

Standards Announcement

Project 2012-INT-02 - Interpretation of TPL-003 and TPL-004 for System Protection and Control Subcommittee

Recirculation Ballot is now open through 8 p.m. Thursday, January 31, 2013

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A recirculation ballot for the interpretation of **TPL-003-0a** – System Performance Following Loss of Two or More Bulk Electric System Elements (Category C) and **TPL-004-0** – System Performance Following Extreme Events Results in the Loss of Two or More Bulk Electric System Elements (Category D) is now open through **8 p.m. Eastern on Thursday, January 31, 2013**.

After considering stakeholders comments from the formal comment period and initial ballot that ended on December 5, 2012, the drafting team made no substantive changes to the standard, but made some clarifying changes as summarized in the Consideration of Comments posted on the project page.

Instructions

In the recirculation ballot, votes are counted by exception. Only members of the ballot pool may cast a ballot; all ballot pool members may change their previously cast votes. A ballot pool member who failed to cast a ballot during the last ballot window may cast a ballot in the recirculation ballot window. If a ballot pool member does not participate in the recirculation ballot, that member's vote cast in the previous ballot will be carried over as that member's vote in the recirculation ballot.

Members of the ballot pool associated with this project may log in and submit their vote for the interpretation by clicking [here](#).

Next Steps

Voting results will be posted and announced after the ballot window closes. If approved, the interpretation will be submitted to the Board of Trustees for adoption and then filed with the appropriate regulatory authorities.

Background

Order No. 754, issued September 15, 2011, was the Final Rule approving the Interpretation of TPL-002-0a for PacifiCorp ([Project 2009-14](#)) regarding requirement R1.3.10. In addition to the approval, the Commission expressed a concern (Para 19 and 20) about single point of failure of protection systems and issued NERC a directive for further investigation. This request for interpretation submitted by the System Protection and Control Subcommittee (SPCS) is one of three approaches aimed to address the concern. The SPCS is seeking clarification in two areas in TPL-003-0a (Category C) and TPL-004-0

(Category D). The first regarding the comprehensive study of system performance relating to Table 1's, Category C and D contingency of a "(stuck breaker or protection system failure)." Second, to what extent does the description in the standards' Table 1, footnote (e) require an entity to model a single point of failure of a protection system component that may prevent correct operation of a protection system.

Additional information can be found on the [project page](#).

Standards Development Process

The [Standards Processes Manual](#) contains all the procedures governing the standards development process. The success of the NERC standards development process depends on stakeholder participation. We extend our thanks to all those who participate.

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