

# Regulations for Inspection of Relay Protection Devices



## Overview

Below is a short overview of PRC-005-6 provided for Transmission Owners (TO), Generator Owners (GO), and Distribution Providers (DP), including its definitions and requirements. On January 1, 2016, the current revision of PRC-005-6 became mandatory and enforceable. This content is from the eCFR and is authoritative but unofficial. Displaying title 49, up to date as of 5/04/2026. Choosing an. Purpose: To document and implement programs for the maintenance of all Protection Systems, Automatic Reclosing, and Sudden Pressure Relaying affecting the reliability of the Bulk Electric System (BES) so that they are kept in working order. This happens because the main function of protection devices is related to operation under fault conditions so these devices cannot be tested under normal operating conditions. This problem is. AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. In addition, the Commission approves one new definition and six revised violation severity levels, and NERC's implementation plan. Consistent with Order autoreclosing relays as part of a protection system maintenance. Relay systems protect high-voltage equipment and transmission lines to ensure safe, stable systems.

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Identify which maintenance method (time-based, performance-based per PRC-005 Attachment A, or a combination) is used to address each Protection System, Automatic Reclosing, and Sudden ...



The following inspections and tests shall be made in accordance with specifications of the carrier, subject to approval of the FRA, to determine if the apparatus and/or equipment is maintained in ...



Standard PRC-005-5 outlines the maintenance requirements for Protection Systems, Automatic Reclosing, and Sudden Pressure Relaying to ensure the reliability of the Bulk Electric System (BES).



**SUMMARY** This utility standard establishes the requirements for testing and maintaining protection systems, automatic reclosing, and sudden pressure relaying.



Consistent with Order No. 758,2 the revised Reliability Standard requires applicable entities to test and maintain certain autoreclosing relays as part of a protection system maintenance program. However, ...



Although testing of individual components may take place on a regular basis (e.g., relay calibration and lockout relay testing), it is essential to test the entire protection circuit, including ...



With microprocessor relays, the built-in, self-testing features can be expected to reveal most faults, but this alone does not meet regulatory requirements or cover the other components involved in the ...



The testing and verification of relay protection devices can be divided into four groups: Type tests are needed to prove that a protection relay meets the claimed specification and follows all relevant ...



Scope: This standard specifies design tests for relays, relay systems, and control devices used for the protection and control of electric power apparatus that relate to the immunity of this equipment to ...



Although failure of a protective relay system may have severe local or regional impacts, most protective relay systems are not required to operate to prove they are in working order.



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