

## Standards Announcement

Ballot Pool Open January 25–February 25, 2011

Formal Comment Period Extended to March 7, 2011

Project 2006-06 – Reliability Coordination

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

### **Ballot Pool Open through 8 a.m. on February 25, 2011**

A ballot pool is being formed during the next 30 days. The 45-day formal comment period is open from January 18 – March 7, 2011 with an initial ballot being conducted during the last 10 days of the comment period. Please review the Standards Under Development page for updated dates at:

[http://www.nerc.com/filez/standards/Reliability\\_Standards\\_Under\\_Development.html](http://www.nerc.com/filez/standards/Reliability_Standards_Under_Development.html)

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>

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-2006-06\\_RC\\_in@nerc.com](mailto:bp-2006-06_RC_in@nerc.com)

### **Formal 45-day Comment Period Extended through 8 p.m. Eastern on Monday, March 7, 2011 and Additional Documents Posted**

Last week the Reliability Coordination drafting team posted its Consideration of Comments and revised drafts of the following standards to incorporate input from comments submitted during the January 4-February 18, 2010 comment period and comments provided by a Quality Review team:

- COM-001-2 – Communications
- COM-002-3 – Communication and Coordination
- IRO-001-2 – Reliability Coordination – Responsibilities and Authorities
- IRO-005-4 – Reliability Coordination – Current Day Operations
- IRO-014-2 – Procedures, Processes, or Plans to Support Coordination Between Reliability Coordinators

**Three additional standards were inadvertently omitted from last week’s posting and have now been posted:**

- IRO-002-2 – Reliability Coordination – Analysis Tools
- IRO-015-1 – Notifications and Information Exchange Between Reliability Coordinators
- IRO-016-1 – Coordination of Real-time Activities Between Reliability Coordinators

The Standards Committee has authorized posting the standards and associated implementation plan for a 45-day comment period, with a parallel ballot during the last 10 days of the comment period. **To provide sufficient time for review of the newly posted standards, the comment period has been extended through 8 p.m. Eastern on Monday, March 7, 2011.**

## Instructions

Please use this [electronic form](#) to submit comments. For convenience, a Word version of the comment form has been posted on the project page.

## Background

The Reliability Coordination Standards Drafting Team was tasked with 1) ensuring that the reliability-related requirements applicable to the Reliability Coordinator are clear, measurable, unique, and enforceable; 2) ensuring that this set of requirements is sufficient to maintain reliability of the Bulk Electric System; and 3) revising the group of standards based on FERC Order 693.

During the course of this project, the Reliability Coordination Standards Drafting Team incorporated changes due to the work of the IROL Standards Drafting Team. Two standards from the original Standards Authorization Request (PER-004 and PRC-001) were moved to other projects due to scope overlap. In addition, the scope of Project 2006-06 was expanded to incorporate directives from FERC Order 693 associated with standards IRO-003-2.

## Next Steps

An initial ballot will be conducted during the last 10 days of the comment period. After the ballot, the drafting team will consider all comments (those submitted with a comment form and those submitted with a ballot) and determine whether further revisions to the standards and supporting documents are needed.

## Standards Process

The [Standard 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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