



# **Manual 03A, Rev. 24**

## **Energy Management System (EMS) Model Updates and Quality Assurance (QA)**

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- Quick Fix
- Section 2.2.2, 2.3.1
  - Remove all Compliance Bulletin 14 references
- Appendix C
  - Reference NERC-approved BES definitions
  - Remove Compliance Bulletin 14 obsolete references and provide further clarity relating to BES equipment

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- Purpose: The purpose of this Compliance Bulletin (CB) is to describe the process PJM members are to use to notify PJM of any change in the status of PJM Member Bulk Electric System (BES) elements as a result of the application of the NERC-approved BES definition effective July 1, 2014.
  
- Recommendation: Retire the Compliance bulletin.

### 2.3.1 Prepare Initial BES Data to Denote BES Elements of the System

- TOs staff perform an initial review of existing systems to assess what is to be included or excluded to the current list of BES elements and provide necessary documentation to NERC.<sup>3</sup>
- TOs review existing systems to identify areas of existing systems operated between 50 and 100 kV. Facilities under 50 kV are deemed to not warrant modeling<sup>4</sup>.
- If facilities between 50 kV and 100 kV are 'networked', providing alternate flow paths to higher voltage equipment, TOs are to provide modeling and analysis details to PJM for joint assessment to determine if the system should be in the PJM EMS model. Assessment includes analysis provided by TO staff.

### 2.4 PJM Congestion Management Facilities

Facilities under PJM Congestion Management (or Reliability & Markets) Control

**Note:**

In this manual, the terms Congestion Management and Reliability & Markets will be used interchangeably.

PJM has developed standards that TOs must follow in order for PJM to operate generation to control loading or voltage on transmission facilities. See M-03, Transmission Operations, Section 1.

After all of the updates are made in eDART, the spreadsheets on PJM.com will reflect updated changes. To access the Transmission Facilities page, login to PJM.com and click Markets & Operations > Systems Operations. Under the Transmission section, click link for 'Transmission

- Remove Compliance Bulletin 14 reference and hyperlink from footers

~~Refer to Compliance Bulletin 14: Definition of Bulk Electric System (BES) – PJM Member Requirements at <https://pjm.com/-/media/library/whitepapers/compliance/cb014-bulk-electricsystem-definition-pjm-member-requirements.ashx?la=en>~~

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<sup>4</sup> See NERC technical guide for low voltage facilities loop threshold at <http://www.nerc.com/pa/RAPA/BES/BESExceptionEvaluationGuideline2-4-14REMGApp.pdf>



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The following discussion, provided for your information, summarizes PJM's BES implementation approach.

#### Discussion

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Facilities included in the BES augment practices originally established to monitor and assess elements of the transmission system associated with administration of the PJM Market and to support NERC Reliability Coordination (RC) functions.

#### Note:

Coordination for BES facilities is required by using NERC's BESnet tool and the PJM Compliance Bulletin 14. When entries are made in the NERC BESnet tool, PJM members are also required to send a notice of these change requests to the [DMS.Officers@pjm.com](mailto:DMS.Officers@pjm.com) e-mail, per PJM Compliance Bulletin 14. PJM employs a multi-tiered strategy to ensure system reliability. BES equipment is recognized in all appropriate planning and operations processes and functions. Since a wide array of offline and online transmission studies are performed, facilities included in the BES are under constant review.

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- Applicable changes are relatively rare.
- Process is covered in Manual 3A Appendix C (page 73):

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1	Reliability and Markets	Applies to internal PJM facilities under Congestion Management. TOs are required to report all outages under this classification. If actual or post-contingency exceedances occur on these facilities, operators follow appropriate procedures, including market re-dispatch, to remediate problems. PJM's EMS maintains ratings/limits for the facilities.
2	Reliability BES	Applies to facilities defined as part of the Bulk Electric System (BES) or facilities PJM is responsible for as NERC Security/Reliability Coordinator. These facilities are not included in Reliability & Markets. May also apply to internal PJM facilities impacted by switching/phase shifter operations on parallel PJM facilities which are under Congestion Management. TOs are required to report all outages under this classification. If actual or calculated overloads occur, operators follow appropriate procedures to remediate the problem. Facility owners are responsible for any off-cost operation incurred. PJM's EMS maintains ratings/limits for these facilities.
3	Status Only	TOs are required to report outages on facilities that are not in Congestion Management but may impact the reliability and/or economics of the system. TOs are required to follow applicable outage reporting procedures for facilities classified as Reportable Yes and Reportable Low in the Reportable Transmission Facility column of the PJM Monitored Facilities list. The primary difference in these classifications is that for Reportable Yes facilities, TOs are required to call before and after taking outages, whereas TOs are not required to call PJM before taking an outage on Reportable Low facilities. TOs are not required to report outages on facilities classified as Reportable No to PJM. PJM can require that any, or all, OATT facilities be Outage Reportable. PJM's EMS does not maintain ratings/limits for these facilities.

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*(Priority):1 (Name): Reliability and Markets*  
*Applies to internal PJM facilities under Congestion Management, this includes both BES and non-BES facilities.*





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*(Priority): 2 (Name): Reliability BES*

*Applies to facilities defined as part of the Bulk Electric System (BES) (i.e., 100 kV or above, or exclusions as allowed by NERC, as defined in the [NERC Glossary of Terms](#)) or facilities PJM is responsible for as NERC Security/Reliability Coordinator.*

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4	External Reliability	Similar to priority 2 but non-PJM facilities. These external facilities could impact the PJM system as part of Market-to-Market Congestion Management flow-gate coordination between adjacent RTOs. PJM's EMS maintains ratings/limits for these facilities.
5	External Status Only	Similar to priority 3 but applies to external, non-PJM facilities. PJM's EMS does not maintain ratings/limits for these facilities.
6	Reliability Non-BES	Similar to priority 2 but applies to facilities that may be monitored for loading by PJM but are not included as Markets & Reliability or BES facilities. Facilities are generally included in this category at the request of the transmission owner. TOs are required to follow applicable outage reporting procedures for facilities classified as Reportable Yes and Reportable Low in the Reportable Transmission Facility column of the PJM Monitored Facilities list. If actual or calculated overloads occur, operators develop remedial strategies in cooperation with the facility owner. Corrective strategies are implemented as approved by the owner. Owners assume responsibility for off-cost operation. PJM's EMS maintains ratings/limits for these facilities.
7	Generation Equipment	Similar to priority 2, but applies to generation equipment. Facility owners are responsible for costs incurred to remediate problems. TOs are required to follow applicable outage reporting procedures for facilities classified as Reportable Yes and Reportable Low in the Reportable Transmission Facility column of the PJM Monitored Facilities list. PJM's EMS maintains ratings/limits for these facilities.
8	Pending	Applies to facilities that are candidates for, but not yet approved, inclusion in Reliability & Markets or facilities that are modeled but not yet in-service.
	General Notes: Doc #331840	For Security Analysis, PJM the EMS is typically set to monitor all facilities with priority 1 through 5. As required, these settings are changed to include the remaining facility categories. These facility classifications are utilized in PJM planning and operations.

(Priority): 6 (Name): Non-BES  
~~Similar to priority 2 but a~~ Applies to facilities that may be monitored for loading by PJM but are not **BES elements and are not** included as priority 1 or BES facilities.

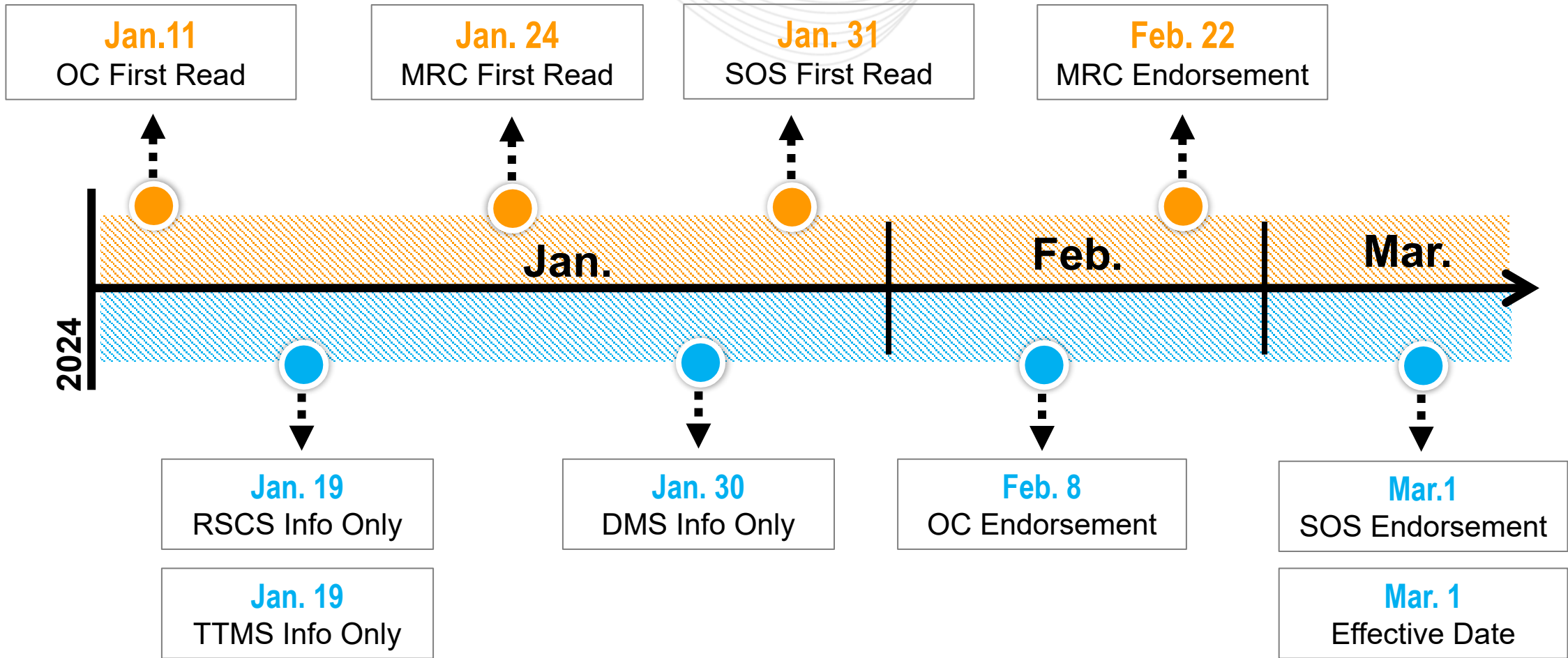
Exhibit 14: List of Monitored Priorities

**Note:**  
The specific requirements associated to Reportable Yes, Low, and No are detailed in Manual 03 Transmission Operations, Section 1.5.4 'Reportable Transmission Facility'.

Any BES facility limitations which cannot be modeled or approximated readily by PJM can typically be monitored by adjusting major equipment limits. When this is not feasible, PJM works with TOs to develop appropriate mechanisms to avoid potential problems.

PJM's analysis of the electric system is not limited to equipment identified as part of the BES. In addition to fully integrating, qualifying BES electric system components into all analyses, PJM

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