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The 2003 Blackout – Twenty Years Later What Have We Learned Since Then?



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Twenty years have gone by since the 2003 Blackout that struck the Northeastern United States and Eastern Canada. Technologies and the very fabric of the electric system have certainly changed with vastly different resources and schizophrenic loads with wildly different characteristics. How have synchrophasors influenced reliability in that time?

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