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RELIABILITY CORPORATION

## Standards Announcement

Ballot Pool and Pre-ballot Window

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Now available at: <https://standards.nerc.net/BallotPool.aspx>

### Project 2006-04: Backup Facilities

The proposed standard EOP-008-1 — Loss of Control Center Functionality is posted for a 30-day pre-ballot review until 8 a.m. Eastern on June 21, 2010.

Because changes have been made to the standards since the last initial ballot, a new ballot pool will be formed. As a result, members of the previous pool for this project must join this new ballot pool.

### Instructions

Registered Ballot Body members may join the ballot pool to be eligible to vote in the upcoming ballot at the following page: <https://standards.nerc.net/BallotPool.aspx>. Members who join the ballot pool to vote on the standard will automatically be entered in a separate pool to participate in the non-binding poll of the associated Violation Risk Factors (VRFs) and Violation Severity Levels (VSLs). (As a reminder, this new approach for VRFs and VSLs is one of the updates reflected in the most recently approved Reliability Standards Development Procedure.)

During the pre-ballot window, members of the ballot pool may communicate with one another by using their “ballot pool list server.” (Once the balloting begins, ballot pool members are prohibited from using the ballot pool list servers.) The list server for this ballot pool is: [bp-2006-04 BFSDT Rev1\\_in@nerc.com](mailto:bp-2006-04_BFSDT_Rev1_in@nerc.com).

### Next Steps

Voting will begin shortly after the pre-ballot review closes.

### Project Background

The purpose of the standard is to ensure continued reliable operations of the Bulk Electric System in the event that a control center becomes inoperable. The standard has been modified significantly from the “Version 0” standard to add more specificity to the requirements and to address issues raised by FERC in Order 693. The standard incorporates a number of changes based on input received from the industry during the drafting and comment process.

### Applicability of Standards in Project

Reliability Coordinators  
Transmission Operators  
Balancing Authorities

Project page: [http://www.nerc.com/filez/standards/Backup\\_Facilities.html](http://www.nerc.com/filez/standards/Backup_Facilities.html)

### 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.

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