

Standards Announcement

Project 2009-22 COM-002-2 Interpretation for IRC

Ballot Window Now Open Through 8 p.m. Eastern on Friday, November 18, 2011

[Now Available](#)

An initial ballot of an interpretation of COM-002-2 – Communications and Coordination, Requirement R2 is open through 8 p.m. Eastern on Friday, November 18, 2011.

Instructions for Balloting the Interpretation of COM-002-2 for IRC

Members of the ballot pool associated with this project may log in and submit their vote for the interpretation from the following page: <https://standards.nerc.net/CurrentBallots.aspx>

Instructions for Commenting

A formal comment period is open through **8 p.m. Eastern on Friday, November 18, 2011**. 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](#).

Special Instructions for Submitting Comments with a Ballot

Please note that comments submitted during the formal comment period and the ballot for the interpretation both use the same electronic form, and it is NOT necessary for ballot pool members to submit more than one set of comments. The drafting team requests that all stakeholders (ballot pool members as well as other stakeholders) submit all comments through the electronic comment form.

Next Steps

The drafting team will consider all comments submitted to determine whether to make additional revisions to the interpretation.

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 Development Process

The [Standard Processes Manual](#) contains all the procedures governing the standards development and interpretation processes. The success of the NERC standards development process depends on stakeholder participation. We extend our thanks to all those who participate. For more information or assistance, please contact Monica Benson at monica.benson@nerc.net.

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