliabilityFirst Standards Process Manager will be responsible for maintaining an updated a listing of all ReliabilityFirst Regional Criteria and providing that listing to NERC in accordance with Section 313 of the NERC Rules of Procedure.

Process Ownership, Approval and Review: The Policy for Developing ReliabilityFirst Regional Criteria will be maintained and approved by the ReliabilityFirst Standards Committee. ReliabilityFirst Standards Committee shall review this process at least every five years.