



October 3, 2006

TO: REGISTERED BALLOT BODY

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Announcement: Three Standards Ballot Windows Open October 6–16, 2006

The Standards Committee announces the following standards actions:

Ballot Window for Missing Measures and Compliance Elements

The ballot window for the new [measures and compliance elements](#) that were added to the following standards and the associated implementation plan will open at 8 a.m. (EDT) on Friday, October 6 and will close at 8 p.m. (EDT) on Monday, October 16, 2006:

- CIP-001-1 — Sabotage Reporting Reliability Coordinators
- COM-001-1 — Telecommunications
- COM-002-2 — Communication and Coordination
- EOP-002-2 — Capacity and Energy Emergencies
- EOP-003-1 — Load Shedding Plans
- EOP-004-1 — Disturbance Reporting
- EOP-006-1 — Reliability Coordination – System Restoration
- INT-001-2 — Interchange Information
- INT-003-2 — Interchange Transaction Information
- IRO-001-1 — Reliability Coordination – Responsibilities and Authority
- IRO-002-1 — Reliability Coordination – Facilities
- IRO-003-2 — Reliability Coordination — Wide-Area View
- IRO-005-2 – Reliability Coordination – Current Day Operations
- PER-004-1 — Reliability Coordination – Staffing
- PRC-001-1 — System Protection Coordination
- TOP-001-1 — Reliability Responsibilities and Authority
- TOP-002-2 — Normal Operations Planning
- TOP-004-1 — Transmission Operations
- TOP-006-1 — Monitoring System Conditions
- TOP-008-1 — Response to Transmission Limit Violations

The prior versions of all the above standards are already approved and have already been filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and applicable authorities in Canada. The drafting team did not modify any of the requirements in the standards — they added measures and compliance elements to those requirements that were written clearly and unambiguously. Although additional work needs to be done to bring these standards to their desired level of excellence, the additional measures and compliance elements that were added improve the overall clarity of the standards. There is a single ballot for approval of the new measures and compliance elements that were added to these standards and the associated implementation plan.

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Ballot Window for Matrix of Violation Risk Factors

The ballot window for the [Violation Risk Factors Matrix](#) and its associated implementation plan will open at 8 a.m. (EDT) on Friday, October 6 and will close at 8 p.m. (EDT) on Monday, October 16, 2006.

The addition of 'violation risk factors' is one of the modifications being made to 'complete' NERC's initial set of reliability standards. The future use of violation risk factors is described in the ERO Sanctions Guidelines, which can be found in Appendix 4 of the ERO Application posted at the following Web site: http://www.nerc.com/~filez/ero_applications_final.html

The matrix is broken into two sections — one section identifies requirements and reliability-related risk factors for Version 0 standards, and one section identifies reliability-related risk factors for Version 1 standards.

There is a single ballot for approval of the matrix and the associated implementation plan.

Ballot Window for Balance Resources and Demand Standards

The ballot window for the following [Balance Resources and Demand](#) standards and the associated implementation plan will open at 8 a.m. (EDT) on Friday, October 6 and will close at 8 p.m. (EDT) on Monday, October 16, 2006:

BAL-007-1 — Balance of Resources and Demand

BAL-008-1 — Frequency and Area Control Error

BAL-009-1 — Actions to Return Frequency to within Frequency Trigger Limits

BAL-010-1 — Frequency Bias Settings

BAL-011-1 — Frequency Limits

These standards require entities to maintain interconnection scheduled frequency within a predefined frequency profile under all conditions (i.e., normal and abnormal), to prevent unwarranted load shedding and to prevent frequency-related cascading collapse of the interconnected grid.

There is a single ballot for approval of the set of standards and the associated implementation plan.

Intent to Forward Approved Standards to NERC Board of Trustees for Adoption

Note that if the above standards are approved by their respective ballot pools, they will be forwarded to the NERC Board of Trustees for adoption on November 1, 2006.

Standards Development Process

The NERC balloting procedures are described in the [Reliability Standards Development Procedure](#), which 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. If you have any questions, please contact me at 813-468-5998 or maureen.long@nerc.net.

Sincerely,

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