

January 2, 2007

TO: REGISTERED BALLOT BODY

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Announcement: Comment Periods Open for Balance Resources and Demand Standards and Operate within Interconnection Reliability Operating Limits Standards

The Standards Committee (SC) announces the following standards actions:

Balance Resources and Demand Standards Posted for 30-day Comment Period (January 2–31, 2007)

The “Version 1” [Balance Resources and Demand standards](#), an associated implementation plan, and recommended changes to already-approved standards, are all posted for a 30-day comment period. This set of Version 1 standards requires Balancing Authorities and Reliability Coordinators to maintain interconnection frequency within predefined frequency limits under all conditions.

The drafting team modified the standards and implementation plan based on stakeholder comments submitted with the initial ballot of these standards. The drafting team also made changes to bring the standards into conformance with the Reliability Standards Development Procedure, Version 6, which was approved November 1, 2006 by the NERC Board of Trustees, and to bring the standards into conformance with the ERO Rules of Procedure.

Please use this [comment form](#) to provide comments on this set of standards and the associated implementation plan and conforming changes to already approved standards.

Interconnection Reliability Operating Limits Standards Posted for 45-day Comment Period (January 2–February 15, 2007)

The “Version 1” [Operate within Interconnection Reliability Operating Limits \(IROL\) standards](#), an associated implementation plan, and recommended changes to already approved standards, are all posted for a 45-day comment period.

This set of Version 1 standards requires the Reliability Coordinator to monitor its wide area, to have plans in place to prevent and mitigate instances of exceeding IROLs, to direct actions in support of operating within IROLs and to specify and collect data needed to support these activities to prevent instability, uncontrolled separation or cascading outages.

The standard drafting team has not made any changes to these standards for two years while waiting for other related standards to be finalized. The changes made to these Version 1 IROL standards bring the standards into conformance with the Reliability Standards Development Procedure, Version 6, which was approved November 1, 2006 by the NERC Board of Trustees, and bring the standards into conformance with the ERO Rules of Procedure.

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Standards Development Process

The [Reliability Standards Development Procedure](#) 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. If you have any questions, please contact me at 813-468-5998 or maureen.long@nerc.net.

Sincerely,

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