

Standards Announcement

Project 2009-22 Interpretation of COM-002-2 for ISO/RTO Council

Ballot Pool Forming October 4 – November 3, 2011

Formal Comment Period October 4 – November 17, 2011

Initial Ballot Window Open November 8 – 17, 2011

[Now available](#)

An interpretation of COM-002-2 Communications and Coordination has been posted for a formal comment period through 8 p.m. Eastern on Thursday, November 17, 2011. A ballot pool is being formed and is open through 8 a.m. Eastern on Friday, November 4 (note that ballot pools close at 8:00 *in the morning*, while comment periods and ballots close at 8:00 *in the evening*). An initial ballot of the interpretation will take place from Monday, November 7th through Thursday, November 17th.

Instructions for Joining the Ballot Pool for Project 2009-22

Registered Ballot Body members may join the ballot pool to be eligible to vote in the upcoming ballot at the following page: [join](#)

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-2009-22_Int_COM-002_in@nerc.com

Instructions for Commenting

Please use this [electronic form](#) to submit comments. If you experience any difficulties in using the electronic form, please contact Monica Benson at monica.benson@nerc.net. An off-line, unofficial copy of the comment form is posted on the [project page](#).

Next Steps

An initial ballot of the interpretation will begin on Tuesday, November 8, 2011 and end at 8 p.m. Eastern on Thursday, November 17, 2011.

Background

On October 1, 2009, clarification was requested by ISO-RTO Council on Requirement R2, specifically on whether “directives” are limited to actual and anticipated emergency operating conditions, or whether routine operating instructions are also considered “directives.”

The effort was delayed following discussion with the requester based on the anticipation that more clarity regarding the term, “directives” would be identified through standard development work in Project 2007-02. When it became clear that the work in Project 2007-02 would require considerable industry debate, a drafting

team was formed and prepared a draft interpretation, which was posted for a 30-day formal comment period that ended December 18, 2010. Reprioritization of the total standards workload in accordance with guidance from the NERC Board of Trustees issued in November 2009 and a delay as the Standards Committee developed more formal processes for addressing interpretations resulted in a delay in further processing; the Standards Committee directed that work resume on the Interpretation in April 2011.

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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