

Standards Announcement

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March 17–April 15, 2009

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Third Draft of EOP-008-1 — Loss of Control Center Functionality (Project 2006-04 — Backup Facilities)

The Backup Facilities Standard Drafting Team (Project 2006-04) has posted its third draft of EOP-008-1 — Loss of Control Center Functionality for a 30-day comment period **until 8 p.m. EDT on April 15, 2009**. A revised implementation plan and the team's consideration of industry comments on the second draft of the standard have also been posted.

Please use this [electronic form](#) to submit comments. If you experience any difficulties in using the electronic form, please contact Lauren Koller at 609-452-8060. An off-line, unofficial copy of the comment form is posted on the project page:

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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 third posting of EOP-008-1 includes changes based on comments received from the industry. Major changes included:

- Section 4.1.2 — A revision to the applicability of the Transmission Operator. Now, applicability is to all Transmission Operators.
- Requirement R3 — This now applies to the Reliability Coordinator and Balancing Authority as well as the Transmission Operator.
- Requirements R4 and R5 — Clarifications have been made to the applicability of Reliability Standards, avoiding the need for tertiary functionality, and when backup functionality is not required.
- Requirement R7 — Clarification has been provided with regard to independence of facilities.

Further background information is available on the project page:

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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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