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Introduction

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This guide presents protection considerations for interconnections between transmission systems and generation facilities.

While some electric utilities have system protection requirements for interconnecting generation to their transmission systems, there had never been an industrywide document that incorporated commonalities between these requirements to drive application consistency. Industry deregulation, resulting in separate ownership of transmission and generation facilities, also contributed to the need for such a document. This guide should be especially beneficial for independent power producers and consulting engineers, who often design these interconnections, by providing instruction based on industry-recognized guidelines rather than on individual requirements of various utilities.

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1.2 Purpose

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