

Standards Announcement Recirculation Ballot Window Open April 17–27, 2009

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Interpretation of TOP-005-1 and IRO-005-1 for Manitoba Hydro (Project 2008-18)

A recirculation ballot window for an interpretation of TOP-005-1 — Operational Reliability Information and IRO-005-1 — Reliability Coordination — Current Day Operations for Manitoba Hydro is now open **until 8 p.m. EDT on April 27, 2009**.

Project Background

Manitoba Hydro requested an interpretation of the meaning of the term “degraded/degradation” as used in NERC standards TOP-005-1 and IRO-005-1 and specifically, whether a Special Protection System that is operating with only one communication channel in service would be considered “degraded” for the purposes of these standards. The request and interpretation are posted on the project page: http://www.nerc.com/filez/standards/Project2008-18_Interpretation_TOP-005-1_IRO-005-1_ManitobaHydro.html

Recirculation Ballot Process

The Standards Committee encourages all members of the Ballot Pool to review the consideration of comments submitted with the initial ballots. In the recirculation ballot, votes are counted by exception only — if a Ballot Pool member does not submit a revision to that member’s original vote, the vote remains the same as in the first ballot. Members of the ballot pool may:

- Reconsider and change their vote from the first ballot.
- Vote in the second ballot even if they did not vote on the first ballot.
- Take no action if they do not want to change their original vote.

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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