



## Interconnection Clearance and Hold Terminology

It has been determined that a common terminology is desirable when Clearances or Holds are required on equipment interconnecting two or more utilities. The following is the preferred terminology:

1. Clearance: The process of completely isolating a given section of line or equipment from all other lines or equipment through tagged, and if possible locked, switching devices that provides a visual open. The use of proper grounding methods and work procedures is required when working on de-energized equipment.
2. Hot Line Hold: When a live line work method is used, a hot line hold will be requested. A hot line hold is not a clearance. A hot line hold is a guarantee to the crew that an energized circuit upon which the hold exists will not be re-energized should it trip out while the hold is in effect.
3. A Terminal Clearance is a formal assurance of isolation of a Local Terminal or Terminals<sup>1</sup> of an interconnecting circuit provided by the Local System Dispatcher<sup>2</sup> to a requesting Dispatcher who wishes to authorize "dead-line" work on that circuit.

The Terminal Clearance assures the requesting Dispatcher that the terminal or source is open, properly cleared and tagged according to local procedures, and that it will not be energized until a release is given by the Dispatcher receiving the Terminal Clearance.

4. A Terminal Hold is a formal assurance of non-reclosure at the Local Terminal or Terminals<sup>1</sup> of an interconnecting circuit provided by the Local System Dispatcher<sup>2</sup> to a requesting Dispatcher who wishes to authorize "hot-line" work on or near that circuit.

The Terminal Hold assures the requesting Dispatcher that the terminal or source on "hold" has relays in service to provide protection in the event of a fault; and, once tripped out of service, will not be re-energized, automatically or manually, until the Dispatcher receiving the Terminal Hold has advised that all personnel and materials are in the clear and it is safe to energize.

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<sup>1</sup> A Local Terminal is a terminal of an interconnecting circuit under the authority of the Local System Dispatcher.

<sup>2</sup> The Local System Dispatcher is the Dispatcher who has the authority over a Local Terminal or Terminals of an interconnecting circuit.